



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 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 D Bogue**

**Officers present: J Miles (Administration Officer)**

**543. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Mrs S Le Chevalier and Miss A Late

**544. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

**545. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minor changes to be made to Entries 490 and 495.1.F

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

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

**546. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER**

None

**547. HAWKSHILL**

- I. To receive a verbal report from Mr D Thompson
  - a. Poster versions of the volunteer leaflet have been put up around the Freedown
  - b. Three new volunteers have made an appearance over the last two months with one returning several times.
  - c. Volunteers have put in 45 hrs during Sundays and 25 hrs during weekdays
  - d. The new whips were received and 182 have been planted already with other areas prepared for further planting.
  - e. A request has been made by Mr Thompson to get more effective deterrence in the form of orange grid fencing for the new whips.
  - f. New clearance has been used to reform borders
  - g. A fallen tree was removed from the road, several logs were taken from it for use as seating but were unfortunately stolen.
  - h. Several trees nearby were being trimmed by contractors from DDC, WTC were not informed of these works being done.
  - i. The two new security posts that have been requested are being looked into by the office.

- II. Steve Coates has begun looking over the trees at Hawkshill, currently he has identified 27 trees in possible danger of collapse. If any of these trees fall within the boundaries of the Hawkshill woodland, it is suggested they be left where they are to allow for local invertebrates to breed.

**RESOLVED** – That the management plan is to include the assessment of the woodland at Hawkshill when completed.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Mr Thompson

For 6                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

Request to Town Clerk to obtain two quotes from local independent Arboriculturists to survey the trees at Hawkshill Freedown and York and Albany Close.

**RESOLVED** – That the Clerk obtains two quotes for survey

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave

For 6                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- III. Cllr L Ludwig and Mr Thompson to approach Mr Mark Styles regarding barriers to be put up to protect the newly planted whips.  
Cllr L Ludwig to donate two water butts to Hawkshill Freedown once new replacements have been sourced.

**RESOLVED** – Placement of two water butts at Hawkshill near or around the tool shed already in situ. More to be added in due course.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 6                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- IV. **Noted:** Volunteer information was noted during Mr Thompson's report.

- V. Mr Richard Oram was invited to speak regarding the re-introduction of Moth Catching Evenings, he has had interest from both English Heritage and Walmer Town Council to continue his surveys at Hawkshill. He would also like to do further surveys for York and Albany in the near future as well as Churchill Avenue once it is in WTC control.

It was mentioned that there are three forms of Moth catching events that could be used, one was Mr Oram doing it on his own which he will continue to do throughout the year. The others are public attended Moth Catching or Showing events, it was suggested that one of each could be set up per season for this year in May, July and September.

**RESOLVED** – A Moth survey of Hawkshill is to continue for the next year at Hawkskill, three public events to be decided for both evening and mornings.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 6                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- VI. A member of the public has made a request to donate a memorial tree to the Freedown, Cllr L Ludwig to make further contact.

- VII. **Noted:** Planned works were noted during Mr Thompson's report.

VIII. Queries were raised about the possible change of name of the committee due to a large amount of the word down is regarding Hawkshill and not Walmer In Bloom or the possibility of creating a Hawkshill Committee. Discussion deferred to next WIB meeting in May.

**548. YORK AND ALBANY**

- I. A report was given by Mrs Bogue
  - i. The five trees donated by the tree council were received and planted a week later, photos of the planting have been taken and will be forwarded to Admin.
  - ii. Cllr Waite-Gleave to forward press release information to admin.
  - iii. The pathways have been restored with hedge and ivy cut back to allow access
  - iv. A Moth catching evening may go ahead at Y&A in the summer, Mrs Bogue and Mr Oram to discuss

**549. BUDGET**

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

**RESOLUTION** – Noted.

**550. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2023**

A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

a) Fixed Planters

- i. No update from Ripplevale School, Admin to continue to make contact.
- 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.
- iii. Signs on the planters are out of date, further discussions are being made regarding replacements.
- iv. Two replacement planters are needed, admin to contact Ripplevale about replacing them if possible.
- v. Planters at entrance to the Drill Field may need to be moved due to lack of sight by the public, Discussion deferred to next WIB meeting in May.

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) Downs School have confirmed their entrants and should have them ready before the end of the month.

**RESOLUTION** – Noted.

- b) St Saviours Church has contacted Cllr L Ludwig regarding the possibility of displaying WIB poster competition entries during the campaign. Cllr Ludwig to continue to look into the possibility

**551. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

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

**552. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 7:00pm at 8 The Strand.

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The meeting closed at 21.05

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_