



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 25th June 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 6.00 pm.

Present: Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Cllr S Waite Gleave

Guest: Mrs S Wilks

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford, Mrs D Bogue and Miss A Late.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

106. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with minor changes to 47.I and 48.B.II

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

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

None.

108. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- I. Chairman informed the committee that the South and South East In Bloom judging was completed on Friday 20th July. RHS judge Barty Meredith-Hardy was escorted around by Cllrs L and P Ludwig and Admin. Mrs S Wilkes assisted during the tour of the Rose Garden at Marke Woods, Mrs D Bogue also assisted during the tour of the Walmer Peace Garden. A short tour of Hawkshill was also conducted informing the judge of some of the local discoveries including Pyramidal Orchids. An information pack was put together by Cllr L Ludwig and Admin for the judge.

109. ADMIN REPORT

- I. **NOTED:** Committee was given an update of actions from the last meeting. A query was made about gaining an information board for the Mark Wood Volunteers similar to that obtained for the Walmer Peace Gardens.

- **Actions:** Admin to contact DDC regarding information boards and permissions to install at Marke Wood.

110. CAMPAIGN 2024

A. WIB CAMPAIGN

- I. The final SSEIB competition results should be available during September.
- II. **RESOLVED** – Admin to produce a poster/advertisement for volunteers with the tag line ‘Can you keep Walmer In Bloom?’, to include photos and a way to sign up. Admin to have them completed and ready by the Children’s Festival on 5th July and to put on the website.

Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Ripplevale School to be contacted to find out if they are able to replace any of the planters this year.

- **Actions:** Admin to contact Ripplevale School to find out if they are in a position to produce new planters this term.
 - Admin to create poster as above.
 - Cllr Waite Gleave to meet with Mrs S Wilkes regarding the Upper Walmer/Grams Road planter, to catalogue any repairs and repainting that may be needed.
- III. New plants are needed for the council planters, it has been noted that they would need to be pollinator friendly, drought friendly and perennial if possible
 - **Actions:** Members to research the best suited plants for the planters, those they would like to see that come into the categories of pollinator friendly, drought friendly and perennial.
Chairman to make contact with Jackie Young of Young’s Nurseries, about the available types of suitable plants.
 - IV. Committee was updated by admin regarding the current nominations for the WIB campaign.
 - **Actions:** Admin to put out press release online and website.
Admin to send list of 2024 nominations to members.
Cllr L Ludwig to complete required photo list for nominations.
Admin to produce more photos and forms for Cllr L Ludwig to deliver to nominees.
Admin to confirm who has been approached by those nominating and those that have not.
Admin to print out photos of all 2025 nominations for sorting into potential new categories.
 - Small Display
 - Large display
 - Non-Residential
 - Wildlife Friendly Display
 - Hanging Baskets
- Admin to set up categories on website for photos for voting.
Admin to set up voting form on website.

Cllr Waite Gleave left the meeting at this point.

- V. Ways to contact nominees was mentioned in 110.A.IV

B. WIB PRESENTATION

- I. Members were presented with the draft certificate for the Garden competition winners.

Resolved: Changes to be made to the certificate before printing, all winners will receive one certificate, the overall winner will also be awarded the new shield.

RESOLVED – Certificate to be redesigned and completed before the end of the judging period.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Admin to edit the draft certificate.

- II. Prizes are to follow the same as last year's Walmer In Bloom, one prize of £25 per winner from Young's Nurseries.

Resolved: Vouchers are to remain at the same price and from the same retailer.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** None

- III. There was no update available from Cllr Richardson regarding the presentation for the campaign winners, she is still working on the possibility of a smaller presentation at Walmer Castle.

- IV. **Action:** Time to vote poster- create a poster with a white banner across poster (new ones) and ask Walmer Batteries about as vinyl print to go over the banners.

111. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

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

112. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th July, at 18:00.

The meeting closed at 19:45.

Signed _____

Dated _____