



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AYLSHAM TOWN HALL
ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs E Baker, Aylsham Town Council Chairman
Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council
Mr R Willis, Slow Food
Ms K Hughes, Broadland District Council
Mrs J Marles, Aylsham In Bloom
Mrs M Evans, Aylsham Town Council
Mrs G Tyler, Aylsham Country Market
Mr G Margarson, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mrs L Chaplin, Aylsham WI
Paul Vater, Aylsham Picture House

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Ms T Colman, Aylsham High School
Mrs M Anderson-Dungar, ABEF
Mrs K Smith, Cittàslow Events Committee
Rev A Beane Aylsham Parish Church & Churches Together

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

There were no Declarations of Interests or any Requests for Dispensations.

03 MINUTES

A correction to the name of the sponsors for the Food Festival was made. The Minutes of the Cittàslow Aylsham Meeting held on 15 September 2016 were **confirmed and signed**.

04 MATTERS ARISING

The meal with ACT which formed part of the Food Festival went very well and was an excellent meal.

05 ITEMS REFERRED FROM LAST MEETING

None.

06 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It was proposed and **AGREED** to suspend the meeting for five minutes.

Anita Grimwood attended the meeting and advised that she is interested in organising a festival in 2017 based on music and the arts at a date depending on availability of the

church. She was interested to know from members who to contact to assist with this. Kirstin Hughes advised that Broadland District Council could assist with this. Anita was also advised to make contact with Sue Sharpe and to look at the Norfolk and Norwich Festival with a thought to being a satellite venue. The Picture House would also be interested in working with her. She was also reminded of the various other public buildings in which events could be held.

07 RE-CONVENE THE MEETING

The meeting was re-convened

08 FINANCIAL REPORT

- i) No change from the previous statement
- ii) The application to the Celebrate fund of the lottery was successful and £1884 has been received. It was thought that an event to build the lunch around would be advantageous.

09 OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN AYLSHAM

- i) Paul Vater from Aylsham Picture House attended the meeting to give members an update on the Picture House.

The group has a new chair, James Layte, and has a very active volunteer force. Audiences for films are significantly higher this year with some films sold out on the night and some in advance. The break-even point financially is 66 attendees and this is always surpassed. Seating provided includes blocks and tables and the idea is to make the evening a social event.

The group looks at both new films, classic films and little known films and also has an audience choice film.

There are looking at the possibility of obtaining charitable status in order to qualify for grants. They would also welcome some sort of electronic noticeboard. The Town Clerk advised that this proposal was rejected by the conservation officer at Broadland District Council. It was suggested approaching Postles to see if there was any chance of using a TV in their window.

The chairman thanked Paul for his update.

- ii) Christmas In a Shed

The Town Clerk advised members on this proposal. The idea is to have an afternoon when residents can create a display of 'What Christmas means to them' and show it in their shed which will be accessible to the public. Members were interested in how this scheme will progress and an update will be requested for the next meeting

10 FARMERS MARKET

The October Farmers Market coincided with the Food Festival and was very well attended. A representative from U3A joined the information stall which proved very useful.

Original stallholders will be contacted regarding the Farmers Market 15th anniversary and the Market Place will be decorated with bunting/balloons. The hall will be used for the Community event so there could be some cakes to celebrate.

11 PROJECTS

i) BEES IN THE COMMUNITY/OLD STATION YARD

A small working group took part in a litter pick and a further one is scheduled for November 19th. A supply of purple crocuses has been received and many of these have been planted at the Old Station Yard. The first apples had been picked from the trees.

ii) SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 2016 (3rd December)

Various stalls have signed up for the day and it will follow similar lines to last year. The Town Council will also re-launch the Neighbourhood Plan at the event.

iii) BURNS NIGHT

Details regarding a piper had been found but the cost is over £200 and members felt this was too high for the amount of time the piper is required. Unfortunately, Sandy Reynolds-McKay is not available for the event this year. It was suggested James McCosh may be a suitable replacement and Griselda Tyler agreed to approach him regarding this.

iv) AYLSHAM ORGANISATIONS EVENT

A Community Fair, organised by Broadland District Council, had been held at the Town Hall on October 10th. Unfortunately, not all groups in the town had been invited to this which was a shame as it was acknowledged to have been a very worthwhile event. The Town Clerk will contact the organisers to see how the invitations were made.

The Aylsham event will follow along similar lines and invitations will go out immediately after Christmas.

The final of Aylshams Got Talent will take place on November 12th.

v) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

The Aylsham Walkers are Welcome group are close to folding. The accreditation has been retained but the group needs new members and needs to decide how it wants to operate. It was agreed that Giles Margaron and Sue Lake would meet to see how to progress this.

12 CITTÀSLOW UK & INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

Copies of the meeting held on October 8th were tabled. The chairman advised that she attended the meeting and found it very enjoyable but disappointing that so few towns are in membership.

13 CITTASLOW AYLSHAM

The re-drafted form was circulated. It was noted that this was much darker than the electronic version appeared and it will be checked whether this is an issue with the Town Council printer. It was agreed not to include logos as these would be so small and there is a danger of leaving one off the list. It was also suggested changing one of the pictures to show a modern building and the football club was suggested.

There is still a wish to create a database of organisations and forms were circulated to members to complete and pass on to other groups to try and start this process.

14 CITTÀSLOW COMMUNITY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

No report was available but it was noted that arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch On were in place.

15 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The Food Festival had been well received and Roger Willis had produced a pictorial report on the weekend.

16 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

Aylsham in Bloom had taken part in the Community Fair and had recruited three new volunteers. The Open Gardens event will take place on 3rd/4th June 2017.

Members will be attending the autumn seminar of Anglia In Bloom to try and find out what is required to up the award to a gold.

The autumn planting is now almost complete and will finish with bulb planting with the cubs on November 5th.

Thanks were expressed for the reception at the Heritage Centre.

17 AYLSHAM BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FORUM (ABEF)

The main focus remains the Aylsham App with a presence at the recent Community Fair. Several questions were asked then about bus times from Norwich to Aylsham, and Adam has adjusted the information on the App accordingly with a link to timetables. Overall, it continues to be well received and has increased membership considerably.

18 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The first allotment site had been transferred to the Town Council and currently there are a number of allotments which will not be let. With the second site coming soon the situation will be compounded. The possibility of a community orchard is now more relevant and it was agreed to set up a small working group to look at all the details. This will consist of Giles Margarson, Sheila Merriman and Sue Lake.

19 AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH AND CHURCHES TOGETHER

No update was available.

20 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Christmas In a Shed

Army Cadets

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.00p.m.in the Council Chamber, Aylsham Town Hall**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.