

Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Emergency Meeting Held in Town Hall on Monday October 7th 2024

Present:

Grizelda Tyler (Chair)

Bryce Davies

Heather Walters

Cllr. Sue Catchpole

Pat Prekopp

Cheryl Bould

Louise Harlow

Heather Walters

Kay Montandon

Anna Magyar

Ian

Kate

Dave Addy – Town Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Adam Curtis, Lilie Ferrari, Richard Moore, Fiona Scott, Yvonne Stewart.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 9th September 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Vice Chair

It was AGREED that Cheryl Bould would be the ACE Vice Chair.

5. Project Work

Presentation of new Projects for consideration.

a) Blister Packs

Discussed project and AGREED to take to Town Council as a project for approval. Grizelda and Bryce agreed to ask about storage options. It was considered that the Council had on suitable storage. Cllr. Sue Catchpole requested recycling ideas to take to BDC.

b) Transport Hub – Norwich Road

Discussed project and AGREED that the larger option 2 should be added to the Council's CIL long list.

6. Group Updates

Land purchase for rewilding

Jenny Heycocks requested details of suitable land to purchase for rewilding.

World Compassionate Communities Day

Jenny holding event 31/10/24.

Nature

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Cutting and raking of Henry Page Way, and further work at Old Station Yard around cutting. Desire for location to compost arisings. The Town Clerk confirmed that Council has started composting

Waste

Blister packs and possible lending library discussed.

Transport

Kay is trying to move forward electric bus proposal, through meeting with operators.

Energy

lan mentioned about high uptake of people signing up to training and to use the thermal imaging camera.

Communications

Cheryl discussed promotion of Slow Food, and Green Day article for Just Aylsham. High Social Media uptake for Green Day. Developing Facebook and Instagram.

Slow Food

Pat in the process of adding Slow Food to the ACE website. Have written a third recipe book specifically for food bank supplies. 200 copied to be donated to the food bank for their customers. Slow Food Festival went very well with 9/10 recognition of the brand.

7. Green Day

To receive update on Green Day 2024

Discussed impact of Green Day, with good discussions on local environment. Desire to move the date to a Saturday on the beginning of September, and combining with other events to draw more people in. AGREED for the Town Clerk to check available dates. Saturday 6th suggested, to combine with Country Market for a better draw. AGREED to allow Town Council to organise Green Day, with wish-list from ACE. AGREED not to close the road through the market place for Green Day and other events. Cheryl to approach U3A for photography next year. Aim to increase youth involvement.

8. Laptop refurbishment scheme

Paul Skuce repurposes and donates laptops, helping children in need of access to ICT. AGREED that donations could be received at the Town Hall. Hard drives will be wiped.

9. Recreation Ground rainwater harvesting system proposal

In June 2022, Rec Ground proposal to ATC on rainwater harvesting system was deferred, as a priority for Broadland DC at the time. Would cost £10-12k, and avoid using under-pressure drinking water supply. Proposed to submit Community Grant application to Broadland DC, alongside drinking water refill station. Mentioned that ACRE grant details already sent to the Rec.

10. Benchmarking/reporting of Council carbon footprint

To receive proposals for benchmarking/reporting of Council carbon footprint.

Would like concrete proposals to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council. AGREED to review street lighting timing. AGREED to undertake/recommence benchmarking.

11. Carbon Literacy Training

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Grizelda, Cheryl and Kay attending Broadland DC training. Town Clerk to circulate details to ACE.

12. Proposed Burgh Road and Norwich Road housing developments To receive views on the developments from ACE sub-groups Ideas to be submitted to Grizelda.

13. Broadland DC Air Quality and Flooding Strategies

Sue Catchpole advised that Broadland DC are devising an AQ Strategy, to be considered on Thursday. BDC seeking comments on a flooding plan. Comments to go to Sue.

14. Items for future discussion

Christmas Craft Fayre.
Please send to the Town Clerk well in advance.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next ACE Meeting will be 4th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

