



AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Giles Margaron	-	Chairman (Town Resident)
Joan Bennett	-	Councillor
Cheryl Bould	-	Councillor
Patrick Prekopp	-	Councillor
Kevin Cunnane	-	Councillor
Fiona O'Hara	-	Town Resident
Richie Barnett	-	Town Resident
Ian Gravenell	-	Town Resident
Philip Macdonald	-	CEO Aylsham & District Care Trust
Donna Butcher	-	Aylsham Town Council Events & Administration Officer

1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Philip and Kevin. Apologies received from David Anderson.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th APRIL 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2023, as previously circulated were then confirmed and signed.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Philip Macdonald introduced himself and explained his role within Aylsham & District Care Trust (ACT). He discussed the idea of having an event or events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of ACT in 2025, possibly in the form of a ball. Philip wanted to raise this so as not to clash with any other planned events. Patrick Prekopp informed the meeting that it is the 25th anniversary of Aylsham being a Cittaslow town and it may be possible to celebrate the two together. The chairman advised this would need to go to Council and thought it would be supported. Cheryl Bould invited Philip to attend the next Town Council meeting.

6. TO CONFIRM DATES FOR 2024 EVENTS

The dates for 2024 events were confirmed as follows:

9 th March	-	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
10 th May	-	Quiz Night
22 nd June	-	Mid-Summer Ball
7 th July	-	Street Party
3 rd August	-	Slow Food Snail Race
26 th October	-	Halloween Event
29 th November	-	Christmas Lights Switch On
7 th December	-	Christmas Craft Fair

Donna to follow up on the Colour Run and afternoon cinema. The Food Trail, to be discussed at the next meeting.

7. TO DISCUSS ATTENDING THE AYLSHAM SHOW IN 2024

This idea is in the early stages of discussions with David Hitcham. The plan would be for Aylsham Town Council, businesses and organisations to have a presence at the show to raise the profile of Aylsham. After discussing the high cost of having marquee, Ian Gravenell suggested an 'Aylsham Village', which was agreed. This is to be put to the Town Council, Giles will discuss with Sue Lake.

8. TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE EVENT FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

Initial ideas were that there would be a parade finishing in the Market Place with the Last Post being played, followed by a fish and chip supper in the Town Hall. The committee decided that the gas beacon was too expensive and that 'The Lamp Light of Peace' would be a better option. This was agreed in principle. Donna to check with the church and British Legion to see what their plans are.

9. TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Donna asked for volunteers to assist her with the road closures for the Remembrance Day parade; Giles, Joan and Richie said they would be available to help. A number of committee members agreed they would be available to help at the Christmas lights switch on. Donna informed the committee that Bill Downes had been booked for the music and Vocalights Choir have also agreed to perform again this year. Contact still to be made with Aylsham High School to ascertain whether they will be performing as in previous years. It was also discussed who, if anyone, should switch on the lights. No conclusion was reached.

10. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

To discuss afternoon cinema and food trail.

11. TO AGREE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm