



AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Giles Margaron	-	Chairman (Town Resident)
Joan Bennett	-	Councillor
Patrick Prekopp	-	Councillor
David Anderson	-	Councillor
Cheryl Bould	-	Councillor
Fiona O'Hara	-	Town Resident
Ian Gravenell	-	Town Resident
Paul Marks	-	Town Resident
Sue Lake	-	Aylsham Town Council Town Clerk

1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

The chairman welcomed Paul Marks to the meeting. He had received an invitation from Richie Barnett to attend. He is currently raising money for Breast Cancer and has two events booked a Treasured Chests event on the 16th September and a Halloween Disco on the 28th October

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2023, as previously circulated were then confirmed and signed.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

None present.

6. TO RECEIVE EVENTS OFFICERS REPORT FOR THE STREET PARTY

The Events Officer had reported the event went well with no major issues reported, The number of 750 worked well and might be a sensible cap level for the event.

The chairman took the opportunity to thank everyone who helped on the day and advised the German Twinning Group who were present loved it.

Ian Gravenell advised that the Christmas Lights Committee were thrilled with the collection which made over £500.

Discussion turned to future events and whether changes were needed. There is a logistical problem in gathering the tables and chairs as this cannot take place until the Friday afternoon. There was a suggestion that more volunteers could be sought but sometimes this can lead to more issues rather than less.

The possibility of people bringing their own furniture would see a problem with placement and also the need for more traffic movements as people would not be able to carry everything. This would only work if it was just chairs and no tables or food which defeats the object of the event.

7. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR 2024

A long discussion took place and the following suggestions were put forward

Date/Event	Comments
March 9 th /Mothers Day Tea	This went very well this year and could be extended slightly next year provided timings were detailed
July 7 th /Street Party	Check date does not clash with Wimbledon Men's Final and Euros. Possibly have a theme and dress the town accordingly.
August/Aylsham Snail Race	First event will be held on August 5 th this year. If it works well potential event for future years
Late October/Halloween Event	A Halloween event will be taking place this year on October 28 th . As celebrating Halloween has become so popular possibility of creating a large event in the Market Place and/or Town Hall
29 th November/Christmas Lights	Switch-on event and other associated activities
7 th December/Christmas Craft Fair	Craft Fair in the Town Hall
No Confirmed Date	
Colour Run	This was very popular in 2019 and was organised by an outside company. It was felt it would be possible to do it ourselves working with Aylsham Runners
Afternoon Cinema	Suggestion of showing popular classics in the afternoon – once a month?
Food Trail	A suggestion from the Cittaslow Committee about organising a food trail in and around Aylsham visiting

	producers etc. This will be led by Cittaslow/Slow Food.
Quiz	Following the success of the quiz for the SkatePark to hold a further one but without the food. Offer tea, coffee and cake at half-time

It was suggested to possibly look at attending the Aylsham Show to promote the Events Committee.

In 2025 it will be the 40th anniversary of ACT and the 25th anniversary of Aylsham becoming a Cittaslow town. Each group will be looking at their own events but there maybe something (similar to the Platinum Jubilee event) that could be done together.

8. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING TO

Nothing raised.

9. TO AGREE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm