



Minutes of the **Aylsham Climate Emergency Group Meeting held on 2nd March 2026**



Present:

Grizelda Tyler (Chairman)
Michael Dolling
Yvonne Stewart

Sue Catchpole
Louise Harlow

Kevin Cunnane
Kate Mackenzie

Also Present: Guests Bidy Fisher (Felbeck Trust), Phil and Delia Arthur, Keith and Margaret Brooker, Hilary Lucier and Michael Scott
Faye LeBon (Town Clerk).

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Bryce Davies, Catherine Fletcher, Corinne Houlden, Kay Montandon and Heather Walters.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None received.

3. To Agree the Minutes of the 2nd February 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2026 were **agreed** as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting.

4. To Note Matters Arising from the Minutes, not Included on the Agenda

It was confirmed that the Family Learning Day would be on the 20th June.
The clerk will find out when the s106 Green Infrastructure funding would need to be spent.

5. Existing Projects.

a) To receive update and agree project for further Green Infrastructure funding

Kate advised that she is looking at a list and is awaiting extra costings.

b) To receive update on Climate Scam film event

It was reported that there was good feedback from the Climate Scam film. It was agreed that the film programme was a better alternative to Green Day. Yvonne will do an analysis of the discussion that took place after the film.

Whilst attendance was good, it was acknowledged that there was a need to attract people who were not already convinced that there is a climate crisis. It was also important to attract young people.

The next film is on 15th May.

Yvonne reported that she had been contacted by Cornwall Climate Care about a film they are working on specifically for young people.

Other suggestions for attracting young people to ACE were:

- Work with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, which has attracted a group of young people already.
- Work with the community shed. Young people could assist with making swift boxes.
- Work with the school's Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator
- Work with the uniformed groups eg: scouts
- It was acknowledged that it is sometimes difficult to work with the schools because their curriculum is already very full. Working with 16-30 year olds could be considered.
- A Youth ACE
- Bulb planting for families / uniformed groups
- Engage young people to help with marketing for films.
- Link up with the National Trust
- Biofluorescent walks and bat searches

It was noted that events to be held with those already engaged in the process could help to raise money for events for those who were not so engaged.

Grizelda suggested an ACE ceilidh.

c) Carbon Reduction and Local Businesses

Kay Montandon has been working on this project. She had recently visited businesses on the industrial estate to begin a line of engagement with them.

It was noted that the proposed Lidl store was planned with solar panels.

d) Outward Communications

Yvonne advised that she was unable to place a poster in the ACE noticeboard due to its height and composition. The Clerk will find out if cork board can be installed within the board.

It was agreed that the website needs a revamp. A small group should liaise with Patrick and Peter to decide what is needed. Grizelda and Yvonne will get a date from Patrick. A problem with the website was noted, in that an error message came up when submitting the contact form.

e) To agree actions for other planned events

Michael had provided a proposal to support recycling, in view of the dwindling projects through Terracycle. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk will arrange for a sealable donations container for the blister packs.

6. To Agree Purchase of ACE Gazebo for use at Events

It was agreed to defer this item.

7. To consider showing of the National Emergency Briefing Film

Jenny Haycocks joined the meeting via zoom

Jenny updated the meeting to advise that the film will be ready to be broadcast after 7th April. So far in excess of 500 places have agreed to show the film. Discussions occurred as to when a suitable time to show the film. It was agreed to show the film after the elections on 7th May, in the hope of encouraging political figures to attend.

The National Emergency Briefing is creating a supporters pack which will help with promotion of the film.

Work continues to lobby the mainstream television stations to show the film.

Momentum needs to be maintained after the showing of the film.

There are links associated with the National Emergency Briefing and a WhatsApp group that can be joined. Jenny will send these details to the Clerk to circulate. The WhatsApp group can also be joined through the Zero Hour website.

Jenny was thanked for her update

8. To Receive Group Updates, not elsewhere covered in the agenda

Transport

This group continues to look at the Penfold Street junction. The alternative design has now been tested with a fire engine and a bus.

The Clerk will circulate the results of the market place survey.

The Clerk will find out what the uptake has been for the Cargo Bike.

A new crossing at Burgh Road is now quite likely.

Energy

It was reported that people are still requesting to use the thermal imaging camera. Michael advised that the Green Doctor is hoping to link up with ACE. Concerns were raised over cowboy builders that had been associated with the government's home insulation scheme. The Clerk advised that the Town Council would not recommend specific companies, but would refer to Trusted Trader.

9. Finance

a) To receive updated ACE budget

The Clerk provided an update on the ACE budget in both the earmarked reserves and the revenue budget, along with committed funds.

Revenue Budget	£3,907.50
ACE Events	£554.34
Other Income	£1,406.83

This would be moved to ACE earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year.

General ACE earmarked reserves currently stand at £909.00.

Grizelda will bring the cash from the Climate Scam film to the Town Council for banking.

10. Items for Future Agendas

Proposal for Lidl store

Green Doctor
Recycling project

The microphones are to be set up for the next meeting.

It was noted that The Book Hive wishes to start a Climate Reading Group. The first meeting will be in the Quaker Hall at 5.30pm on 1st April.

11. To Agree the Date of the Next Meeting as Monday 8th April 2026 at 7pm

This was *agreed*.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____

Date _____