



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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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)

Cllr L Ludwig

Cllr P Findley

Cllr R Blackwell

Cllr 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
- Cllrs 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
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- **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
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- **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
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- **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
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- **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
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- **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
