



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated this day 26th June 2026

To: Councillors: S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), R Blackwell, M Eddy, P Findley.

Non-Council Members: Mrs S Fisher.

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Climate Emergency Working Group** to be held on **Thursday 2nd July 2026** at 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

Copy to Roland Aldred, Clerk

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2026.

Attach 1

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

- To note: Update from admin regarding actions.

Attach 2

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

6. ONGOING PROJECTS

Transport and Active Travel

- **EV Points**

- To Note: Update on EV Points.
- To Note: EV Point response.

Attach 3

Attach 4

Thermal Camera

- Media Campaign Draft

Attach 5

Water Filler Installation

- Filler Station Paving
- Press Release Draft

Attach 6

Attach 7

Walmer Against Plastics Pollution

- To note: Update from Cllr Waite-Gleave.
- To consider design for sticker on NSSR multi-use water bottles.

Attach 8

7. POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22nd September at 7pm.



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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:

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

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

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

ClIr R Blackwell was the only nomination received.

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

Proposed- ClIr M Eddy

Seconded- ClIr S Waite Gleave

For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0

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

ClIr S Waite Gleave was the only nomination received.

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

Proposed- ClIr P Findley

Seconded- ClIr 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: ClIr 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



Item: Update Report

Date: 25/06/26

Meeting: CEWG

From: Admin Clerk

1. The new allotment leaflet has been completed and will be sent out to all allotment holders soon.
2. Due to several minor issues, the water filling station has not yet been installed, Admin is currently in contact with DDC to find out when it will be possible.

Hi John,

Apologies for the delayed reply, it's been a little crazy over here for the past few weeks. Whilst we will be reviewing all suggestions with our supplier Urban Fox, there will likely be a high number of locations that won't be suitable, I am sure this will be similar to the locations you've noted as not suitable. Lack of space, frontages of houses or lack of electrical connection being the most common issues we have noticed so far.

Urban Fox are currently conducting site surveys and submitting electrical connection requests, once these are all done, we will have more of an idea on the specific locations for the first year of installation which will be completed across the county between August and February. We have potential locations on Lord Warden Avenue, Herschell Road West and Gladstone Road so far, surveys are underway across Dover therefore I should have more information on where the chargers will be very soon. I can keep you updated on our progress as we reach the end of our mobilisation period and move into delivery.

Best wishes,
Brooke

Since 2022, Walmer Town Council has been running a scheme for local residents to check for heat loss in their homes. Over the last four years over two hundred homes have taken up the offer and booked an appointment. Each visit includes infra-red photos taken of the residence; this helps to find escaping heat from windows, doors and roofs.

The scheme covers the entirety of Walmer, it is free and will only take about fifteen minutes of your time. A member of the council staff will simply knock, take the pictures and let you know what they have found.

Booking a thermal camera visit is simple; email or telephone the council offices and ask to make an appointment. The scheme begins in the first week in December, with appointments available between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

You can contact the council office to request a visit on 01304 362363 or at info@walmercouncil.co.uk.





Item: Filling Station Paving

Date: 25/06/26

Meeting: CEWG

From: Admin Clerk

Because of water overflow from the filling station, it was noted that there was a possibility of the grass and earth below becoming muddy. This could cause a slip hazard to those using it, which could cause injury to those using it. The use of sand and paving slabs below the station would allow for the water to drain off without causing slip hazard or pooling, this would require several bags of sand and rough paving slabs to allow for better traction when using it.

Members to decide on how to proceed.



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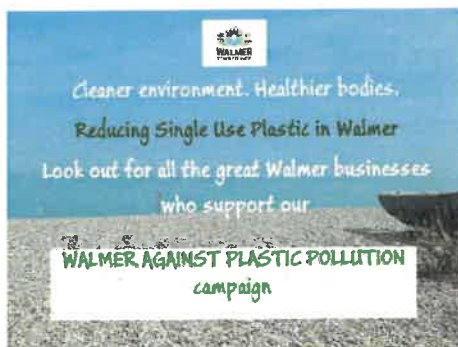
Let's Celebrate Local Efforts to Reduce Pollution Across Walmer

Walmer Town Council, and its' Climate Emergency Working Group, have shown their appreciation of local businesses that have taken action to replace the use of plastic bottles and packaging, with paper packaging and cans of refreshing drinks or other biodegradable options; a **Walmer Against Plastic Pollution** campaign. A 'thank you' certificate, with a 'Proud to support Walmer Against Plastic Pollution' window sticker and an information card about new government legislation on plastic packaging have been presented to many Walmer cafes, fish and chip shops, pubs and shops last month, by Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave. Look out for these businesses who are doing their bit for a healthier environment!!

Walmer Town council has also put in a water bottle refill station, on Marine Road opposite the Cedars GP surgery with the permission of Dover District Council. The location was carefully chosen and will be close to the new beach gym that Walmer Town Council is installing this summer. These actions are also supported by the decision of Dover District Council to place a Green Seas litter bin, just opposite Hut 55, underlining the need to protect our seas from plastics pollution.

Walmer Town Council also celebrates and supports the excellent work of **Downs Sailing Club**, who are hosting the most environmentally friendly **National Schools Sailing Regatta (NSSR)** from the 20th to the 25th of July. The Town Council and the Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club have agreed that young sailors from all across our country, can camp in tents on the Rugby Field so that they can walk to the sailing club every day. Walmer Town Council has also approved a grant so that Downs Sailing Club can provide multi-use water bottles to the competitors instead of single-use plastic water bottles. Two actions which will reduce the carbon footprint of the NSSR regatta!

"Thank you to everybody who helps to combat pollution in Walmer, including the Deal With It and Pick Deal Clean beach cleaners, the local businesses who've dropped plastic food and drink containers, the junior schools doing litter picks. Let's work together for a cleaner, healthier Walmer !" said Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave.





Item: **Reusable Bottle Design**

Date: **25/06/26**

Meeting: **CEWG**

From: **Admin Clerk**

The response regarding the original design for the reusable bottles being sourced by the Downs sailing club was that they suggested a disc of 75mm so as not to cover the regatta logo. This requirement meant a heavy redesign to the original and has resulted in the disc-shaped one below.



Members to decide if design is to be forwarded to Downs Sailing club.