



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 18th February 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:
Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Cllr E Crockford

Non-voting members:
Mrs D Bogue
Miss A Late

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer) Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

Cllr Crockford was not present at the start of the meeting.

523. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr S Waite Gleave, Cllr P Findley.

524. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

525. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with an amendment to the initial of Cllr Richardson on item 451.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

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

None.

527. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- I. The Chairman met with Youngs Nursery in regard to plants and flowers for the Walmer In Bloom campaign 2025/2026.
- II. Chair has also been in communication with Walmer Open Gardens for a possible exchange of ideas for publicity, and judging for the garden competition.

- III. Mrs Janine Doulton is not available for judging this year, chair will meet with her for advice.
- IV. One of the brushcutters at Hawkshill broke down while being used, repairs to be looked into.
RESOLVED- To take the bush cutter to Coastal Mowers to see if it is cost effective to repair the bush cutter, if so to delegate up to £300 to repair the bush cutter.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Cllr Crockford arrived ten minutes into the meeting.

528. ADMIN REPORT

NOTED- Report has been forwarded to the committee members.

Members requested that Admin contact Red Dog about the removal of green waste still at Walmer Peace Gardens.

Admin to request quotes for the installation of the noticeboard at Hawkshill.

RESOLVED- Members agreed to delegate to Admin and Chair power to spend up to £250 to get a contractor in to install the noticeboard.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

529. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- I. WPG Meeting Minutes were forwarded to the committee members.
Members received the minutes of the latest meeting of the Walmer Peace Garden Committee. Members asked the officer to review how much was left in the budget for 2024/25 as a small storage container is required for the tools. Members discussed the idea of a willow wigwam, members asked that a proposal be brought forward so officers can review health and safety aspects and insurance provisions.

NOTED

- II. To decide on request for Bluebell bulbs.
Members received a quote for one hundred Bluebell bulbs in the green for planting at Walmer Peace Gardens.

RESOLVED – To purchase one hundred bulbs at £35.00 for planting in Walmer Peace Gardens.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

530. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2024

FLORAL DISPLAYS

- I. Members received a verbal report from Cllr L Ludwig regarding a meeting with the owner of Youngs Nursery.

RESOLVED: To have Youngs nursery choose the colours and types of plants to the total of the agreed quote.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

- Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- II. Members received a written report from the officer about the current Local Walmer in Bloom competition. The report focused on the current prize categories there are and how Walmer is broken down. Members discussed the idea of increasing the number of nominations received to increase public participation. Increased publicity and a marketing plan will be put in place as well as new processes for the campaign by mid-late June.
RESOLVED- Walmer In Bloom 2025 will depend upon members of the public nominating gardens for judging by public vote.
Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- III. Committee received a copy of the last South East In Bloom judging sheet, and were informed that out of the categories that Walmer is eligible for in the South and South East In Bloom campaign, that the best suited was that of Parish In Bloom.
RESOLVED: Walmer to enter the Parish In Bloom category for the SSEIB competition at a cost of £60.00.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- IV. Committee members to come up with possible ideas and locations for new banners for the WIB campaign.
Admin to get quotes for different sized banners, to include QR codes for town council website page.
- V. A donation for a prize for WIB has been given in memory of a former WIB prize winner.
RESOLVED: To delegate to Cllr L Ludwig and the officer to speak with White Cliffs Engraving and select a suitable trophy for the £100 donation.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- I. Committee discussed the possibility of adding a display at the Children's Festival showcasing selected posters from the schools competition. In order to allow more of the public to see the pictures and what they will be used for.
- II. Admin to enquire to local schools if they have received the competition information, if there is no response, Cllr Richardson will approach the schools to check in person.

WIB PRESENTATION

- I. Prize choices to be revisited at later meeting once decisions are made regarding the categories for WIB 2025.
- II. Members received updates from Cllr Richardson and Admin officer on the potential for working with Walmer Castle to hold the presentation at the castle or the scout hut for 2025. Both are working with contacts to get costs for this. To be revisited at later meeting once decisions are made regarding the categories for WIB 2025.

- III. An item was discussed regarding the Walmer in Bloom presentation at the events committee meeting on 28th January 2025. This was in regard to a possible combination of the WIB presentation and a volunteers celebration.

531. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

No items put forward, items can be sent into the office for consideration.

532. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 17:30

The meeting closed at 18.55.

Signed _____

Dated _____