EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL SOCIAL & EVENTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE

Present: Councillors C. Barnes (Chairman), P. Nottage, N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, D. Bream, E. Whiteside

Co-opted member: Mrs. J Fairbrother

In attendance: Councillor K. Butcher

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	**Apologies** All members were present therefore there were no apologies.
2.	**Public Questions or Comments** It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. 4 members of the public were present and represented agenda items 7. And 9. which were brought to the start of the agenda.
3.	**Clerk's Progress report** • The Sustrans bench has been installed in Millfields • The stalls contractor has been asked to put the cones out and has done so for the Summer of Music • Councillor Barnes has met with the electrician to discuss a lockable power socket in the buttercross • The Clerk has requested a review meeting with the Rockin' All Over the Wold organisers and has sent them the map of Easingwold Town Council owned green in the marketplace • The maximum acceptable wind force for the canopies has been determined and the Fika Room and Tea Hees have been informed • The autumn planting has been ordered from Earley Ornamentals • Donations have been made to the Easingwold Yarnbombers, the craft group and RAOTW • A quote has been received for the Christmas tree, the Lions have been contacted re: 28th November attendance, the Artisan market has confirmed attendance, and the school has been contacted.
4	**Action List** The action list was received and noted.
5.	**Entertainment in the Market Place** 5.1 The 2026 programme was reviewed, Councillor Johnston-Banks was thanked for carrying out an excellent job; he stated that the canopies had greatly helped the success of the event. It was **AGREED** that the budget would be set for £4,000 for 2027/28. 5.2 Quotes were received for no parking stand-alone signs, and it was **RESOLVED** to buy 4 signs.
6.	**Market** 6.1 An update was received on the Market by the Assistant Clerk, and it was **AGREED** to buy a retirement gift and card for John Piercy. 6.2 A request was received from the market stall contractors to alter the time of erecting market stalls on the 22nd of April 2027 and **APPROVED**.
7.	**Seats** 3 requests were received from members of the public; two regarding a bench in Millfields and one on Back Lane. It was **AGREED** to go ahead with the benches in Millfields and that the Clerk would give Richard Graves and Fiona Skilbeck each other's contact details. The Council was unable to help with the 3rd request as they do not own any land on Back Lane.

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8.	**Digital Activities & Website** 8.1 Digital impact - The google analytics report was received. 8.2 A proposal was received from Councillor Whiteside on the website, and it was **RESOLVED** to move the domain name to NYES and the website hosting to Kualo.
9.	**Rockin' All Over the Wold** Richard Graves and Richard Tanfield attended the meeting to review 2026 Rockin' All Over the Wold. The date for 2027 will be the 10th of July next year. It was **AGREED** that a further review meeting would be arranged with the residents and that the licence arrangements would be shared and considered with Easingwold Town Council.
10.	**Christmas arrangements** Arrangements for Christmas were reviewed and the quote for the Christmas tree was approved. It was **AGREED** to contact the town band to request that they perform at the event.
11.	**Planters on Long Street** A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher and **APPROVED**.
12.	**Trailer for flower displays** An email was received from Melbourne Tree Services regarding the condition of the trailer, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk would inspect the trailer and provide a report.
13.	**Alne Tractor Run** A request was received for support from the organisers, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve it.
14.	**COZIE** A request from COZIE for a contribution in 2026/7 was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to donate £500 and to consider longer-term support at the budget discussion in November. Councillor Madden declared an interest. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would confirm details with Alan Hake and follow up with Councillor Knapton regarding youth funding in surrounding areas but not Easingwold.
15.	**Finance & Budget Monitoring** The financial position at 31/08/2026 was noted and no action was considered necessary.
16.	**Next Meeting** It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 14th December 2026 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 21.08