



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)

Cllr P Findley

Cllr R Blackwell

Cllr M Eddy

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2025/2026

Cllr S Waite Gleave was the only nomination received.

- **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr S Waite Gleave as the Chairman of Walmer Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group for the year 2025/26.
- Proposed – Cllr Eddy
- Seconded – Cllr Blackwell
- For – 4 Against – 0 Abstain – 0

2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2025/2026

Cllr R Blackwell was the only nomination received.

- **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr R Blackwell as the Vice Chairman of Walmer Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group for the year 2025/26.
- Proposed – Cllr Eddy
- Seconded – Cllr Findley
- For – 4 Against – 0 Abstain – 0

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies received from Mrs S Fisher.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- None Submitted.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 27 March be taken as an accurate record
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Noted:** Update Report has been forwarded to the committee members from Admin
 - Proposed – Cllr Blackwell
 - Seconded – Cllr Eddy
 - For – 4 Against – 0 Abstain – 0

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None Submitted.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

Climate and Ecology Action Plans

- **Noted:** DDC/KRF workshop for Local Resilience Plans rescheduled for 16 July.
- WTC Action plans are underway to be completed by Sept 2025, Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to make changes to both plans including comments indicating completion or brought forward to updated action plan if uncomplete. Numbers to be added to make identification of entries easier.
 - **Resolved:** Delegate changes to action plans to Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
 - For- 4 Against -0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to make changes to action plans.
- **Noted:** Working group received copies of the results of the April seawater testing by swim-safety, >100 colonies (but less than 110) so borderline good/excellent. Cllr Findley informed the working group that Southern Water will be testing the water at eight sites in the area for a total of 40 tests. Southern Water will be sending copies of the results to Cllr Findley.
 - **Actions:** Admin to request more comprehensive results from Swimsafety during the July Testing.
- **Noted:** Environmental Agency to be contacted to politely request WTC observation of their process of testing and the possibility of WTC observing a water collection to ensure we follow the similar processes, when we collect samples in July, August and October 2025.
 - **Resolved:** Admin to contact EA to request to be observers during a collection for sea water testing in order to learn from their process to improve our own collections.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Findley
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Admin to contact EA to request to be observers during a collection for sea water testing

- **Noted:** New DDC Cabinet member for Finance Governance and Climate Change is Cllr Nee, but DDC chair Cllr Beer will continue to chair the DC Climate and Nature Forum due to meet next in July 2025.
- **Noted:** Deal Town Council's Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy and shaping of a motion to KALC AGM.
- **Noted:** Collaboration with Deal Town Council on their Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy. Once the July meeting has been completed, CEWG will draft a question or motion to put to KALC about setting up a special interest coastal group. Also to contact Deal Town Council regarding co-operation for the creation of the group. Explore with DealTC action through the Cinque Ports Towns groups, also.
 - **Resolved:** Explore possibility of motion to KALC about special interest Coastal group with DealTC, and have a written proposal for delivery by the July Meeting.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Admin and Cllr Waite Gleave to confer with DealTC possibly draft a proposal by the July CEWG Meeting, to put to KALC at AGM.
Admin to contact Deal Town Council regarding co-operation with the creation of the special interest group.

Transport

EV Charging points

- **Noted:** Update on WTC EV charging points & income from 1st Jan 2025. £188.13 received up to end of May 2025, from KCC team.
- **Noted:** Update on opportunities for more EV charging points.
- Several locations have been identified as possible sites for new on road EV charging points including, Menzies Avenue, the Canada Road end of The Strand and Herschell Road West/ Wellesley Ave.
 - **Actions:** Admin to look into ownership of locations.

Waste & Pollution Reduction

- **Noted:** Application for a Water Filler station was sent in on 22nd April.
- **Noted:** Stickers for WalApp purchased & visits due to start 17 June, Cllr Waite Gleave to begin distribution.
- Signs to reduce engine idling: In cooperation with KALC, WTC and KCC to work together to purchase a number of signs similar to those on Canada Road.
 - **Resolved-** Admin to send email on behalf of Walmer Town Council, to approach the new local county councillors to back the KALC campaign regarding no engine idling signs on all temporary traffic works / level crossings on KCC roads.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Admin to produce and send email on behalf of Walmer Town Council, to approach the new local county councillors to back the KALC campaign regarding no engine idling signs on all temporary traffic works or level crossings on KCC roads.

Buildings & energy saving

- **Noted:** EPC Energy certificate rating of C for No 62 The Strand in early April 2025 (from E in 2014).
- CEWG would like to find ways to improve on energy saving including the use of the still extant planning application 22/01443 for No 62. This may include the construction of a new rear extension, solar panels, bike racks and changes to the front of the building. Needs to be continued before 3-year limit elapses.
 - **Actions:** Admin to obtain quotations regarding the installation of bike racks or replacement of the front door.
- Request quotations to put up shelf & projector in meeting room at No 62 Strand, to focus meetings & reduce paper use for agendas.
 - **Resolved:** Admin to forward costs of shelf and projector to A&E committee to request budget increase for CEWG.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Admin to forward costs to A&E Committee.

Thermal Camera

- Complete a new Thermal Camera Leaflet and begin distribution during October 1st-30th, use thermal images from the 2024-2025 appointments to complete leaflet rewrite. Complete by July meeting.
- Begin a longer campaign including leafletting and community and magazines, starting as soon as possible. Admin to write a press release for use on all media.
- Cllr Waite Gleave to contact James Traynor regarding DDC assistance.
 - **Resolved:** Admin to complete leaflet template and press release for use over the next six months.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
 - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
 - **Actions:** Admin to complete new leaflet and press release before July meeting.
 - **Resolved:** Walmer Town Council is currently unable to share the use of the Thermal Camera with Deal, due to the need to keep a primary focus on Walmer.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell.
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0

Restoration of nature

- Note: DDC property services officer has been chased up regarding the status of our request for Churchill Avenue. More information is being received from the DDC valuation officer Ed Craske. The working group voiced its approval that this is moving forward.
- SWG to use social media to contact interested parties regarding the Churchill Avenue.
- To propose sending a request to DDC to invite Nick Mole of Pesticide Action Network to speak to a Climate & Nature Forum meeting.
 - **Resolved:** To Invite Nick Mole s of PAN to speak to Walmer and Deal Town Councils, invitation to be sent by WTC. Contact DTC regarding the use of the

Town Hall for a combined meeting (prior to recommending Mr Mole speak to DDC).

- Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
- Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
- For-4 Against-0 Abstain-0
- **Actions:** Admin to contact DTC regarding the use of the Town Hall for a combined meeting with Nick Moles from Pesticide Action Network. Invitation to be sent when location confirmed.

9. NEW PROJECTS

- The Invitation of Nick Moles from PAN is intended as renewal of initiative work-with DDC to cut the use of carcinogenic Glyphosate.
- To look at joining the DealTC Hedgehog Friendly Deal Project over the next year, it involves gravel boards on sale or return with local supplier.
 - **Resolved:** Admin to explore possibility of cooperation with DTC regarding project, including gravel boards group buying.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
 - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
 - For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0

10. POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

- To revisit the Bee Bomb campaign.
- Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to edit online action plans. Admin to forward link to members once completed.

11. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

- None

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th August at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:35
