



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD AT DRILL HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11am.**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mrs M Anderson-Dungar ABEF
Mr G Peers – Broadland District Council
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mrs T Newsome – Aylsham U3A
Mrs C Bould, Aylsham Town Council
Mr K Cunnane, Aylsham Town Council
Mrs W Sadler – Aylsham In Bloom

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev Canon Julie Boyd, Aylsham Parish Church

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

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

03 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cittaslow Aylsham Meeting held on 18th October 2023, were **confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

With regard to the discussion on rubble in the Town Hall the chairman had spoken to Lloyd Mills who explained the issues in detail. In view of this the matter will be dropped.

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

In the absence of any member of the public, the meeting continued without adjournment.

06 CITTASLOW UK & CITTASLOW INTERNATIONAL

To receive an update

Giles Margaron advised he had spoken to the other towns and a meeting will be set up in January

Mo Anderson-Dungar had attended the international conference via zoom and had given a presentation on Cittaslow in the UK focusing on food festivals as all three towns had recently held a festival. She also included the recent Green Day in Aylsham. Three new towns had recently joined the organisation one from Poland, China and Columbia.

07 CITTASLOW IN AYLSHAM

a) To receive an update on the Town Council decision

At the recent Town Council meeting there was no motion to withdraw from membership proposed and therefore the membership will continue.

It was asked if other organisations can use the Cittaslow logo and this will be requested of the Town Council.

b) To receive an update re Discover Aylsham website

The designer had advised that this was ready to launch. Work will be required after launch to populate the site but hopefully this will come from the businesses. And be a simple operation.

Graham Peers advised he was hoping to get the admins from the three towns to connect with one another.

c) 2025 Anniversary

If Aylsham is to host the International conference a budget will need to be set. Details of what is expected from the host town will need to be clarified with Italy. Once a budget has been prepared this will need to go to the Town Council to agree. Money should also be available from Cittaslow UK.

Work will start on this in the New Year

d) Aylsham Food Trail

This is still be worked up and ideas for it to follow along the lines of Norfolk Restaurant week were suggested. Need to speak to the restaurants in the immediate vicinity to gauge interest before progressing further.

e) Communication Officer for Aylsham – job outline

To enable this to go to the Town Council some outline of the job was required. The concept would be to engage an officer who would work on the promotion of the Town Council and its work both on social media and print media. Initially it was thought this should be 25 hours per week but committee members felt that 15 hours was more realistic.

Details will be put together and taken to the next Town Council meeting.

08 FOOD AND CRAFT MARKET AND GENERAL MARKETS

a) To receive an update on the Food and Craft Market

The November market, despite the weather was busy.

b) To receive an update on the general markets on Monday and Friday

These remain at the same level

09 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

a) To receive an update

The meeting with Jerome Mayhew was cancelled due to his illness. A further date is still awaited.

The last meeting agreed that all future ACE work would be project based and to ensure everyone was aware what the groups were doing a project form would be completed and this would form the basis of discussion at meetings.

The Communications Team have launched 'Think Climate Friendly' a campaign which will follow the seasons.

10 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

A decision needs to be made on what will happen to this area – whether to manage or leave it wild. Giles Margarson will look at this for the New Year.

ii) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

Awaiting delivery

iii) CENTRAL BANK HUB

Looking at the website the main issue would appear to be finding a suitable property. The first stage is to apply and this can be done even if there is still a bank left in the town.

11 AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

A meeting will take place this evening. The main topic will be the details for the lights switch-on on November 24th.

12 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

The Food Festival was very good with the dinner sold out and the breakfast was at full capacity. A small loss was made.

The AGM will be held in January.

13 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

The autumn planting has been completed.

The Paupers Grave is in good order but there has been some fly tipping that the Town Council will remove.

Recently tidied up the Paupers Graveyard for the winter.

The wording for the sign has been agreed.

14 ABEF

Will shortly do a membership leaflet regarding the Visit Aylsham website and the Central Bank Hub.

15 AYLSHAM PARISH CHURCH

No report received

16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

A waste skip will be available at the Recreation Ground on December 6th. Full details are still awaited from Veola

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 11.00am at the Drill Hall**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.25pm