



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 13th November 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.10 pm

Present:

Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)

Cllr R Blackwell

Cllr P Findley

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies received from Cllr M Eddy and Mrs S Fisher

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- None Submitted.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 18th September be taken as an accurate record.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell
 - Seconded by: Cllr Findley
- For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Noted:** Working group received update from Admin
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 - More information about the change of Hawkshill designation has been received.
 - A document regarding the Kent Sustainable Communities Network will be prepared for submission to A&E committee on 2nd December 2025.
 - Plans for the WTC meeting at DealTC 27/11 for Cllrs of 2 local councils and DDC staff & Cllrs about reducing use of harmful pesticides with guest speaker Nick Mole of Pesticide Action Network. Invitations have gone out, replies will be encouraged.
 - Updates were received about the water filling station and the Churchill Avenue Site.
 - Cllr Waite Gleave to forward admin a copy of the Community Pollinator Toolkit received from Kent Plan Bee.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None Submitted.

6. ONGOING PROJECTS

Climate and Ecology Action Plans

- **Noted:** The Climate and Ecology Action plans have been updated; final draft versions are to be submitted to the A&E committee on 2nd December 2025.

DDC Climate and Nature Forum

- **Noted:** Working group received update from Chairman about the DDC C&N Forum meeting on 9th Oct 2025.
 - Presentation from Kent Community energy about work with local groups on installing solar cells on publicly owned buildings. Small grants are offered to help non-profit organisations improve energy efficiency.
 - Discussion on trees on new developments, need for developers to ensure new planted trees are cared for and healthy for at least three years.
 - Discussion on water resilience in Kent and the need for improved water treatment and new infrastructure.
 - Suggestion from WTC regarding car clubs in the local district to reduce car ownership costs for residents in new out-of-town developments, DDC to attract car club providers to the area.
 - Repeat offer from the DDC officer regarding local groups wanting to offer thermal surveys, East Kent Climate Action to take up offer.
 - C&N Forum were updated about WTC works.
 - Draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plans
 - DDC agreed on the WTC water refill station; costings from potential installers being gathered.
 - A new national warm homes local grant scheme has been signed up to by Dover and Dartford Councils.

Coastal Recovery

- **Noted:** Working group were informed about the results and the final set of water tests and compared to the earlier tests. All four tests came out as 'Excellent'.
- WTC Cllrs attended the meeting with Southern Water representative on 3rd Nov. Cllr Findley referred to the fact that beaches south of Deal Castle beach are not 'designated bathing areas' and therefore EA are not required by law to do the weekly testing between May and Sept that they do north of Deal Castle. More information would be available if Walmer beach and others were a 'designated bathing area'.

Transport

- **EV Points**
 - **Noted:** The working group were informed about the updated numbers and profit share from the EV points at Canada Road.
 - Future EV possibilities to be revisited in May 2026.

Thermal Camera & Energy Saving

- **Noted:** Thermal Camera update has been given to the working group.
 - Leaflets have been distributed, more to be delivered to Lower Walmer and into Middle Walmer.
 - EKCA have begun their own Thermal Camera scheme for wards of Middle Deal, Mill Hill, North Deal.
 - Thermal Camera has been recalibrated and is ready for use.
 - Information about the DDC website link to national warm home grant to be added to the Thermal Camera info sheet.
 - WTC office to be done.

Waste & Pollution Reduction

- **Noted:** WalAPP certificate has been redesigned and is ready for use, Cllr Waite Gleave to distribute to relevant local businesses in Jan / Feb 2026. List to be drafted by chair.

7. NEW PROJECTS

- No New Projects Suggested
 - CEWG to contact Ramsgate Town Clerk regarding their tree donation project.
 - It is advisable to promote WTC Nature and Biodiversity small Grants to local community groups.

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE INITIATIVES.

- None Suggested

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20th January 2026 at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:10
