



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 28th May 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr R Blackwell (Chairing)
Cllr S Waite-Gleave
Cllr P Findley
Cllr M Eddy

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2026/2027

Cllr R Blackwell was the only nomination received.

Resolved- To appoint Cllr R Blackwell as the Chairman of the Working Group for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr M Eddy

Seconded- Cllr S Waite Gleave

For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0

2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2026/2027

Cllr S Waite Gleave was the only nomination received.

Resolved- To appoint Cllr S Waite Gleave as the Vice Chairman of the Working Group for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr P Findley

Seconded- Cllr M Eddy

For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- None received

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- None Received.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 26th March 2026 be taken as an accurate record.
 - Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

- Seconded by: Cllr P Findley
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS CEWG AND A&E MEETINGS

Noted: Members received a written report from admin.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None Received

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

Transport and Active Travel

- **EV Points**
 - **Noted:** Working Group received up to date costs for 2026.
 - **Noted:** Working group received a list of possible new EV locations through Walmer from the KCC KLIS map. The Working Group supports the installation of future EV points in principle.
Actions: Admin to contact KCC representative regarding future EV points.

Thermal Camera Scheme

- **Noted:** Final report for 2025/2026, showing low take up despite leafletting.
- A new social media campaign is to be set up, to include three bi-monthly inserts for the Deal Ad Magazine. No more leafletting to be done. In addition, admin is to contact the Deal Ad magazine to request a half page for regular updates of green initiatives and other information from CEWG.
Resolved- To begin a new media campaign for the thermal camera scheme in order to inform the public saying service can help tenants and small businesses as well as homeowners about the camera scheme and about the cheap energy saving fixes we can give out free.
Proposed- Cllr P Findley
Seconded- Cllr S Waite Gleave
For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to begin designing updates for website, facebook and submission to Deal Ad Magazine.

Water Filler Installation

- **Noted:** An update for the water filler station was received by the working group.
- **Noted:** An update regarding the meeting to be held with Deal Town Council was received by the working group. Exact date is to be confirmed.

Coastal Pollution and Recovery

- **Noted:** An update for sea water testing was received by the working group. Results of sample taken 28 April south of Walmer Castle came back 'excellent'.

Nature Recovery and Pesticide Free Walmer

- **Noted:** A draft copy of the pesticide free leaflet was received by the working group, Cllr S Waite Gleave to edit and change parts of the leaflet to make it more suitable for use

by allotment holders as well as include more useful information and remove text as requested by members.

Actions: Admin and Cllr S Waite Gleave to complete leaflet and send to next A&E.

Walmer Against Plastics Pollution

- **Noted:** Certificates and stickers have been handed out by Cllr S Waite Gleave Thanking local establishments that have been working to reduce single-use plastic use. The response has been positive from those awarded the certificates and asked to put stickers in their windows Local businesses liked that we would be publicising the initiative, Cllr Waite-Gleave to draft an article for local press.
- A draft design for the labels for the National School Sailing Association multi-use water bottles was received by the members. The design will require slight changes to work with the bottles including shape and brightness. Admin to ensure the size and shape of the labels will suit the bottles.

Actions: Admin to contact Mr J Stokes regarding the bottle specifications and requirements for the labels.

Community Resilience

- **Noted:** The members were informed that a new working group had been formed for the community resilience plan. Since its inception, the working group have met with a DDC representative on a Teams meeting, as well as the first official meeting of the group.
- DDC have expressed their appreciation on the group's work, allowing the accumulation of local knowledge for later use.
- Due to the creation of the Community Resilience Working Group, updates will no longer be added to future CEWG agendas.

DDC Climate and Nature Forum

- Members received draft report with 12 suggested items from WTC to the DDC Climate and Nature Forum from Cllr Waite Gleave. She will amend draft as requested.
- Cllr S Waite Gleave to continue to attend forum meetings.
- Members to request meeting with council chairman and town clerk regarding the status of Churchill Avenue green space and liaison with DDC.

Resolved: That the draft report be agreed with minor changes in wording and position of suggestions in the list.

Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

Actions: Cllr S Waite Gleave to edit report as requested by members.

9. POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

- To explore locations for possible future water filling stations in Walmer.
- Admin to request information regarding a change from Working Group to Committee.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2nd July at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 20:55