



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON THURSDAY MARCH 18 at 10am**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mr R Willis ABEF
Mr R Preston, Walkers are Welcome
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Mrs H Jones Aylsham U3A
Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI and Ian Gravenell

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

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

03 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Cittàslow Aylsham Meeting held on 18th February, were **confirmed and will be signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

None raised

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

06 FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market in March was once again only essential stalls. The Town Council also had a presence to discuss the GNLP. The next market in April will also be limited but May should be full retail – so hopefully all stalls will return

07 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Looking at meeting on Saturday 20th March to do some clearing and litter picking.

ii) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Not much to report at the moment. May look to re-start The Big Stroll when weather and social distancing allows. Looking at working with accommodation providers

iii) TOWN GUIDE

Still waiting for contact from the publishers.

iv) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

Further examples were shown to members. The cost of the map would be approximately £800 plus the frame. It was agreed to look into this further to see if any money was available from Norfolk Trails, grants or other sponsorship.

08 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Training on the new website has been received and should be ready to launch in mid-April.

09 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

a) To review the entries received

The Town Clerk had prepared a slideshow of the entries received to date.

b) To decide whether to accept any of the entries

A long discussion took place on the entries. There was some confusion as to whether this was a logo for Aylsham or the Town Council. It was confirmed this was for the Town Council. The committee choose a logo they preferred.

c) To discuss the next steps

The chosen entry will be taken to the Town Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

10 CITTASLOW in AYLSHAM

The anniversary meeting originally planned for 2020 will not be going ahead in Aylsham this year. Italy is still having major issues with covid breakouts so it is unlikely that any physical meetings will be held in the short term.

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Pat Prekopp presented various papers on the detail of climate change. It was agreed that the Town Council would need to lead the way on this project and act by example i.e. any repairs or alterations to properties would need to be as carbon neutral as possible, would need to look at the vehicle and move towards an electric or hybrid, consider issues regarding heating etc at the Town Hall and Drill Hall.

There is a Climate Action Fund which may be able to offer grants for projects and this needs to be looked into.

Any move towards a climate change emergency must have input from community partnerships and ideally a community champion would be needed.

The subject will be added for debate at the next Town council meeting.

12 CITTASLOW UK

The AGM was held on 13th March at which Pat Prekopp was made a director. The accountants have been re-appointed. It was noted that the Cittaslow UK website still requires work. There is a move to re-assess the criteria for Cittaslow. All towns submitted a report and it was noted how more engaged the organisations in the Welsh towns are. It was questioned whether this will change when the full effect of Brexit on the additional money previously available becomes evident.

13. AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee have not met since the last Cittaslow Meeting.

There is still no indication on how people will feel regarding events and it may take a while to install confidence about attending events.

A scarecrow festival is being organised for the Easter holidays.

The Country Market will re-start (outside) on 1st and 9th April and will return inside the Town Hall from 16th April.

14 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

Slow Food recently held their AGM and Pat Prekopp was re-elected as chairman.

They will be looking at returning to the Farmers Markets and other summer events will depend on the organisers but the October Food Festival is likely to take place.

200 Food Bank recipe books have been ordered by Norwich Food Bank.

Slow Food have joined the Broadland lottery and had one winner in the first draw.

15 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

It has been decided it is too early to hold Open Gardens this year so this has been cancelled. The group have received £500 from the RHS for the Paupers Graveyard.

16 ABEF

There has still been no meeting but one is being arranged.

ABEF do want to be represented on the Traffic Group.

17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

U3A are launching a research project on evacuees and would welcome any stories from people who were evacuated or received evacuees.

At the Cittaslow Meeting it was suggested that Mo Anderson-Dungar be appointed as a director on the UK board. This will be added as an agenda item next month.

It was thought it would be good to re-start the guest speakers and it was suggested to invite Rev Canon Julie Boyd and also Ray Horne to update on ACT transport scheme.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 10.30am via Zoom**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.04pm