

Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 13 January 2025.

Cllrs Present: Chair Joanne Bright, Vice Chair Steve Roberts, & Kevin Pressland. Cllr Alan Munns was also present, although not yet officially appointed to this committee

Officer: Kirsty Holroyd – Town Clerk

46. CHAIRS WELCOME: OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following:

The right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllrs Kemp, Hobson, Garner & Moore were given and accepted.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

49. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th November 2024 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

50. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA

None received.

51. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S

None received.

52. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Members received an update regarding the meeting which had taken place on 17 December 2025. KCC officers are working on the feasibility of the 20mph project and will be in touch once they have estimated costs.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

53. TRAFFIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Members received an update from Cllr Bright concerning sharing resources between KCC and local schools. A meeting had taken place on 8 January 2025 at which various ways of working better had been discussed. It is hoped that KCC

officers will attend the Youth Forum on 29 January and the Community Festival on 24 May.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

54. **FOSTERS AVENUE MEADOW PROJECT**

Members received an update on the project so far. The tree planting and cultivation licence have been completed and the temporary structures licence will be submitted shortly.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

55. LAND AT FAIRFIELD ROAD AND RUMFIELDS ROAD

Members received a report regarding services at the site and potential safety risks arising.

RESOLVED:

- That the site is unsuitable for cultivation by volunteers.
- ii) That the possibility of meadowing a portion of the site be discussed with the Council's appointed horticulture contractor

56. TREE PLANTING PROJECT WITH THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members received an update regarding the successful planting day on 19 December. A total of fifty trees of varying species have been planted in the Memorial Recreation ground with an further twenty to be planted on other sites in Broadstairs and St Peter's.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

57. SWIFT MONITORING ACTION GROUP

Members received information from a local resident on the proposed new project. Once it is up and running councillors will be invited to join in. The project may be eligible for grant funding from the Council. Members agreed to contact Dane Court School to establish whether the Council's own swift box was being used yet.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

58. MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE – KENT WIDE NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Members received information on the project. The KCC led report is due to be published imminently. The Town Council has registered its interest and will be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

59. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting 7pm Monday 24 March 2025

Meeting Closed at 19:46