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Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 17th September 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
	Mrs S Fisher
Officers present:	**John Miles (Administration Officer)**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   - None received

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   - None Received.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
   - **Resolved**: That the minutes of 2nd July 2026 be taken as an accurate record.
     - Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy
     - Seconded by: Cllr P Findley

     For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS CEWG AND A&E MEETINGS**
   Noted: Members received a written report from admin.
   Noted: Admin to contact Deal Town Council regarding space for the Climate Action Day.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
   - None Received

6. **ONGOING PROJECTS**
   Transport and Active Travel
   - **EV Points**
     - **Noted**: Working Group received up to date costs for 2026.
     - **Noted:**: Admin to prepare press release for EV points information.

- Admin to update the CEWG web page with more information as requested by the members.

Water Testing

- Members received a written report from admin.
- **Noted:** Admin to add copies of water certificates and explanation to website.

Thermal Camera Scheme

- Working group received copy of thermal camera press release.
- **Resolved:** Admin to rewrite as requested and forward to local media.
    - Proposed by: Cllr P Findley
    - Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Working group received a quote for the recalibration of the thermal camera.
- **Resolved:** Admin to send camera to be recalibrated at a cost of £103.50
    - Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy
    - Seconded by: Cllr P Findley
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Water Filler Installation

- A short information release was published on council website and social media for the initial installation, as of the meeting it had been liked 116 times and shared 19 times on face book.
- Working group received copy of water refill station press release.
- **Resolved:** Admin to rewrite as requested and forward to local media.
    - Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
    - Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- Working group received drafts of filler station signage.
- **Resolved:** Admin to redesign as requested and send to members via email for vote when complete.
    - Proposed by: Cllr P Findley
    - Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- **Resolved:** Working Group delegated admin to order suitable signage up to cost of £300, Admin to send costings when completed.
    - Proposed by: Cllr P Findley
    - Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Walmer Against Plastics Pollution

- **Noted**: All information was covered in previous entry.

Paper Reduction

- Working group indicated a wish to reduce paper use by the council., it was noted that for a meeting of four Councillors, one Co-Opted member and a Council officer that approximately 120 pages of paper were used.

- **Resolved:** Admin to contact all Councillors regarding the use of electronic or hard copies of agendas.
    - Proposed by: Cllr R Blackwell
    - Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

BeeBombs

- Working group has noted that bee bombs are available for distribution.
- **Resolved:** Admin to contact local schools, then upload information to the website and social media for the public for applications.
    - Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy
    - Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Kent Sustainable Communities Network Meeting

- **Noted**: Members received a written report from Cllr Waite Gleave.

NALC Climate Emergency Online Meeting

- **Noted**: Members received a written report from Cllr Waite Gleave

7. FRUIT TREE INITIATIVES

- Members received a report regarding the Fruit Tree Initiative from Cllr Waite Gleave.
- **Resolved:** To continue with the initiative as in the report to a total of £550.
- Admin to create an A5 flyer for delivery by members.
- Admin to add information to the council website and social media.
    - Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
    - Seconded by: Cllr P Findley
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- **Resolved:** To set the price of donations from applicants at £5.
    - Proposed by: Cllr P Findley
    - Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

8. WILDFLOWERING AND WILDLIFE POLICY

- Members received a copy of an email regarding working with DDC for their Wildflowering and Wildlife policy.
- **Resolved:** To send a reply via Town Clerk including information as to DDC's current wildlife policies, WTCs policies and an email address direct to DDCs parks and open services.
    - Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy
    - Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
      For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

9. ADVERTISING

- **Noted**: Members received a written report from admin regarding the costs for an ongoing media page in a local ad magazine.
- **Resolved:** Admin to continue to send press release and editorials as standard.

- Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy
- Seconded by: Cllr R Blackwell
  For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Members voted to extend meeting by five minutes.

- Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
- Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy
  For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

10. BUDGET

- Members received the preliminary budget for 2027/2028
- **Resolved:** Admin to make changes as requested and then forward to A&E.
  - Proposed by: Cllr P Findley
  - Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave
    For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

11. POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

- None received.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19th November 2026

Meeting ended at 21:04