



Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Emergency Meeting Held in Town Hall on Monday December 4th 2023

Present:

Grizelda Tyler (Chair)	Kate Mackenzie
Cheryl Bould	Kay Montandon
Lilie Ferrari	Richard Moore
Amelia Fuller	Fiona Scott
Shelley Hudson	C Williams

Sue Lake – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Sue Catchpole, Jane Coates, Jenny Haycocks, Yvonne Stewart, Patrick Prekopp, Trevor Bennett Lesley Cannon Ian Hildrew Sally Hildrew Anna Magyar Michael Dolling

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th November 2023 were confirmed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

A rearranged date is still awaited from Jerome Mayhew for the meeting he was unable to attend on October 13th. Provisionally the meeting will be in January but the exact date is still to be confirmed.

4. **Net Zero Pathways**

Amelia Fuller from net Zero Pathways attended the meeting to give a presentation on Net Zero Communities. Six have been chosen in Norfolk with Aylsham being one of them. A copy of her presentation will be circulated.

5. **Project work**

a) **World Environment Day**

Unfortunately Anna Magyar was not available to present her proposal and it was not felt full consideration could be made.

b) **Greenspace Mapping**

The project involved the nature and transport groups to map and categorise the green spaces in Aylsham and routes between them. The Town clerk advised the Town Council has a PSMA(Public Sector Mapping Agreement) and also a mapping system that could be used for the project.

Discussion took place on how the information should be made available with options for both online and paper being thought essential.

c) Wild about Mannington

This is a one-day event with a proposal for numerous stands from different organisations celebrating Wildlife in Norfolk. The date is Saturday June 15th. This is possibly the week after the Family Funday at the High School. It was unclear whether there was a charge and more information is required.

d) Old Station yard

This is a project to see how the land at Old Station Yard, owned by the Town Council, could be utilised more. At present there is a very small group of volunteers who try to keep the space useable but the nettles and brambles are winning! They are more than willing to meet to explain what they have done over the years.

It was hoped this could work with the mapping project initially to ascertain what is there. There is some original railway fencing which should be preserved and a line of Scots Pines from its days as Aylsham North. Then there could be the possibility of establishing a group of conservation volunteers who could look at the management of all open space in the town.

e) Thermal Imaging

This project has been up and running for a year now and they continue to get enquiries.

The Town Clerk asked if imaging of the Town Hall could be completed in the New Year. This was though a good idea.

f) To agree which projects to proceed with

World Environment Day – deferred to next meeting

Greenspace Mapping - Supported

Wild About Mannington – Support in principle but more details required

Old station Yard – More information required

Thermal Imaging – Support

6. Group Updates

Comms

Numbers of both Facebook and Instagram engagements were detailed. The event on Saturday at the Craft Market went very well. Thanks to Cheryl and Kay for their attendance at the event.

Transport

This group has now started to meet and their main focus will be on Liftshare and Walking Buses for Schools.

7. Grass Verges

At the December meeting the Town Council will be making the decision regarding whether to take the grass cutting in-house or go out to tender again next year.

An officer from Norfolk wildlife Trust will be visiting Aylsham to discuss the project in the New Year.

8. Items for future discussion

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council has had a duty to consider biodiversity in their decision making processes for several years. As from January 1st they also need a policy on this. A draft policy is being considered by the council at the December meeting and this will be sent to members for consideration.

It was suggested that as the numbers at meetings has declined whether the group needs a recruitment strategy.

There was also a suggestion of ACE Noticeboards – the comms team will work up a project proposal on this.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next ACE Meeting will be 5th February 2024

The meeting closed at 9.15pm