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**Draft Minutes of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting**

**Held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at No 8 The Strand, Walmer at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Eddy, Cllr R Blackwell Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)

**GUEST :** Miss Helen Charlton from Pick Deal Clean

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr D Thompson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Agreed and signed off.

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

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Walmer parish carbon footprint was noted at WTC Council on 6 March 2024- **Noted**

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- LGA supported 'Motion for the Ocean' was accepted by WTC full council on 7<sup>th</sup> February – Letters have gone to DEFRA, KCC and DDC accordingly.

**Noted**

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Discussion of WTC plastic initiatives and with Pick Deal Clean representative Miss Helen Charlton, Miss Charlton said Pick Deal Clean should be called Pick Deal & Walmer Clean, it was also indicated that there is a large support base throughout CT14. and its surrounding areas, and that it works to raise awareness of the dangers of toxic plastic waste in the environment, the need to cut back on production & consumption of plastic, as much as to clean it up. She said news that CEWG at WTC is proposing a set of local actions in line with these aims, Walmer Against Plastic Pollution campaign, is very welcome. Initiatives for plastic reduction in local areas are being collated in April and November across the world.

- **Resolved:** CEWG to send letter of thanks for litter pick by Pick Deal Clean with Deal Parochial School 's Yr 4 on Monday 25 March as part of the Great British Spring Clean (2 copies to PDC & to Deal Parochial School, in Walmer).

Proposed by: Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

## 6. PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

### Transport

- **EV charging points.**

- EV points have made several hundred pounds for the council. Anticipated annual income £1000. Noted with satisfaction.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- The EV charge points at the Rugby Club on Canada road is to be monitored by Cllrs and staff members, if illegal parking is found then notices will be left on the windscreen and the registration taken.

**Resolved:** Notices to be printed and distributed to Cllrs.

Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Greenery to be cut by office staff with pick up of rubbish with help from councillors to be confirmed.
- Admin to confirm boundaries of land around the charging points.

### Ongoing projects

- **Thermal Camera Scheme**

- Scheme has ended for the year with fewer than last year, to restart in December 2024- **Noted.**

Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Thermal camera pictures have been sent to DDC officer regarding two of their properties w/c 12/3/24.- **Noted**

Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Committee to decide on roads to leaflet in August, Mr Traynor of DDC to forward list of current and former council properties for canvassing. The September meeting will confirm the streets that will be looked over from both lists.

- **Resolved:** Letter regarding a collaboration between WTC and DDC for the Thermal Camera Scheme to be forwarded to Mr Traynor after the Climate Meeting in late May.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- Cllr Waite Gleave reported that her meeting with DDC climate and housing officers went well on 6 March 2024. She reported interest in principle from DDC officers in encouraging residents in council housing in Walmer to be aware of DDC accessed grants & help to make homes more energy efficient. This should increase take-up of the WTC offer of TiC Nov 2024- Feb 2025, from residents in less affluent / less energy efficient homes.
- **Noted:** Admin & Cllr Waite-Gleave to seek further meeting with DDC officers before 30 June 2024 to firm up plans to cooperate next winter.
- CEWG to decide on roads to leaflet in Sept. Request to be made to DDC Climate & energy officer, Mr Traynor to provide list of current and former council properties for leaflet distribution. Offer to be made to DDC for WTC officer to TiC survey DDC council houses in Walmer at cost of WTC officer's hours. The September meeting will confirm the streets that will be leafleted from both lists.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- **DDC Climate and Nature Forum**

- DDC has postponed meeting of the new forum from 26<sup>th</sup> March until May 2<sup>nd</sup>.- **Noted**

### Local Nature Recovery Strategy

- Committee informed about updates on costings from Admin. Soil will need to be bought in for Stony Path site. -**Noted**
- **Green Areas**
  - Committee shown the green areas map, minor additions to be added, including Downs Primary grounds, and eastern side of railway line. **Noted.**
  - Cllr Waite-Gleave to offer Cllr Findley map of TPOs in Walmer for comparison.
- **Churchill Ave:**
  - No new update from admin regarding progress on arrangements with DDC. Cllr Waite-Gleave pointed out delay by DDC officer is inconvenient to the nascent community group given that it is spring and the gardening season has begun. Clerk & 3 cllrs did the site visit with the DDC officer in July 2023.
  - Volunteers have begun forming a whatsapp group and want to begin as soon as possible. Admin to keep looking into status- **Noted** .
- **Walmer And Deal Action for Swifts Project**
  - Update from Cllr Findley to be postponed until May CEWG
- **Pesticide-Free Towns national movement**
  - Update from Cllr Findley to be postponed until May CEWG
  - `Cllr Waite-Gleave informed group about a booklet entitled 'Going Pesticide Free Toolkit' Admin to look into acquiring copies.

### Waste Reduction

- **Walmer Against Plastic Pollution Campaign** Part 1 of 2: action on cleaning up plastic pollution & action on encourage more sorting of waste more often.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

- Seconded by: Cllr Eddy  
For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- CEWG informed that Ace Recycling no longer implement new collection points. Cllr Waite Gleave to look into the company Printwaste that was suggested by AceUK.

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- **Biodiversity Grant**

- More information regarding the financial requests to other councils was requested by CEWG before the payment can be made. Admin to seek information.
- **Resolved:** CEWG will agree to the grant request once it has evidence that other councils will also be awarding this grant.

- Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
- Seconded by: Cllr Eddy  
For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

**7. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.**

None

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 19:00 at No 8 The Strand.

Meeting ended 20:45

## Comparison of Walmer parish to Dover district -carbon footprint per household; both methods shown (and PDF printed)

by Cllr S Waite-Gleave (SW-G certified Carbon Literate Jan 2024, trained to use carbon auditing tool 4/12/2023 also 2 day training self paid Zero-Carbon-Britain CAT). Table only to be used with acknowledgement work done by SW-G.

Parish / District	Territorial CO2e ftpt per household	Consumption CO2e ftpt per household	Key points from territorial breakdown	Key points from consumption breakdown	Do-able actions to target (which also help community)
Walmer Parish	8.45 t CO2e (Housing 3.32 Rd trspt 1.37 Ind & Comm 1.65 Aviation 1.26 Shpg 0.5 Fgases 0.23 Agri 0.08 Wste-mgt 0.04 Othertrns 0 diesalRly 0 )	15.3t CO2e (gds&servs 5.63 Food&d 3.52 Housing 3.32 Travel 2.79 Waste 0.03)	Housing carbon ftpt MORE than district: Road transport LESS than district; Agri much LESS than district  Much lower than district because of travel we have no control over & suburban nature of parish, no agriculture.	All more than district: consump <sup>n</sup> goods&services; food & diet; housing; travel; (same as district – waste)  Slightly higher than district because slightly better-off = more consumption. BUT note pockets of poverty in Walmer no better-off than district.	Encourage : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• insulation of homes;</li> <li>• provision / use public transport &amp; active travel;</li> <li>• switch to choice of veggie &amp; local food;</li> <li>• Increase in re-use / repair of goods &amp; services.</li> </ul>
DOVER DISTRICT	12.6t CO2e (Housing 3.21 Rd trspt 3.18 Ind & Comm 2.62 Aviation 1.37 Shpg 0.55 Fgases 0.36 Agri 1.14 Wste-mgt 0.14 Othertrns 0.02 diesalRly 0 ) 12.59	14.8t CO2e (gds&servs 5.05 Food&d 3.39 Housing 3.21 Travel 3.1 Waste 0.03)	See above	See above	See above