

**Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Action Meeting
held on Monday 5th June 2023**



Present:

Grizelda Tyler	Ray Horne
Cheryl Bould	Richard Moore
Sue Catchpole	Patrick Prekopp
Rob Dack	Fiona Scott
Jakki Dehn	Sue Sharpe
Lilie Ferrar	Yvonne Stewart
Ian Hildrew	

Sue Lake	Town Clerk	Donna Butcher	Events Co-ordinator
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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from

Trevor Bennett	Lesley Cannon
Liz McGowan	Mary Evans
Kay Montandon	Wendy Sadler
Jenny Haycocks	

2. Chairman

It was propose and **AGREED** that Grizelda Tyler would be chair

3. Declarations of interest

None were declared

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023 were accepted and signed by the chairman

5. Information on Matters Arising from previous minutes

A request was received to discuss aspects of the website – this will take place under the group reports

6. Co-Ordinating Group

a) To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2023

The minutes were confirmed. It was noted that the Traffic Strategy would not be considered by the Town Council until August.

It was also questioned if anything had been progressed with regard to the Aylsham Show. It appeared not so Pat Prekopp volunteered to follow this up.

7. Aylsham Green Day

a) To note date – 24th September

It was also agreed that the event will run from 10am – 2pm.

b) To confirm sub-groups to hold an event

As with last time all the sub-groups would be asked to have a stall. Most had still to meet to discuss this and these meetings were scheduled to take place in the next couple of weeks. Groups were asked to advise Sue Lake (townclerk@aylsham-tc.gov.uk) or Donna Butcher (info@aylsham-tc.gov.uk) with details of their stalls.

c) To discuss plans for the rest of the event

It was thought that the day needed to be officially opened. Lillie had contacted Stephen Fry but he could not commit. Another suggestion was Bob Flowerdew – other suggestions welcome.

A variety of stalls were suggested and Donna will pull these together and start booking over the next couple of weeks. Music was thought essential and will look for an acoustic band or possibly the school band. Full promotion will start nearer the event.

8. Aylsham Family Learning Day

A table for this has been booked. The ACE stall will be run by Lillie Ferrari, Sue Sharpe, Sue Catchpole and Richard Moore.

An updated flyer for Green Day will be prepared and the energy leaflets will be provided.

9. Work Programme of Sub-Groups

a) To receive written updates from Groups

Communications, Food and Waste included reports with the agenda.

Nature

Bill and Erica Fisher have stepped away from the group due to other commitments. They have started recruiting tree wardens

Food

The Group have completed their first food map. Holding a talk at Eves Hill on Monday June 12th.

Energy

Have visited Postles to do the business survey. They are interested in how they measure their own carbon footprint. One issue they have is recycling polystyrene. They do now do small repairs to help with recycling. Looking at a possible Credit Union in the future

Communications

They are looking for stories for the various social media outlets.

The Food Group advised that they wished to visit all the food vendors and do a piece on them and had started with Whites Butchers. The communications group advised that this was not a news piece but almost an advert.

There was a long debate over this and it was thought that the group had to be seen as even-handed and would be happy to print the item on Whites if there was a

similar item on Coxfords. Some people felt that would be seen as a compare and contrast item. No real solution was agreed.

10. Business Survey

All the surveys are being sent to Anna Magyar.

It was hoped that these would all be recorded interviews but this had not happened in every case.

11 Aylsham Climate Change Strategy

a) To receive an update on assessing the carbon footprint of the Town Council

The Town Clerk had gathered all the evidence for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 baseline carbon footprint. The calculations show a reduction year -on-year. The 2022 figure should be available to calculate in July when the figures are released.

b) To receive details of suggested strategies

Examples of other strategies were displayed and the general consensus was that the document had to be well illustrated and not too technical.

12 Roadside Verges

Fiona Scott, on behalf of the nature group, gave a presentation on the benefit of 'No Mow May' and similar schemes that the group would like the Town Council to consider. This will benefit the wildlife in the area and also increase the variety of wildflowers present. The group would like the Town Council to consider a test area such as Henry Page Road to see if the scheme would work.

There are some disadvantages to the proposal. The grass, when it is cut, is long and will need to be collected and disposed of. Some residents would think that the verges were untidy. Long grass can lead to issues with litter, dog excrement and ticks. The edges would need to be mown to ensure there is sufficient visibility.

Fiona will look into some of these issues and how other councils have overcome them.

An outline proposal will be taken to the Town Council in August

13. Co-Ordination Group

It was **AGREED** to defer this discussion to the Co-ordination Group Meeting

14. Items for Future Discussion

Donation for Peter Jolly
ACE What's App Group

15. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Meetings as:

Monday July 3rd 2023 – Co-ordinating Group Monday August 7th 2023 – ACE Group

The meeting closed at 8.55pm