AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Patrick Prekopp	-	Councillor
David Anderson	-	Councillor
Kevin Cunane	-	Councillor
Kay Montandon	-	Aylsham Town Council Chair
Joan Bennett	-	Town Resident
Giles Margarson	-	Town Resident
Caron Lawrence	-	Aylsham Business Consortium
Donna Butcher	-	Aylsham Town Council Office & Events Manager

1. **WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
Apologies received from Cheryl Bould, in the absence of the chair it was ***agreed*** that Patrick Prekopp would chair the meeting.

2. **TO RECEIVE MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**
None received.

3. **TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2026**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026, as previously circulated were then ***confirmed*** and signed.

4. **INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**
None raised.

5. **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
None present.

6. **TO RECEIVE A DEBRIEF FOR THE LIVE WELL FOR LESS EVENT**
Patrick reported a very good turnout for the event. A good number of stallholders and general public attended. There were lots of questionnaires completed, **Gordon Clark** to complete and analysis. The stews and soups were very popular and **Joan** reported that the kitchen was very busy. The uniform sale made £500 for Aylsham High School. **Kay** thanked all of the volunteers. **Giles** noted that the demographic was still mostly the older generation. It was discussed what could be put in place to attract younger

members of the town. It was suggested that Councillors could visit groups and schools, children's activities and musica entertainment may help.

7. TO PRODUCE AN EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SPRING FOOD & CRAFT MARKET

It was ***agreed*** to defer this item to the next meeting.

8. TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF CULTURE COMPETITION

Patrick briefed the committee on the outline of the competition and what we would need to do to submit an application. After a discussion it was ***agreed*** that a separate sub group would be set up with a meeting arranged for Friday 27 February, 11am, in the Council Chamber. **Kay** to visit local businesses and the industrial estate with a letter for information of what the Council is implementing over the next few months.

9. TO DISCUSS ST MICHAELS CHURCH FUNDRAISER EVENT

Kay advised the committee that Rev Julie Boyd had approached her regarding a joint fundraising for the church, Aylsham in Bloom and the Town Council, primarily for the Memorial Garden, on Saturday 9th May. It was suggested that as this was the day before the Spring Food & Craft Market the two events could be combined. **Kay** will contact Julie to see if this is possible for them.

10. TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY FAYRE

It was ***agreed*** that **Donna** will produce a poster for the event and start the marketing and **Kay** will liaise with Fayre regarding including this in the next Just Aylsham Council page.

11. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETIING

The following items are to be included in the agenda for the next meeting:

- Healthy Town
- Visit Aylsham
- Community Fayre
- Town of Culture

12. TO AGREE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm, in the Council Chamber.