



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Events Committee held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at No. 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.

Present: Cllr Tony Grist, Cllr Diana Richardson, and Cllr Louise Ludwig.

Officers Present: Lynne Simmons – Deputy Clerk.

282. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Friend sent apologies which were accepted.

283. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No interests were declared.

284. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

The Chairman reminded those present of the terms of openness and transparency.

285. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2026.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

286. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.

None.

287. EVENTS BUDGET.

- i. Members received the Events Budget for 2026/27.

The officer reported that a discount of 15% had been offered by Waste Services at Dover District Council, relating to the failure of Veolia to supply the waste bins at the agreed time for the Brocante event.

RESOLVED. Members agreed to accept the discount offered, which reduced the overall cost of the waste bins for the event to £516.27.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Members discussed the draft Events Budget proposal for 2027/28.

RESOLVED. A proposal was made to keep the overall Events Budget the same as for the current year (£16,500) and to retain a budget within this of £5,000 to support the development of new events. Members also noted that the draft Budget proposed for The Brocante event in 2027 may be impacted by the separate review which is due to take place.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

288. BROCANTE 2026.

- i. Members discussed several aspects of the Brocante event. Whilst recognising the history and longevity of this very popular event, members agreed it is important to explore ways in which WTC can successfully future-proof the event, seeking to reduce the inherent risks currently present in staging the event through over reliance on a very small office team and a modest team of volunteers.

RESOLVED. The following proposals were made:

1. Request an agenda item on the forthcoming Full Council meeting for Wednesday 4th November 26 to raise awareness of the review and the rationale behind it, namely to future proof WTC events post May 27 elections.
2. Officer to investigate all possible options for staging the event: assessing the positives and negatives of each option, setting out the costs of each option and presenting the findings to the Events Committee meeting in December 26.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Members discussed the responses provided by Dover District Council to the FOI request recently submitted relating to Street Trading Consent. Members agreed that the responses have not provided reassurance that the fees charged are appropriate for the level of work carried out by DDC officers, and in some cases have contradicted previous answers provided by DDC Licensing Department on this topic.

RESOLVED. A proposal was made for the Chairman of The Events Committee to write to DDC Walmer Ward Councillors (Cllr Vinson, Cllr Murphy) and Portfolio Holder for Licensing (Cllr Cowan).

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

289. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2027.

- i. Members reviewed the activities and bookings made to date for 2027.

RESOLVED. Members agreed to move ahead with all bookings made to date and to formally accept the Pulse-Aid Medical quote for the event.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Members discussed catering vendors and prices to be charged for the catering pitches in 2027.

RESOLVED. Members agreed that there should be no increase to pitch prices for 2027 for this event and that the officer should extend invitations to all vendors again. Members also asked the officer to contact Real Deal Roasters to ask about their availability for the event.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

290. OUTDOOR GYM LAUNCH EVENT.

- i. Cllr Ludwig updated members on the success of the recent Induction week event and shared some ideas on how to take forward other initiatives which could support and engage with the local community. Feedback from the evaluation forms completed during the week was also shared at the meeting. Members observed that it had been an extremely successful and enjoyable launch week for the new beach gym.

RESOLVED. Members approved spending the remaining £1,090 event budget on additional targeted sessions, with a potential programme outlined for January 27 onwards.

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

291. FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS.

- I. This item was not discussed and will be carried forward as an agenda item to the next meeting.

NOTED.

292. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Events Committee was discussed.

RESOLVED. A proposal was made to cancel the meeting currently scheduled for Wednesday 18th November 2026 @ 5.30pm. The next Events meeting was agreed to be Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 5.30pm.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.29pm.

Signed

Date