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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Jull and Cllr P Ludwig.

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr P Jull was absent at the start of the meeting

369. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Ludwig.

370. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

371. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

372. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr P Findley.

Seconded by Cllr R Blackwell.

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain – 1

Cllr Jull Arrived

373. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that:

Going through the section 106 and highways improvement requirements in relation to the granting of planning permission for Millers Retreat is underway but there are a lot of documents to go through, the Clerk is attempting to complete this for the February meeting. Sustrans have changed their name to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust.

The office door will be replaced in early February

KCC are reviewing options for the potential project to increase awareness of people crossing near Walmer Castle.

374. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

375. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

NOTED

Cllr Findley requested that a map of the roads of Walmer and a copy of the full data of the speed survey be provided to him for review.

- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.

- a. Members received a written report on public correspondence regarding issues of speeding traffic on Court Road.

AGREED – To chase for a review of the road and its condition

Proposed – Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded – Cllr M Simpson

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain 0

- b. Members received a written report about issues with the drainage measures put in place along Kingsdown Road.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to KCC requesting that the issues be resolved to prevent further flooding issues.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain 0

- c. Members received a written report discussing the low level of lighting in the alleyways between Salisbury Road and Dover Road and Salisbury Road and Church Street.

AGREED – Officers have reviewed the pathway which has lighting partially blocked by overhanging trees. Officers have reported the overhanging trees via the KCC portal, and the Dover Road pathway is awaiting works, while the Church Street pathway is to be reviewed for work. Members have asked that once work is completed the officer to review the lighting situation again. The issues have been reported to Kent Police under the safety team to try to get this resolved as quickly as possible.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig
For 6 Against – 0

Abstain 0

- iii. New items to be considered at next meeting.

Cllr S Waite-Gleave requested an item be brought to discuss for the HIP on Belmont, details will be provided to the Clerk.

376. ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk and Mr Knott on the emergency cords in the accessible toilets in Marine Road and Granville Street toilets. The emergency cords when pulled should set off an alarm which alerts passers-by to the emergency, these cords do not connect to any outside organisation. On testing the cords in the two toilets in Walmer. Mr Knott found that Marine Parade alarm went off periodically, Granville Road alarm did not. No help was forthcoming once alarm cords were pulled. Inside the toilets signage gave a telephone number to call to the contracted cleaners upon calling the number he was informed that they did not deal with emergency situations.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to Dover District Council explaining the issues faced, asking what the DDC policy is in regard to the emergency cords and emergencies in the toilets and asking what actions they plan to take.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

377. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Members received two written recommendations from the Climate Emergency Working Group.

- i. To sign up to the Kent Sustainable Community Network.

AGREED – To ask the Clerk to sign up to the network and to pass on the log in details to members to share the useful resources.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- ii. To agree the Climate and Ecological Emergency Action plan

AGREED – To agree the action plan showing the projects recently completed, those that are started but not completed and those that Climate Emergency Working Group are still working on the proposal for (these will need to be agreed at Committee/Council before any actions can be taken).

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For - 7

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

378. BATHING WATER

- i. Southern Water role in planning

Members received a written report from the Clerk as requested in November's Full Council meeting detailing the role of Southern Water in the planning process.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State, copying in Mike Tapp MP and Southern Water. Asking that recommendation 72 of the

independent Water Commission report (Pub June 3, 2025) be implemented as soon as possible. Recommendation 72 states “The role of water companies in the planning process in England should be strengthened to ensure they have sufficient sight and influence over upcoming developments. The Right to connect should be reviewed.”

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For – 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

ii. Sites of water testing

Members received a written report on the sites of testing of the Environment Agency within the Deal and Walmer area.

AGREED- To write to the Environment Agency, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Emma Hardy MP – Water minister within Defra, copying in Mike Tapp MP. The letter will ask for further regular testing of waters other than those designated for bathing and for testing for more than just Intestinal Enterococci and Escherichia Coli.

Members requested that an item be brought to next meeting to discuss locations of the defibrillators and the current maintenance of these.

The meeting was closed at 20.15

379. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 26, 2026.

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Signature

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Date