

WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

62 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DP

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Dated this day 20th March 2025

To: Councillors: S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), R Blackwell, M Eddy, L Ludwig. P Findley Non-Council Members: Mrs S Fisher

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group to be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

Copy to Roland Aldred, Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2025

	To Note: Update from admin regarding ongoing actions.	Attach 2
	To Note: Update on DDC Car Clubs/Sharing.	Attach 3
5.	COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC	
6.	ONGOING PROJECTS	
	Climate and Ecology Action Plans	
	 To consider contents of Climate and Ecology action plans for WTC. 	Attach 4
	 To consider video update on journey to net zero from DTC. 	
	Transport	
	EV charging points.	
	To note: Latest charge point usage figures.	Attach 5
	Water Refill Stations	
	 Application for funding for water refill stations. 	
	Thermal Camera	
	Update on energy saving advice and Thermal Imaging service.	Attach 6
	Water Testing	
	To Note: Risk assessment for water collection for testing.	Attach 7
7.	NEW PROJECTS	
	 Update to Climate Emergency Statement for 2025. 	Attach 8
	 Request for items to take to DDC Climate and Nature Forum. 	
	 To note: Group energy provider switching link from DDC added to our website. 	
	 To note: List of green spaces for protection sent to DDC C&N Forum. 	Attach 9
8.	BUDGET	
	To note: Finalised Budget for 2025/2026.	Attach 10
9. PC	SSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.	
10. AN	NY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.	
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MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

29th May 2025 at 7pm.



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr S Waite-Gleave, (Chairing)

Clir L Ludwig Clir P Findley Clir R Blackwell Clir M Eddy

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR-ABSENCE

Mrs S Fisher

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr Waite Gleave declared an OSI as a signatory of the bank account used by Walmer/Deal Healthy Environment Volunteers. This account is used by the Marke Wood Volunteer Gardeners whose biodiversity application is on the agenda.
- Cllr Findley declared an OSI as a member of WALDAS.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Resolved: That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Findley

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Noted: Admin informed the working group of the status of matters outstanding.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Findley
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

 Clirs Findley and Waite Gleave to list of forward green spaces for protection in Walmer and suggest on improvement on Biodiversity Net Gain calculations by planning dept to DDC Climate and Nature Forum chair as requested. • Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to look into how local councils discourage watergoing vehicles close to the shoreline to ensure the safety of local human and wildlife population.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

6. BIODIVERSITY GRANTS

Movement of Biodiversity Grant from Item 9 to Item 6

- Resolved Movement agreed
 - Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Application from Marke Wood Volunteer Gardeners was considered. Representatives of the volunteer Gardeners attended the meeting to give a brief on their grant request.
- Cllr Waite Gleave left the room for this item.
 - Resolved: CEWG agreed to the grant request by Marke Wood Gardeners
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - · Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Cllr Waite Gleave returned to the room at this point.
- Application from Walmer and Deal Action For Swifts was considered
 - Resolved: CEWG agreed to the grant request by Walmer and Deal Action For Swifts. Cllr Findley withdrew from group on this item.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

7. ONGOING PROJECTS

- EV Charging points
- Admin informed working group of payments of share from EV points via Kent County Council, this is a current total of £693.29.
 - Noted: Proposed to Note.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Waite-Gleave
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

- A query was voiced regarding the suitability of the layby at the top of Court Road as part
 of an expansion of EV points in Walmer. This would include the use of EV point funds
 from Kent County Council.
- Seawater Quality

- Admin informed the working group of the information gathered about sea water testing
 kits and need to work with a provider laboratory who is UK Accreditation service
 recognised, e,g, Swimsafety. It was decided to continue with the project, due to the
 positive public feedback on WTC decision. Locations to test will be at Walmer Castle
 with the data to be sent to Environment Agency and published on the website.
- A request would be sent to A&E for an increase in budget to obtain the sample kits.
 - Resolved: To request a budget increase from A&E committee on 26th February and Full Council on 5th March for increase from £500 to £840 for purchase of accredited testing kits.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

• Report From KALC Conference

Noted: Working Group received report regarding the KALC Climate Conference on 5th November 2024

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

• Report From DDC Climate and Nature Forum

Noted: Working Group received report regarding the DDC Climate and Nature Forum on 8th January 2025.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

SAVE OUR SEAS DEAL AND WALMER (SOSDAW)

 Noted: Working Group received report regarding the Save Our Seas Deal and Walmer Meeting on 3rd January 2025.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

CLEANER/CHEAPER TRANSPORT

- Withdrawn-Possibility of encouraging a car club set up in Walmer, decided better to send information gathered to climate change officer DDC.
- Resolved: CEWG agree to promote local car sharing groups on WTC website.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

NEW PROJECTS

 Resolved: To create a climate and Ecology action plan for Walmer Town Council as suggested by NALC, drawing on resources such as the 2014 Environment of Walmer document and examples from other coastal towns of similar size.

> Proposed by: Cllr Eddy Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 5 Against 0

Abstain 0

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

- To continue discussion on Climate and Ecology Action Plan
- To take up 2023 discussion on installation of water refill stations whose purchase is already budgeted.

9. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand. The meeting closed at 20:30



Item: Climate Emergency Update Report

Date: 19th March 2025

Meeting: Climate Emergency Working Group

From: Admin Clerk

- 1. The two biodiversity grants agreed on by CEWG were passed on to the full council in March and were approved.
- 2. Admin has contacted KCC regarding EV points at the top of Court Road, research is still ongoing.
- 3. The requested increase of the budget to £840 has been agreed and the water testing kits will be bought at the beginning of April. Sea water testing starting in April 2025, formalising process of collecting samples for accredited laboratory and risk assessment
- 4. Information about car sharing groups has been added to the WTC website and on social media.
- 5. An email about grants for water filling stations has been sent to WTC, Admin is currently collating the needed information for the application.



Outlook

RE: Car clubs for new developments of over 70 dwellings in Walmer/Deal outside settlement boundary & Whitfield Urban Expansion & elsewhere

From James Traynor < James. Traynor@DOVER.GOV.UK>

Date Thu 2/13/2025 1:27 PM

Cllr. Sarah Waite-Gleave <cllrsarahwaite-gleave@walmercouncil.co.uk>

Info - Walmer Town Council <info@walmercouncil.co.uk>; Clerk - Walmer Town Council <clerk@walmercouncil.co.uk>

Good Afternoon Cllr Waite-Gleave,

I'm sorry to hear that there isn't capacity at WTC for a project like car shares, as you will know over 30% of our emissions in the District are in fact from ICE vehicles. Ideally we would look at over areas of the district to be included in this, from Dover, Deal and Walmer, Sandwich and Aylesham for locations of a car club.

We'll add it to the agenda for April and see where this may take us. In the meantime, if you could ask CEWG and colleagues at WTC cc'd what they may be able to support with if DDC/CaNF were able to move this forward I would be most grateful. Both suppliers require parking spaces, and this could link nicely with the resilience program I spoke of before where EVs power village hall in times of need/power outages etc.

Best Wishes.

James



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From: Cllr. Sarah Waite-Gleave <cllrsarahwaite-gleave@walmercouncil.co.uk>

Sent: 13 February 2025 13:03

To: James Traynor < James.Traynor@DOVER.GOV.UK>

Cc: Info - Walmer Town Council <info@walmercouncil.co.uk>

Subject: Car clubs for new developments of over 70 dwellings in Walmer/Deal outside settlement boundary &

Whitfield Urban Expansion & elsewhere

Hi James,

I tried to get my CEWG colleagues to look at WTC cooperation with DeaITC & DDC to lure a provider of car clubs to our over congested 30,000 Deal / Walmer CT14 area, at meeting last week. It was summarily dismissed, as being beyond WTC capacity. Colleagues agreed I might pass on to you DDC climate officer & to DDC Cl &N Forum the information I'd gathered. (Attached 3 docs - my summary & copy email co-wheels & copy email enterprise) FYI Green Party team of me & Christine O and Liz Hayes and Tom Clother pushed Portfolio holder Nigel Collor and officer Roger Walton to meet with us and Tony Bernard of Enterprise Car clubs in Jan 2018.

I would be in favour of demanding any developer of any new development on outskirts of Deal / Walmer being forced (S106 or CIL) to pay for substantial proportion 60% of first 3 yr subsidy of bringing in car club. Other developments within district could well benefit too.

Kind regards Sarah W-G

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grasslands, and wetlands; that community resilience to climate change includes the protection of food-growing land. Action Plan developed by the Council's Climate Emergency Working Group. Informed by Friends of the Earth guidance https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-With recognition of Natural Solutions to Climate Change include protecting and enhancing carbon-capturing, flood-absorbing, woodlands, actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency FelixstoweTC & otherTCs

Putting climate mitigation and resilience at the heart of WTC decision making

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Steps	Need to update?	Time Frame	Comments
Provide whole council with update on carbon audit impact report of Walmer Parish Territorial 8.45t CO2e CO2e CO2e both per household	So all council members aware of which activities cause biggest carbon footprint (energy inefficiencies of buildings and cars).	Cllr SWG (following carbon literacy training Dec 2023)	Provided on agenda of full council 6 March 2024	In 2026		2 2 2
DDC climate change officer J Traynor spoke to WTC CEWG meeting	Help CEWG members prioritise actions		Jan 25 th 2024		14	
of CEWG updated			18 July 2024 CEWG : Full council ?		£-1	, a
Resolved motion to full council on purchasing & procurement	New project purchases / procurement to be made according to best community value for money overall & impact on environment instead of on cheapest in short term		18 July CEWG			
Work with DDC Climate & Nature Forum sharing good practice.	Should this be moved to section below 'influencing others?		Clerk discussed terms of Ref meeting Dec 2023.	·	Dec 2023 (clerk); 2 May 2024 2 x cllr reps quarterly	https://www.dover.gov.uk /Environment/Climate- Change/Dover-Climate- Nature-Change- Forum.aspx



Buildings

ents	Uptake of service Winter 2024-25: 20 Winter 2023-24: 34 Winter 2022-23: 158 Winter 2021-22: 34		https://historicengland.org.uk/images-
Comments	Uptake Winter Winter Winter		https://
Time Frame	Nov 2023 to Feb 2024		
Need to update?			
Steps			
Led by	Officer (cllrs to distribute flyers)		
Intended outcome	Reduce energy needed to warm homes. Help residents cut energy bills. Mtg DDC 6-4-24 on cooperating to target where fuel poverty worst/ council houses		
Activity	Energy saving advice for residents based on reading of Thermal Imaging Camera.	Planning committee to be aware of Advice Kent Fire Service / Resilience Forum, fire breaks needed round developments edge of settlements (wildfires)	Planning cttee to be aware new historic England

carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/	
	10 June 2024
	Officer
	To be better able to advice Walmer residents during winter TiC advice sessions
efficiency & solar on Listed buildings & in Conservation areas	Information evening on Retrofitting your home – Does & don'ts by DeaITC attended by officer & cllrs

Transport & support for active travel (walking & cycling)

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Comments			-
Time Frame	Installation completed July 2023. £6000 (WTC share) billed March 2024, paid May 2024.		
Need to update?		-	On-going 2025 - 2027 – Explore if schools interested in 'Junior Traffic warden' supervised activity as used Felixstowe
Steps			DDC CI&N Forum involved Jan 2025; seek funding support for cost of 'no engine idling' temp signs.
Led by	Ex chair CEWG – ex Cllr John Lonsdale 2021 - 2023	SWG	C
Intended outcome	Help commuters adult and school age have means to get to work / study by rail	Support for better, safer cycle route from rail stn to beach	Reduce air pollution
Activity	Cooperate with Southeastern to install cycle hub at Walmer stn.	Submitted report for KCC Walking & Cycling Jan 2024	Cooperate with KALC project to reduce engine idling, near schools, by temporary traffic lights (level crossing not in Walmer)

Land-Use (including beach & coast)

	Comments
	Time Frame
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	Led by /
	Intended outcome
40.04	ACTIVITY

We advocate for natural solutions to climate change at DAC-KALC and DDC CI&NForum. WTC owned Hawkshill Freedown includes globally rare chalkdownland habitat.					
Ongoing	2023-24 and on- going				
1'		12			,
Updated management plan Hawkshill Freedown (SC). Recommendations on planning applications involving TPOs. Apply for new TPOs where possible. WTC Tree policy agreed at full council 6 Nov 2024	Hawkshill WTC owned & recommend to DDC their spaces.	Delivered March 2024 planted March 2024		×	Voted through full council 8 Feb 2024 3 different letters drafted, signed by chair.
	FF.	SWG / volunteers of Walmer Peace Gardens			CIIr PF / SWG
Retain carbon- capturing, flood absorbing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WiB / Hawkshill cttee.	A carefully balanced, reduced mowing regime to favour biodiversity	Enhance biodiversity and tree cover in parish			For WTC to write separately to DDC, KCC and DEFRA asking each to use their different powers to protect
Work to retain carbon-capturing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WiB / Hawkshill cttee.	Adapt own mowing regime	Sourced from Tree Council 5 fruit trees for W Peace gardens (located end of York & Albany Gdns)	Promote wildlife friendly community gardening through Nature & Biodiversity small grants	Promote wildlife / pollinator friendly gardening through annual prize at Walmer in Bloom.	Put 'Motion for the Ocean' to Full council

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Rt Hon Lord Benyon replied for DEFRA May 2024.	R. Thomas replied for KCC 9 April 2024	DDC declined to reply (Cllr Beer)	Resolution 146 in minutes of 5 th July 2023				Agreed full council 4	Sept 2023					
=			Clr PF	33			2						
and restore our coast and coastal waters			Oversee & develop WTC'S approach to nature protection &	recovery, seek to increase community	engagement, work with partners to	develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy				Zi.			
	5-		Passed 'Ecological Emergency Declaration'				Took	recommendation on Local Nature	Recovery Scheme for Level 1 councils	2023	Submitted report for KCC Local Flood Risk consultation	1207 TOS	Pesticides Action Network & Pesticide Free towns.

Reducing Waste: promoting effective recycling

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
Founder Pick Deal	Guide WTC -CEWG					
Clean (operates	plans to help					
Walmer & Deal)	reduce litter &					

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Influencing others /Sharing good practice

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources	Time Frame	Comments
				rednired		
SWG as member of public	involvement of	SWG		Zero		
requests Leader DDC change	community in					
DDC climate change closed	mitigating /					
Project Advisory Group become	adapting to					
open to level 1 councils and	climate					
community groups	emergency					
Protest closure on Deal or		SWG	July 2023			'Cuts to recycling centres
Richborough recycling centres						in East Kent either Deal
			3			or Richborough, drive a
						coach and horses
						through the
						commitment, Priority 1
						of the Kent & Medway

					Energy and Low Emissions Strategy (responsible for KCC commitment to net zero for KCC estate by 2030 and net zero for the county by 2050) to 'significantly reduce emissions by 2030'.'
Participation in DDC Climate & Nature Forum	12	SWG & PF		May, July, Oct 2024. Jan April 2025	
Participate in Deal TC Climate Action Day Nov 2024		Officer preparation. RB & SWG & PF on Sat.			
Training KALC Carbon Guide 4 Dec 2023		SWG certified carbon literate Jan 2024, also did 2 day course CAT own cost			17
Participated KALC Climate Conference 5 Nov 2024 reported to full council, & neighbouring level 1 councils.		SWG (see report back to WTC)			

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and wetlands; that community resilience to climate change includes the protection of food-growing land. Action Plan developed by the Council's We recognise Natural Solutions to Climate Change include protecting and enhancing carbon-capturing, flood-absorbing, woodlands, grasslands, Climate Emergency Working Group. Informed by Friends of the Earth guidance https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parishand-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency FelixstoweTC, SwanageTC & otherTCs

Putting climate mitigation and resilience at the heart of decision making

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments / contacts
Follow Kent	To be better	Clerk /	KRF Template	Officer time		https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/improving-
Resilience Forum	prepared to help	KALC	to be			community-resilience
advice (July 2024)	(vulnerable in)	ren	completed	50		
on developing new,	community cope	SWG	during and			
Local Recilionce	chortages,		alter DDC			
Plan due to	heatwayes		level 1 compails			
expected extreme	flooding etc		(due 26 March			
weather events &	(6)		2025 but		5	
lessons learned			postponed by			
during pandemic			DDC)			
Liaise with KALC /	Find out what					
NALC about	extra powers level					
LGReorganisation;	1 councils / WTC					
new EK Unitary	may have as result			2		
Authority from	of Local Govt					
2027.	reorganisation					
Seek to put WTC	Prudent protection					
reserves in non-	or reserves;					
Tossii ruei savings	avoiding rueling					
account, preventing	climate crisis.					
stranded assets.						
Offer training to	Awareness among					Info & Training sessions and information can
councillors / officers	all members of					be found at:
	council & officers					https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-
						waste-and-planning/climate-change
						https://www.carbonfootprint.com/
						carbonacademy_sbn.html
						https://www.cse.org.uk/resources

https://carboncharter.org/events/c arbon- literacy-training-3/	Not sustainable to spend money buying new tablets for cllrs. Complete switch to QR codes would exclude some members of community.
	Continue to cut / halve use of paper; encourage cllrs to use (reconditioned) IT tablets, etc. Use QR codes where suitable

Buildings

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments	
Get Energy	Find out energy	Clerk / Cllr SWG	Using EPCs & DECs	Approx. £60 to £80	April to May 2025		Γ
Performance	performance of		as a benchmark	for EPC	•		
Certificate done on	WTC premises, to		consider work to				
62 The Strand,	guide cost effective		make buildings				•
publicly owned WTC	energy saving plans.		more energy				
premises			efficient; update				
			EPCs if work carried				
			out. Increase value				
			of WTC public asset				
			(Friends of the Earth				
)		recommend to EPC				
			level C). DEC Display				
			Energy Cert is more		5		
	:=		reliable.				
			Investigate grants.				
Compare current	Enable Council to						Τ
energy supplier with	switch to cost-						
other suppliers	effective 100%						
sourced from	renewable (or at				В		
renewables & low	least low carbon)						
carbon generation.	energy supplier						
Leaflet & offer with	Continue to help					0,-	T
Thermal Imaging	residents improve						
Camera service &	energy efficiency of						

their homes.	
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Transport & support for active travel (walking & cycling)

Liaise with DealTC (responsible for Ramsgate platform) to improve public toilets & enviro at Walmer stn	If DDC / DTC / KCC / new UA interested – then see how WTC can support within limits our resources.
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	Reduce use of private ICE car in very congested Walmer at weekends.
Speak up for retention of Walmer ticket office & better cheaper train and bus services.	Explore interest of DDC / DTC in road train to link Walmer residents/visitors with Kingsdown and North Deal at weekends

Land-Use (including beach & coast)

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments	
Support / publicise White Cliffs Countryside Partnership – restoring nature work on Foreshore	Encourage Native Species – reduce invasive species.	officer	Officer to publicise on our website & FB page	Officer time			
Take over management of Churchill Ave Green Space from DDC	Creation community orchard / community garden / biodiversity / peaceful green space for residents young & old	Clerk / Cllr SWG	Continue to liaise with DDC officer Nicola Fairhurst. Keep potential volunteers updated.	Land was offered by DDC at 3 yr lease peppercorn rent July 2023	Hope to have status of space confirmed by July 2025. To consult with volunteers, draft plan, Sept. Start work Nov 2025.		
Encourage edible decorative vegetable growing, & rainwater harvesting	To help with community resilience, if / when shortages occur						
Tree & hedge		Explore if KCC					T

offering more plants. DDC interested in short hedge (low-growing labour saving species) eastern edge of Marke Wood.	Officer / cllr SWG Place order with Officer time; budgeted cost of laboratory budgeted cost of tests to be done April, July, Sept Oct. (EA do weekly tests May to Sept at Deal quality as 'poor'.	
ering more ants. DDC erested in short dge (low-growing oour saving ecies) eastern ge of Marke		
0 G E E B &	Provide raw data of O findings to complement data obtained by regulator – evidence to push for less pollution of our coastal waters	
planting	Test seawater using services of accredited Laboratory	Work to retain carbon-capturing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and

Reducing Waste / encouraging recycling

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
WalAPP Walmer	Encourage food /	Cllr SWG	Order stickers for	£60 worth of	April, May, June	
Against Plastic	drink outlets &		shop / café windows.	WalApp non-plastic	2025	
Pollution	hospitality sector to		Cllr SWG to visit,	stickers	2	
	offer zero plastic		praise actions,			
	packaging &		enquire their next			
	alternative to Single		steps. Show them			
	use plastic bottle of		Refill app.			
	water.					0
Install water filler	Enable users	officer	Make application to	Officer time.	Application deadline Public aware of	Public aware of
for residents /	personal long-life		Seachangers Coastal			BMA warnings of

microplastics to human health.	71
25 April 2025	
(Note £4000 allocated in WTC budget for 2x water fillers since July 2023)	£10 for non-profit stall (annually 2025, 2026, 2027)
Fountain fund (max £2500) Talk to DDC about installation.	Contact Deal Repair Café (or individual fixers); book stall
	Cllr SWG (because she is a fixer with Deal Repair Café)
water bottles, to refill 24/7. Cut use of oilbased single use plastic bottles	Encourage public to re-use, repair instead of buying new
visitors	A one-off repair café service at Walmer Brocante 25-8-25

Influencing others /Sharing good practice

Comments		=
Time Frame		
Resources required	Hall hire of about £40	¥F
Next Steps		
Led by	Clir SWG	
Intended outcome	Encouraging community energy generation	We approved 2024 their intention to camp on drill field so participants can walk to Sailing Club, out of rugby season. They want to offer longlife refillable water bottles so NO SU plastic – would like to work with WTC on souvenir
Activity	Offer public information evening Nov 2025/26 liaise with Kent Community Energy.	Support Downs Sailing Club in their ambition to make the 2026 National Schools Sailing regatta in Walmer as low carbon as possible

Deal Rugby Club, Walmer. 2x 7kW Chargers

Commissioned on 07/10/2021

	Sessions	Average Session Duration		Energy		Revenue		
		(minutes)	Energy (kWh)	Cost	Annual fees	(Exc Vat)	Net Profit	30% Share
Oct-21	16	63	66	£14.26		£20.79		
Nov-21	33	187	399	£57,46		£83.79		
Dec-21	55	74	328	£47.23		£68.88		
Total	104	324	826	£118.94	£209.90	£173,46	-£155.38	-£46.61
Jan-22	53	188	592	£85.25		£124.32		
Feb-22	22	357	416	£59.90		£87.36		
Mar-22	20	194	558	£80.35		£117.18		
Apr-22		323	485	£69.84		£101.85		
May-22		333	415	£59.76		f87.15		
Jun-22		354	650	£93.60		F188 50		
Jul-22		341	533	£76.75		£154 57		
Aug-22		209	699	£96.34		£194.01		
Sep-22	23	176	495	£71.28		£143.55		
Oct-22		253	822	£118.37		623838		
Nov-22		373	976	£140.54		£283.04		
Dec-22		413	1449	£208 66		£420.21		
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Mar-23		498	1815	£261.36		£526 35		
Apr-73		435	1262	£181 73		6365 99		
May-23		464	1650	£237.60		£303.30		
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11-23		435	2638	£413.71		E040.01		
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Oct-23		434	1163	£290.75		£488.46		
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Dec-23		474	1442	£360 50		FEDE 64		
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Feb-24		430	991	£247.75		£406 31		
Mar-24		349	1480	£370.00		£606.80		
Apr-24		395	1100	£275.00		£462.00		
May-24		284	898	£224.50		£368 18		
Jun-24		256	543	£135.75		£228.06		
Jul-24		361	1098	£274.50		£461 16		
Aug-24	Ŀ	335	1220	£305.00		£500.20		
Sep-24		337	1150	£287.50		£471.50		
Oct-24			1482	£370.50		FE22 44		
Nov-24		444	1047	£261 75		£430 7A		
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Jan-25		144	672	£168.00	200	6282 2A	10:017/17	2000
Feb-25		234	971	£242.75		£407.82		
Total	75	378	40.00					
			1643	410.75	TBC	90.0693		

O&M cost per charger per year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Maintenance & Servicing	£263.00	£277.47	£305.49	£275.00	TBC
Software Licence	£81.00	£85.46	£94.09	£81.00	TBC
Financial Handling	£12.00	£12.66	£13.94	£12.00	TBC
Total for one year per charger	£356.00	£375.59	£413.52	£368.00	
Standing charge	£19.32	£104.47	£110,30	£69.54	
Transaction fees	£12.38	£158.40	£227.85	£166.42	
Total charged per year	£209.90	£1,014.07	£1,165,19	£971.96	

e range	Amount
21 - July 24	£511.07
; 24 - Dec 24	£182.22



Item:

Report For End of Thermal Camera Scheme 2024-2025

Date:

18th March 2025

Meeting:

Climate Emergency Working Group

From:

Administration Officer

End of Thermal Camera Scheme

Since the beginning of the Thermal Camera scheme 194 residents made the request for an appointment, continuing in the months of December to March due to the cold weather. Appointments were clustered into specific areas of Upper, Middle and Lower Walmer, this allowed for multiple visits per night. During 2024-2025 twenty appointments were made with several unable to be followed up due to contact issues or outside of the Walmer area.

Breakdown of requests per area

Location	No of requests
Lower Walmer	2
Middle Walmer	4
Upper Walmer	14
Non-Walmer	1
Cancelled	0
Moved to Next Year	0
Total Cancellations	2

Occasionally these visits would take longer than expected, this would force subsequent appointments to a later time, but all bookings were honoured for the night requested. Due to timing issues for the owners of the building, some appointments were moved to a more suitable time and date.

Breakdown of Insulation Types

Types	Numbers
Loft/Cavity	2
Loft Only	4
Loft/Other	1
Unknown	2
Other	7
None	3

Breakdown of Residences

Types	Numbers
Detached	6
Terraced	5
Semi-Detached	9
Flat	0
Maisonette	0

Coverage

This year leaflets canvassed the area of Upper Walmer where it was believed that older residences would be suited for testing. As a result, the majority of appointments came from Upper Walmer along the areas that were leafletted.

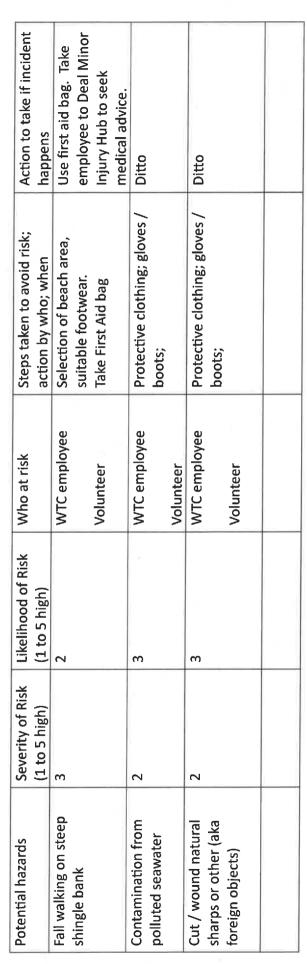
Conclusion

With a much smaller leaflet drop this year and larger number the years before, the numbers requested during 2024-2025 were less than in previous years. This may be due to many having already had an appointment, not wishing to have one or not believing they have the funds to make changes to their residences.

Walmer Town Council: Risk Assessment.

Activity: Collecting seawater samples to send to an accredited laboratory for testing.

Risk Assessment Date: March 2025: to be reviewed twice yearly



Note: To protect WTC from accusations that sampling incorrectly done if results of seawater testing do not please powerful organisations – It is recommended that a volunteer accompany officer and use phone to make video clip of collection of sample, guidelines from laboratory to be followed carefully.

Note: It will NEVER be appropriate for Walmer TC officers or ClIrs to say / publish anything about whether it is safe to swim from CT14 beaches. The results that come back from the accredited laboratory to WTC must only ever be published as raw data

"Laboratory X tested a sample of seawater collected close to Walmer Castle on (date). They found the following: xxxx parts per yyy of zzzz

The Environment Agency is the regulator, appointed by law. This is the local information they provide on their website.

https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/profile.html?site=uki4204-13100



Climate Emergency-To be updated in 2025

Why Climate Emergency?

Walmer Town Council declared a Climate Change Emergency at a Full Council Meeting in July 2019 and pledged to:

- Make Walmer Town Council carbon neutral by 2025.
- That in initially £750 be ringfenced from unallocated funds to achieve this.
- That the Amenity & Environment Committee take on the responsibility of creating by March 2020 a carbon audit and roadmap on how to achieve the objective.
- That the Amenity & Environment Committee assist in including environmental impact assessments in officer reports, highlighting in particular the impact on direct and indirect CO2 emissions.
- That the Amenity & Environment Committee seek the means to assist other organisations in the Town to reduce their direct and indirect CO2 emissions in conjunction with specialist advice from Dover District and Kent County Council officers.

Carbon Audit completed by March 2020

Measures taken:-

- When the office electricity contract is up for renewal (Christmas 2021) the Town Council will switch electricity supplier to a company that generates 100% sustainable electricity, not just trades in it or has a mix.
- WPC to monitor energy use within its building by electricity monitor or smart meter.
- Office Paper Usage all paper now recycled
- Single use plastic review and reduction
- Review of meat-free catering at Council events
- Ethical banking and investment review
- Explore possibilities of installation of solar PV panels on Walmer Town Council office
- Sustainable Transport policy: Councillor travel to meetings / events should focus on walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing or EV.

Sustainability, Climate Change & Environmental Impact Assessment Training

Five Walmer Town Councillors and the Clerk attended a presentation in February 2020 designed to support the development of a Carbon Road Map.

Sustainability and Climate Change... to support development of Carbon Road Maps (a link to extracts of the presentation as prepared by Matthew Morris at our request)

Climate Emergency Working Group

In June 2020 a specific Climate Emergency Working Group was setup to deal solely with Climate Emergency issues. The Climate Emergency Working Group consists of a minimum of three Councillors (currently six) plus invited environmental experts and representatives from the local community who are interested in tackling the climate emergency.

Aims of the Working Group are as follows: -

To assist Walmer Town Council in becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.

- To encourage use of electric vehicles both private and public transport
- To encourage walking and cycling as an alternative to driving and for health benefits
- To encourage sustainable energy use and reduce consumption of energy overall
- To share information with residents on how to reduce their carbon footprint and save money.
- To encourage a reduction in use of plastics, maximise recycling and use materials efficiently overall
- To promote home and business energy efficiency

- To protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity
- To encourage zero carbon sustainable building projects and developments in Walmer and the wider district

Walmer Town Council Terms of Reference for the Climate Emergency Working Group

Nature and Biodiversity Grant

This year marks the beginning of a new Nature and Biodiversity Grant on behalf of Walmer Town Council. This new grant is available to those in Walmer who want to improve biodiversity, increase the resilience of our local natural environment or introduce carbon absorbing planting to help in the fight against climate change. Community groups such as schools, cadet groups, scouts, guides, church groups and any voluntary and young person's groups are welcome to apply for a grant.

A small grant can be used for any scheme that champions nature and helps to fight climate change, from tree planting to public gardens, local nature studies to building your own bird boxes. Those with short term ideas or long term schemes are all welcome to apply. With funds available now and throughout the summer, we hope the Nature and Biodiversity grant will give a helping hand to those wanting to make a difference for nature. Please contact Walmer Town Council offices for more details as well as an application form.

Nature and Biodiversity Grant Application Form

Current Initiatives

Cycling

New Cycle Parking - Through Cycle Friendly Deal, in June 2020 Walmer benefitted from six new cycle stands providing 12 cycle parking spaces, installed for visitors and local people near the shops on The Strand.

The style of cycle stand chosen was carefully selected. The M-Hoop Cycle Stand promotes secure locking, helps keep bikes upright, enables a wider range of bicycle styles to be locked securely and the stands are coated to protect against the weather and avoid scratching frames. The Cycle Stands have been supplied by Kent-based Cyclepods and installed by a local Kent Highways contractor.

Secure cycle parking at Walmer Station - In depth discussions are taking place with Southeastern for Walmer Town Council to match fund installation of secure cycle parking at the station. Minimal current facilities must be drastically improved so commuters feel safe to use their bikes to go to the station, rather than driving and parking nearby.

Working with Cycle Friendly Deal - Adrian Oliver, Project Co-ordinator met councillors to report on the plans to improve cycling facilities in the area. Specific discussions took place around the much needed repairs to Cycle Route One, the marked cycle path along Walmer seafront, which Mr Oliver confirmed were the responsibility of KCC and were due to take place in this financial year.

Electric Vehicle Charging in Walmer

The Climate Emergency Working Group is in urgent communication with Dover District and Kent County Council to facilitate electric car charging points in car parks and on-street within Walmer, where current facilities are non-existent. Councillors have also been in discussion with English Heritage to install charging points at both Walmer and Deal castles.

Electric Buses

Walmer Town Council is committed to doing all it can to persuade local authorities that electric buses are needed in Walmer. Philip Lightowler, Head of Public Transport at Kent County Council attended a Climate Emergency meeting to discuss current and future plans for electric buses in the area. Mr Lightowler stressed the importance of partnership working and the strength of all local councils coming together with Stagecoach to increase the likelihood of such a scheme coming to fruition.

Walmer Town Council has written to Dover District Council and Stagecoach requesting that as diesel buses are taken out of service due to age, they are replaced with electric buses. It was also requested that section 106 monies (generated from local housing developments) are considered to assist in the funding of new electric buses and related infrastructure.

Recycling

Installation of an initial two full recycling bins took place on Walmer Green in June 2020, in conjunction with Dover District Council.

Tree planting

Through the Amenity and Environment Committee the Town Council has a long running tree planting project (A Greener Walmer) which has so far planted more than 50 trees along 9 streets including major planting along Dover Road and twin oaks to the original entrance of Walmer Castle. This will continue, as trees are vital to fight climate change. (One tree can remove 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere annually, the equivalent of 11,000 miles of car emissions).

Suggestions from residents of Walmer of new planting locations are welcomed.

Possible future aims and initiatives

Local Environmental Resource Information worksheets - Briefing Sheets to be created for council surgeries and wider distribution – to give local residents guidance on sustainability and connect them to local sustainable businesses to help residents invest in environmental measures (eg home improvements) both to save money AND the environment.

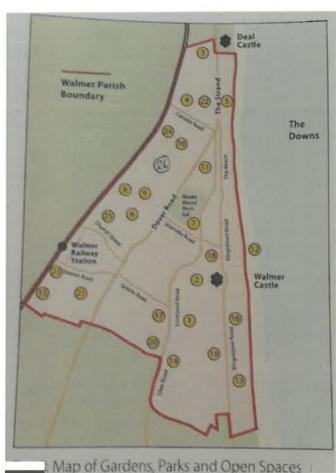
Protect, conserve and enhance local natural environment and biodiversity - We will work with Dover District Council to minimise cutting of Walmer grassed areas to maximise potential for pollinators and wild flora. We will work to ban use of glyphosate weedkiller and use only wildlife friendly foamstream instead.

- Green on Walmer Green We will explore the possibilities of an Environment focused day of stalls and events on Walmer Green.
- Walking and Cycling days We will work to promote and support car-free days, for example a
 Walk to Work Day and a Big Pedal Challenge for schools.
- Health and fitness Explore low carbon, low impact health activities for all ages eg adult outdoor gyms, young children's play areas and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) for teenagers.
- Terracycle scheme We will lobby Dover District Council to set up a Terracycle scheme for hard to recycle material. https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB

List of Green spaces for protection in Walmer : for submission to DDC Cl & N Forum : requested by same 16 Oct 2024

We thank DDC for asking us to submit a list of sites to be protected (given the Climate and Ecological emergency now upon us in 2020s). We of Climate Emergency Working Group WTC are mindful of the KCC Making Space for Nature initiative being consulted on & rolled out in 2025. We are mindful of the 'Natural solutions to Climate Change in Kent' KCC report of March 2021. We see protection of Walmer's gardens, parks and open spaces as an intrinsic part of this work, and will continue to call on DDC to use best practice to protect biodiversity and carbon-capturing flora in our parish throughout our term of office. We will continue to encourage DDC to heed the science offered by Pesticide Action Network UK https://www.pan-uk.org/information-for-local-authorities/

It would also be sensible for DDC planning dept to base BNG (biodiversity net gain) on real site-specific baseline assessments of biodiversity, instead of on misleading desk-top exercises calculated on rough categories of land multiplied by number of hectares. There is mounting evidence that severe Biodiversity Net Loss is occurring on sites where BNG is being claimed all over Kent.



Walmer sites identified 2014—2024

- 1. Hawkshill Freedown
- 2. Walmer Castle Gardens
- 3. The Captains Garden
- 4. The Memorial Garden
- 5. Walmer Green
- 6. Walmer Peace Gdn / York & Albany
- 7. Marke Wood Recreation Ground
- 8. Downs School playing field & wildlife gdn.
- 9. Playing field Beacon school
- 10. Deal Parochial School playing field & wildlife gdn
- 11. Archery Square
- 12. Walmer Beach & foreshore
- 13. Kingsdown Rd Lichen heath
- 14. The Firs
- 15. Railway embankment
- 16. The Undercliffe
- 17. Rays bottom Wildlife corridor
- 18. Castle Meadow (liable flooding)
- 19. Hawkshill Down
- 20. Ray's bottom (arable)
- 21. Field now built over Millers Rd
- 22. Campbell Rd Allotments
- 23. exAllotments built over bungalows

Deleted from above list, 21 and 23, built over between 2014 and 2024.

Additional spaces to be protected include areas with trees, shrubs, grass or flower beds within the developments of Admiralty barracks, Cavalry barracks, North Barracks (Ardent Ave etc), the space opposite Walmer Chapel, Station Rd, and the churchyards of Blessed St Mary (with millennial yew) and St Mary's on St Clare's Rd. We also have a growing number of Tree Preservation Orders.

The gardens, parks and open spaces within Walmer includes its foreshore. The parish includes some rare habitats (notably chalk downland) and a range of species of flora and fauna, some rare. We welcome all opportunities to work with DDC to protect and restore the natural world in Walmer.

At the Oct 2024 DAC-KALC meeting Cllr Waite-Gleave pointed out that rural PC's who have not been invited yet to DDC Climate & Nature Forum have responsibility for many of the district's woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and food growing fields which are carbon capturing, and which act as flood sponges, mitigating the extreme weather conditions that Kent Resilience Forum are concerned about. It was suggested therefore that it would be sensible of DDC to also ask rural PCs to list their green spaces and nominate them for protection in addition to asking town councils to do so, given that this is in line with the KCC report 'Natural Solutions to Climate Change in Kent' of March 2021.

DDC CI & N Forum to note: Cllr S Waite-Gleave attends quarterly meetings of Dover Area Committee of KALC – and she has mentioned to them that DDC Climate & Nature Forum exists and that they may wish to look out for minutes of Forum on the DDC website. The chair of DAC-KALC invited DDC climate officer to give a presentation to DAC-KALC ON 29 Jan 2025. The presentation happened and was well-received.

END

ITEM	2025/2026 Budget	2025/2026 Current
Climate Emergency		
Water Testers	£840.00	M.C.
Thermal Camera .	£150.00	
Swift Boxes	£100.00	
Walmer Against Plastics Stickers	£50.00	
Churchill Avenue	£1,600.00	
SPEND - Committed	£2,740.00	00.03
TOTAL BUDGET	£2,740.00	£2,740.00
Difference	60.00	£2,740.00