



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Events Committee held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at No. 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.**

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

Officers Present: Lynne Simmons – Deputy Clerk.

**194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Crockford sent apologies which were accepted.

**195. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No interests were declared.

**196. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

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

**197. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026.

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

Proposed by: Cllr Friend

Seconded by: Cllr Richardson.

For 4      Against 0      Abstain 0

**198. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**199. EVENTS BUDGET.**

Members received the Events Budget for 2026/27.

The officer reported that four litter pickers and hoops had been purchased at a cost of £58.91 inc VAT as the current pickers were no longer fit for purpose.

**NOTED.**

Members also discussed several options presented to them for the purchase of an A frame display board.

**RESOLVED.** A proposal was made to delegate up to £200 to the Chairman and Officer to research further options available, ensuring that a minimum of one side of the product purchased should include a Perspex cover and that the board itself is weatherproof.

Proposed by: Cllr Friend

Seconded by: Cllr Richardson

For 4      Against 0      Abstain 0

## **200. BROCANTE 2026.**

- i. The officer updated members on several aspects of the event including the purchase of new signage as previously agreed, social media (Facebook Boost) responses and new Facebook posts planned over the coming days.

The officer advised members that there had been two pitch cancellations to date.

**RESOLVED.** Members agreed that a refund of pitch fees should be processed for both cancellations as the waiting list will enable the pitches to be re-sold.

Proposed by: Cllr Friend

Seconded by: Cllr Richardson

For 4    Against 0            Abstain 0

The officer also updated members on the email responses received from DDC Licensing Department regarding the determination of the charges to be applied for the Street Trading Consent.

**RESOLVED.** A proposal was made for the officer to submit a FOI request to DDC asking a set of specific questions to ensure that full and transparent answers are provided on this subject.

Proposed by: Cllr Friend

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 4    Against 0            Abstain 0

The officer confirmed that final numbers for the Street Trading Consent application need to be submitted to DDC no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August (as requested by DDC). The numbers to be submitted are 127 traders plus 3 charity pitches.

**NOTED.**

Following the recent news that there will be a further Deal Food & Drink Festival staged outside Deal Castle throughout the Bank Holiday weekend, members discussed several potential impacts to the Brocante including our booked catering vendors, parking, increased traffic and volumes of visitors to the sea front. Impacts will be carefully monitored on the day of the event and fed into the usual post event review undertaken by the committee.

**NOTED.**

Members also considered the most appropriate day for the pitch marking to take place and the availability of members to support this task. A team of five is needed to do this in the most efficient way.

The officer was actioned to email all Council members to see if anyone is available to support on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**NOTED.**

- ii. Members reviewed the site plan and the car park management plan and talked through the need to keep a small amount of central parking spaces where additional support may be required.

**NOTED.**

- iii. Volunteers for the event are now confirmed, and the officer will communicate times, roles and issue the appropriate volunteer paperwork to all councillors who have offered to support the event.

**NOTED.**

**201. CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL 2026.**

- i. The officer reported that the issue raised by DDC over the preferred date of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2027 had now been resolved.

**RESOLVED.** As the next Events Committee meeting is not until Wednesday 21st October, Members agreed to delegate decision making authority to Chairman and Officer to enable bookings for the activities to be secured for the 2027 event.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 4    Against 0        Abstain 0

**202. FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS.**

- I. Members discussed the plans for the official opening of the Walmer Beach Gym and the initial Induction programme which will seek to offer a range of taster/training sessions to a wide range of different user groups.

**NOTED.**

**203. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026 @ 5.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.38pm.

Signed .....

Date .....