



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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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 R Blackwell

Cllr P Findley

Cllr L Ludwig

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 DDC website says 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 actions 2023 to March 2025 and one for the next two years.
- Noted : TORs were updated CEWG July 2024 and submitted to the September Council Meeting
- Cllr Waite Gleave to speak to clerk and liaise with Deal Town Council regarding possible overlaps between our 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 in small committee room.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Findley
 - For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Clerk to be approached regarding the current WTC accounts and whether WTC still using ecologically sustainable / ethical accounts.
- An EPC check to allow for a check on No 62 with a view to modifications to improve energy performance. And TiC images of building to be done when appropriate.
 - **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, in Walmer, as part of their website, a sustainable travel page including Hut 55, the safe cycle storage at Walmer Train Station to be drafted & put to CEWG, before going on the website. Cllr Waite Gleave to approach Hut 55 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, current totals of £693.29.
- Admin has added links to 2 car sharing platforms and to Community Transport Service <https://www.kcv.org.uk/what-we-do/community-transport/> to WTC website.

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 deadline for application is 25 April.
- **Noted:** Admin informed CEWG that DDC has been contacted regarding the installation, communications are still ongoing.

Thermal Camera

- **Noted:** Report from admin regarding the take up of Thermal Camera appointments discussed.
- 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 presented to the working group and approved.
- During water sample collection, video footage will be recorded in order to confirm that the sample was taken and sealed correctly.

7. NEW PROJECTS

- **Noted:** A copy of the Climate Emergency Statement on website was presented to the members of the group, an update is to be written including what was done 2021 – 2023, and since 2023.
- **Noted:** energy saving building upgrades for No 62 The Strand to be added to the 2025 - 2027 Part 3 Climate & Ecology Action Plan. This will be put to CEWG and then to the A&E committee. (Application 22/01443 refers).
- **Noted:** A request for items to take to the DDC Climate and Nature Forum was made.
- **Noted:** The link from DDC has been added to the WTC website to help residents benefit from group switch offer and get better value energy suppliers or tariffs. <https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/dover/home>
- **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 recommendation to A&E and Full Council that in local procurement, long term value for money and reduction of carbon footprint take precedence over immediately cheapest both with online and other purchases.

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
