



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 27th March 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

Non-voting members:

Mrs S Fisher

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None Submitted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

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:** Update Report has been forwarded to the committee members from Admin
- **Noted:** Cllr Waite Gleave informed the working group that DDC will be adding the possibility of car clubs for the area to the next Climate and Nature Forum.
- **Noted:** Cllr Waite Gleave informed the working group that personal watercraft should not be launched from Deal/Walmer Beaches. Link to this will be added to the WTC website.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None Submitted.

6. ONGOING PROJECTS

Climate and Ecology Action Plans

- A draft copy of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Action plan was forwarded to the working group. Two versions were submitted, one with the current to date actions and one for the next two years.
 - TORs to be updated and submitted by the September Council Meeting
 - Cllr Waite Gleave to link in with Deal Town Council regarding joint and solitary Resilience plans.
 - Admin to look into changes to font for printing to reduce use of toner is possible.
 - Due to a request to reduce paper consumption, it was put forward that a projector to allow for agendas to be projected onto the wall of the meeting room could be feasible.
 - **Resolved:** Admin to research information for new projector and mount for use during smaller committee and working group meeting
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Findley
- For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Clerk to be approached regarding the current financial accounts used by the council and their positions as ecological and ethical.
 - An EPC check to allow for a check on No 62 with a view to modifications to improve energy performance.
 - **Resolved:** An up-to-date EPC to be completed at No 62 The Strand.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
- For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Deal Town Council has links to Hut 55 as part of their website, a sustainable travel page including Hut 55, the safe cycle storage at Walmer Train Station to be put on the website. Cllr Waite Gleave to approach Hut 44 regarding working together with WTC.
 - **Resolved:** A new CEWG subpage to be constructed for sustainable travel.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
- For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Cllr Waite Gleave is currently talking with Downs Sailing Club regarding support for their upcoming National Schools Sailing Regatta. This may include a future grant for their use in purchasing water bottles and other reusable/sustainable materials.
 - **Noted:** A link to a video update regarding the Deal Town Council's journey to net zero was forwarded to the working group by Cllr Waite Gleave.

Transport

- **EV Charging points**

- **Noted-** Admin informed working group of payments of share from EV points via Kent County Council, this is a current total of £693.29.

Cllr Ludwig left the meeting at this point.

Water Refill Stations

- **Noted:** Admin and Cllr Waite Gleave informed CEWG as to current status of the application for the water refill stations.
- **Noted:** Admin informed CEWG that DDC has been contacted regarding the installation, communications are still ongoing.

Thermal Camera

- **Noted:** Report regarding the take up of Thermal Camera appointments has been forwarded to the committee members from Admin.
- A new leaflet is to be designed with updated information and pictures including materials supplied by James Traynor at DDC. A larger leaflet drop is also to be considered for the next set of appointments in December 2025.

Water Testing

- **Noted:** A draft risk assessment was forwarded to the working group
- During water sample collection, video footage will be recorded in order to confirm that the sample was taken and sealed from the correct area.

7. NEW PROJECTS

- **Noted:** A copy of the Climate Emergency Statement was forwarded to the members of the group, an update is to be written including updates to what has already been done and what future endeavours will be put forward.
- The update is to provisionally include revisiting the building upgrades for No 62 The Strand as part of both the statement and the new action plan. This will be put to CEWG and then to the A&E committee.
- **Noted:** A request for items to take to the DDC Climate and Nature forum was given to CEWG members
- **Noted:** The Group Energy Supplier link from DDC has been added to the WTC website
- **Noted:** A list of green spaces for protection has been sent to the Climate and Nature forum, corrections of for the list have been noted.

8. BUDGET

- **Noted:** A copy of the finalised and approved CEWG budget for 2025/2026 was forwarded to members of the group.

9. POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

Put forward a request to A&E and Full Council that local procurement take precedence over use of online purchases.

TORs to be updated and submitted by the September Council Meeting

Redesigned Thermal Camera scheme leaflet to be drafted by July CEWG meeting

10. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

- None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29th May at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:35

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