



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing), Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr P Findley

Co-Opted Members: Mr D Thompson, Mrs A Late, Mrs D Bogue

Officers present: J Miles (Administration Officer)

488. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Cllr L Ludwig was put forward for temporary chairman of the committee for this meeting.

RESOLVED – Cllr L Ludwig elected as temporary chairman

Proposed P Ludwig

Seconded Cllr Findley

For 7

Against 0

Abstain 0

489. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023/24

Cllr L Ludwig was put forward for chairman of the committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 year.

RESOLVED – Cllr L Ludwig elected as chairman

Proposed P Ludwig

Seconded Mrs Bogue

For 4

Against 3

Abstain 0

490. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023/24

Cllr Waite Gleave was put forward for vice chairman of the committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 year.

RESOLVED – Cllr Waite Gleave elected as vice chairman

Proposed Cllr Findley

Seconded Mrs Late

For 7

Against 0

Abstain 0

491. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Le Chevalier

492. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

493. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minor changes to be made to Entry 405.1.a.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave

494. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

None

495. HAWKSHILL

- I. To receive a verbal report from Mr D Thompson
 - a. Volunteers had a total of 60 hours over 5 Sunday sessions and 20 hours over weekday sessions since the last meeting.
 - b. The cutting of the grass on the Plateau has been complete by Gazen Salts and raked, bagged and recycled by the volunteers.
 - c. Gazen salts left small patches uncut due to local wildlife in the area
 - d. Work on the bank has allowed for new plants and flowers to begin emerging
 - e. The overgrowth along the main paths has been cut
 - f. A new volunteer has come forward and joined
 - g. The channel view area has been worked on, some of the greenery removed and the area strimmed and dug out ready for the delivery of the new whips.
 - h. Volunteers have received the gloves they requested from the council
 - i. One fork has broken, Admin to check into replacement.
- II. The KCC Historic treescapes grant has been successful and 420 whips will be delivered to Hawkshill Freedown on 28th February. Planting to be completed by 31st March.
RESOLUTION – Noted.
- III. Admin to contact volunteers Richard Oram and Steve Coates in regards to a possible moth collecting evening sometime later this year.
- IV. All leaflet and poster deliveries have been dispatched to members and distributed in the areas around Hawkshill
RESOLUTION – Noted.

496. YORK AND ALBANY

- I. A report was given by Mrs Bogue
 - i. Thanks went out to Cllr Waite Gleave for her efforts in obtaining fruit trees for the Peace Garden, they should be delivered in early March. A planting event is being considered.
 - ii. The meeting minutes from the Walmer In Bloom Committee meeting on 16th January was shared with the group.
 - iii. A provisional date has been laid down for the Open Day on the 1st June 2024, this is subject to clashes with other members or events. Leafleting the local area is being considered to let others know of the open day. Council social media and notice board may also be used to advertise the event.
 - iv. The management plan is still in progress, Cllr Waite Gleave to contact Jo Daniels of DDC to chase up the TPO requests for York and Albany.
 - v. Mrs Bogue has created a spreadsheet to keep track of necessary tasks, sighting and meetings.
 - vi. Next meeting to coincide with the arrival of the fruit trees in early March.
 - vii. Admin to check into the current status of the UKPF application.

497. BUDGET

- i. Members received a copy of the 2024/25 budgets.
RESOLUTION – Noted.

498. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2023

- A) FLORAL DISPLAYS
 - a) Fixed Planters

- i. Committee agreed to a handover ceremony once the confirmed dates are received from Ripplevale School.
 - ii. Volunteers have been confirmed for planters along The Strand and Upper Walmer as well as confirmed for those at the Council office and Corner Café. Others are still needed for those not currently being looked after at the Rugby Club on Canada Road.
- b) Campaign colours for 2024 have been decided to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the RNLI.

RESOLVED – Colours chosen for 2025 for RNLI anniversary

Proposed Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded Mr Thompson

For 7 Against 0 Abstain 0

B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

- a) Members received an updated copy of the campaign’s key activity dates for 2023

RESOLUTION – Noted.

C) SCHOOL/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- a) WIB Competition specifications distributed to local schools, one has replied, attempts to contact the other will be made via email or letter.

RESOLUTION– Noted

499. MARKE WOOD

To be removed from the agenda, possibly moved to the A&E meeting in April.

500. PURCHASES

- i. Cllr Ludwig approached the possibility of purchasing or acquiring water butts for use by the council, this would include Hawkshill, York and Albany and the Allotments. This would also include liaising with others such as RNLI and the Rugby Club about putting them nearby to the planters on their land.
- ii. A proposal to procure drought loving and pollinator friendly plants, Cllr Findley to send out email with list of plant types suitable for the Nature Corridor currently being looked at. There was also a query about obtaining a mulcher in order for the council to use waste materials from its green areas to make mulch for the planters.
- iii. Green sites could be used to make compost for Gothic Close and the planters, a composter and bins could also be set up at the York and Albany garden to assist with this. (Any green waste can be used as mulch in planters)

501. VOLUNTEERS

- i. An open session for volunteers is being considered to help increase interest in conservation and volunteering for the green areas. Additional ideas included including information about volunteering at events and on the website/facebook page.

499. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Any future inclusion to be sent to Admin to add to next agenda

500. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7:00pm at 8 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:40

Signed _____

Dated _____