

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL SOCIAL & EVENTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors C. Barnes (Chairman), P. Nottage, N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks,

**In attendance:** Councillors C. Bilson and K. Butcher

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

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| <b>1.</b>  | <b>Apologies</b><br>Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle and Whiteside and reasons for absence approved  |
| <b>2.</b>  | <b>Public Questions or Comments</b><br>No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.   |
| <b>3.</b>  | <b>Clerk's Progress report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bench policy has been uploaded to the website</li> <li>• A site visit has taken place with a member of the public, Councillor Butcher and the Clerk and a bench placing agreed</li> <li>• Little Bird Made has been contacted by the Clerk to request the cones are replaced and the rubbish is cleared up following the artisan market</li> <li>• A donation has been agreed for the 10k family fun day on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2025</li> <li>• The Summer planting has been ordered</li> <li>• Following a request to twin with a French town the member of the public was contacted to confirm that Easingwold Town Council does not have the resources to undertake this commitment</li> </ul>      |
| <b>4.</b>  | <b>Action List</b><br>The action list was received and noted.   |
| <b>5.</b>  | <b>Risk Assessment</b><br>The Risk Assessment was received, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it with a review by Councillor Buckle as soon as possible to move it to the new format.   |
| <b>6.</b>  | <b>Entertainment in the Market Place</b><br>An update on the 2025 programme was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks.  |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Market</b> <p>7.1 An update was received on the Market, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Barnes would create a new trader's policy.</p> <p>7.2 The list of potential market traders was received and noted.</p> <p>7.3 The 50-year anniversary of the market was considered, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that a small working group should be set up to include Leah Follington, a market trader, Councillor Barnes, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk. It was <b>AGREED</b> to invite the Mayor of York and Sir Alec Shelbrooke to the event and to advertise it widely.</p> <p>7.4 An email was considered from Councillor Bilson regarding charity market stalls, and it was <b>AGREED</b> to bring it to the wider attention of more charities via a facebook post.</p> |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Friendliness Initiative</b><br>A proposal was received from Councillors Barnes, Shepherd and Whiteside to move to a more simple formula of tea and cake/biscuits rather than a full afternoon tea, communicating the change to emphasise that the initiative is about addressing loneliness and providing opportunities to meet people and make new friends young or older. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it.  |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Destination Plan</b><br>The destination plan was received, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should establish a line of contact with the authors as well as the authors of an alternative tourism related brochure produced by NYC to ensure that Easingwold is represented at the next stage of development.  |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Digital Activities</b>   |

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|            | Digital impact - the google analytics report was received and no action was required.  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Public Seats</b><br>An email was received from Councillor Bilson regarding the circular bench around the Sustrans National Cycle Network Sign in Millfields and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to replace the bench either through a joiner or from an online source. |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Sponsorship opportunity</b><br>An email was received from AJ Jane Carers offering sponsorship in the marketplace and it was <b>AGREED</b> in principle, but the Clerk should determine the level of sponsorship being offered before moving forwards.         |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Finance &amp; Budget Monitoring</b><br>The financial position at 28/02/2025 was noted and no action was considered necessary.   |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Next Meeting</b><br>To note the next meeting is scheduled for 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee  |

The meeting closed at 20.36