



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Events Committee held on Thursday 16th October 2025 at No. 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.

Present: Cllr Tony Grist (Chairman), Cllr Diana Richardson and Cllr Louise Ludwig.

Officer Present: Roland Aldred, Town Clerk.

287. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Simpson and Friend offered apologies which were accepted.

288. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No interests were declared.

289. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

The Chairman reminded those present of the terms of openness and transparency.

290. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2025.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Richardson

Seconded by Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

291. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.

None.

292. EVENTS BUDGET.

i. Events budget 2025/26

Members received the Events Budget for 2025/26.

NOTED

ii. Events budget 2026/27

Members received a proposed budget for events for 2026/27.

Members discussed the increased costs of the requiring a street trading license and the impact of this on the cost of the event.

RESOLVED – To amend charges for Brocante for 2026 event to £55 to cover additional costs of the street trading license.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded -Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

RESOLVED – To accept the draft budget and recommend to Finance and General Purposes with the change to £55 per pitch for Brocante.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

293. EVENT PLANNING BROCANTE.

- i. 2025 Brocante feedback.

Members received feedback from stall holders on the 2025 Brocante.

NOTED

- ii. To review changes for 2026 Brocante based on feedback.

Members discussed feedback for any changes to the 2026 event they felt were required.

RESOLVED – Members asked that a turn left only when exiting the Green at the end of the event be implemented. The staff/volunteer instructions should be amended to include that staff are not able to marshal traffic on to the road. The pack for marshals should also include an hourly toilet check to ensure that there are sufficient loo rolls. The instructions for the stallholders should now include that second cars are not permitted on the site for delivering and no cars may leave the site for any reason until the event is closed. Officer to continue to look at alternative catering vendors and options for marking pitches out.

Proposed by Cllr Richardson

Seconded by Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

294. FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS

- i. Community Awards Evening

Members felt that they required more information as to what is being proposed and the scope and scale of the event in order to move this forward.

RESOLVED – To hold an informal scoping meeting to bring a solid proposal back to events meeting for voting on.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Outdoor Gym launch event

Members discussed an event to launch the Outdoor Gym. This could be over a number of days and would include members of the community. Discussions around free classes, activities and stalls were had.

RESOLVED – To develop a launch event for the Outdoor Gym, Cllr Ludwig to scope event for further discussions as to what this will look like.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- iii. The DDC Armed Forces Day

The DDC Armed Forces Day event for 2026 was not discussed and will be carried forward to the next meeting on 19th November.

296. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2026

- i. To seek approval to pay Wheel 2 Wheel deposit.

RESOLVED – To ask officers to pay the deposit of £150.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. To agree further bookings for 2026

Members received a written report containing organisations previously used for the Children's Festival.

RESOLVED – To agree to approach Applause Rural Touring, Junk Orchestra, Circus Sensible, Anna's Face Candy and Bizzie Lizzie's Face Painting for quotes for the 2026 Children's Festival.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

RESOLVED – Members agreed to approach all the volunteer organisations who attended last year to ascertain availability for next year. Members also agreed to approach the potential new organisations listed along with Deal Tri to see if they were interested in attending and what they could offer.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

RESOLVED – Members agreed to hold prices for the food/drink vendors and to approach vendors from previous year. Members also asked the officer to approach a healthy alternative.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

297. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th November at 5.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.00pm.

Signed

Date