



Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Emergency Meeting Held in Town Hall on Monday August 5th 2024

Present:

Cheryl Bould (Chair)	Leslie Cannon	Jenny Haycocks
Yvonne Stewart	Fiona Scott	Kay Montandon
Lilie Ferrari	Pat Prekopp	Shelley Hudson
Adam Curtis	Kate Mackenzie	

Dave Addy – Town Clerk Andy Bell – Grounds Maintenance, ATC

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Grizelda Tyler, Ian and Sally Hildrew.

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 3rd June 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. **Matters Arising**

Nothing raised.

4 **Project work**

Presentation of new Projects for consideration

None received.

a) Update on Hustings Meetings

Considered to be a valuable exercise. Discussion that it would be useful to allocate roles next time, such as a lead organiser, and to learn from these experiences.

b) Update on Big Green week

This included film screenings, stalls and the fixery. It was thought that not many people attended the ACE stall and looking around. Jenny Haycocks captured the conversations that arose from the film viewing, and has circulated this to some members, and agreed to be share this more widely.

c) Update on Noticeboards

Trevor Bennett is writing as Chairman of the Council to the management company for the Willows to seek consent for a noticeboard after the previous refusal. The intention is to order all of the noticeboards at once.

5. **Group Updates**

Nature

Yvonne Stewart, Chair. 6 members, including Adam Curtis, National Trust Biodiversity Manager, Blickling. Thanks were expressed for Andy Bell's cutting work

at Old Station Yard, following a meeting between Yvonne, Dave, and Andy. Thanks also for Andy leaving a bee orchid in the mowing around the Community Orchard. Adam explained about his long-term bat study, with two transects to the north and south of the town, and encouraging citizen-science participation. The biodiversity surveys around the wildflowers have taken place, and it is planned to rake up the cuttings to reduce the fertility. Would like to publicise findings at Green Day.

Slow Food

Pat Chairs. Plan to work with Norwich City Council Officer on a Nature café, which could help local people meet together to talk and share about nature recovery.

Transport

Kay Chairs. 8 members.

Trevor attended the last sub-group meeting. Seeking agreement from ACE for the Transport sub-group to meet and work with the Council to work on the Traffic management Strategy already agreed by Council (https://www.aylsham-tc.gov.uk/files/ugd/a67ca0_a8479420385149fa963da183f356c697.pdf). The yellow lines, Burgh Road crossing, transport hub etc. ACE agreed to support.

Energy

No update.

Waste

No update.

Communications

Cheryl is Chair, with four members. Thanks very much to Lilie (especially during the elections), and Pat with regard to the hustings poster. The family learning Day was very busy, with public engagement, particularly with the hook-a-duck game and charity shop soft toys, resulting in sign-ups to ACE emails.

The most popular posts on Facebook and Instagram are those locally-based. The bee orchid photo was the most successful.

6. Grass Verges

Andy Bell presented upon his proposal for wildflower areas, and seeking sponsorship, which will go before Council. Supported, but concerns that there should be wildflower areas that are unplanted, such as the area around the community orchard. Also that signage should be placed and communication is key. The Clerk explained that the signage had recently been put out.

7. Green Day

a) Suggested expenditure

Suggested costs of £20 for pens, £16 on stickers, and £360 for 40 t-shirts. Agreed that Clerk will arrange purchase, as within budget, and can authorise. Leslie to share finalised details. Yvonne to provide cost of printing three t-shirts for children's design competition. Printing of limited number of A3 posters can be done by Council.

b) Proposals

Three food providers. The blister pack stall by waste information is required – Grizelda to chase. Hook a duck from Comms. Transport: survey and feedback. Nature: t-shirt design for kids over 10, dressing up and parade, stand with Henry Page update, a nature menu, nature pledge, and bug-house, 'What can you do for Bure River', nature raffle, swift group may be on the stand. Comms to distribute business flyers and speak to the businesses, with Cheryl to obtain business survey details from Anna. The leaflets can be collected from the Town Hall. Cheryl to contact Ian Gravnall about photography.

c) Volunteer details

Nature – all 6 members. Comms – Lilie and Cheryl as stewards. Slow Food – Pat and one other. Transport – Kay. Waste & Energy – Grizelda/the Planning Committee are to chase for information.

d) Stalls

A gazebo is needed for the musicians, which the Council will provide and erect, along with tables. ATC arranging road closures. Waste will probably use the Quakers gazebo. Eco stall and workshop from Jenny, maybe in the churchyard, using church gazebo. The National Trust hope to provide a nature table from Blickling. Grizelda is arranging the trees and bales setting out. The Clerk is to chase the insurance company regarding whether the fire cover will allow the bales. The wet and dry weather plans can be discussed next meeting.

8. Water

Kate Mackenzie updated on the River Bure Water Quality Group, including water quality testing, species surveys, consideration of inputs to water from agriculture and residents, information provision, and work on invasive species.

9. Items for future discussion

Laptop refurbishment scheme presented by Paul. Requesting donations of old laptops for refurbishment and redistributed to schools and families. Older laptops over 10 years are recycled, and data deleted. For future discussion on where to donate laptops, and how ACE/the Waste sub-group could support and publicise. The wet and dry weather plans for Green Day.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next ACE Meeting will be 9th September 2024, being delayed one week to allow the Town Clerk to attend and minute.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm