



# Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

To the Members of the Environmental Committee:

Cllrs: Chair Joanne Bright, Vice Chair Steve Roberts, Kevin Pressland, Colin Kemp, Paul Moore, Mike Garner, James Hobson, Alan Munns.

Officer: Ms. A Barton – Civic & Support Officer (C & S Officer)

Notice is given that there will be a meeting of the Environmental Committee on

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Pierremont Hall Council  
Chamber 7pm**

*A. Barton*

Abigail Barton  
Civic & Support Officer

## AGENDA

**1. 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.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Sub-committee members and the presiding clerk declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on Adopted 29 July 2024.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

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

To consider any matters arising.

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

- i. To agree to suspend the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders 3e,3f, and 3g which permit a maximum of three members of the parish to address the council for a maximum of three minutes each.

**7. LAND AT FAIRFIELD ROAD**

To receive an update and recommendations from C & S Officer and information and quote supplied by preferred contractor NJL Box Green.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**8. LAND AT FOSTERS AVENUE**

To receive an update from C & S Officer

**9. NEW MEADOW PROJECT- CULMER'S**

To receive information and a proposal provided by the C&S Officer regarding viable land for a new Meadow and wilding Project on Culmers Amenity land.

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**10. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM**

To consider and discuss new campaigns for 2025 and use of budget.  
Including a family planting day to encourage growing your own food  
and working with Broadstairs town to promote using recycling to grow plants.

**ATTACHMENT 4-6**

**11. REFILL / TAPS PROJECT**

To receive an update from the C&S Officer and the proposal sent to TDC.  
To consider use of budget to purchase a new tap unit and install costs.

**Attachment 7**

**12. HIP AND TRAFFIC INITIATIVES**

To receive an update from the C&S Officer.

**13. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting TBC



# 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**

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**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:**

- i) **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

## Attachment 2



The main issue I see with clearing this area and establishing a wildflower meadow is the presence of Ground Elder. If the ground elder is not dealt with in the first instance correctly, it will take over the meadow eventually.

While ground elder is not destructive like bamboo or Japanese knotweed, when in the wrong place it spreads quickly, and it can realistically only be managed with multiple applications of weedkiller.

**Glyphosate** – we would blanket spray the entire area to ensure the plants take the chemical through the leaf down to the roots. When the foliage has died back, we would strim then rake & remove all arisings. Further applications most likely will be required to manage the re-emergence of the leaf where it.

Spraying £260 + vat to spray, strim & clear. £50 + vat each time to spray re-emerging has not fully died off.

**Digging** – the plants and the rhizomes can be dug out by spade or ideally (due to the size area requiring clearing) with the use of a digger, making sure to remove as much of the soil so as to not disturb the roots.

There are 2 issues with this method a) removing enough soil and not leaving behind any fragments of the roots would require a number of skips and it is unlikely all roots will be removed resulting in the need to spray re-emerging foliage; new soil will need to be imported onto the site which will have cost implications.

b) By removing the soil and roots and disposing of these, then aids in the spread of ground elder elsewhere.

Removal by digger & replace soil £4200 + VAT

**Smothering** – cover the entire area with cardboard or weed mat and spreading a thick layer of bark mulch on top and replenishing as needed blocking all light, this process will take a number of years.

**Smothering** – using non-woven weed mat & cover with bark chip (cheaper than bark mulch) £3585 + vat - a lot of prep work would need to be done to do this option

**Turfing** – re-turfing the area could possibly act to smother the ground elder however regular mowing would have to happen for a number of years to keep the ground elder from taking over

Turfing - £4715 + vat - a lot of prep work would need to be done to do this option as well!

## ATTACHMENT 3

Culmers Proposal attachment to be sent as a separate attachment due to file type.

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## ATTACHMENT 4-5

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## ATTACHMENT 4 Poster to accompany proposal

**PLANTING EXPERIANCE** at  
**PIERREMONT HALL  
BROADSTAIRS**  
**25TH MAY 2025**

Plant your own edible hanging basket, learn how to care for them and a fun recipe to use when your basket is full of yield!

£18 per basket, price includes the choice of 4 basket options, planting advice, recipe and a free botanical mocktail to match your basket.

Event lead by a professional gardener, who will give you help and advice.

Contact [admin@broadstairs.gov.uk](mailto:admin@broadstairs.gov.uk) to buy your tickets today

Herb basket  
This would consist of chives, Parsley, oregano, mint and Nasturtium

Wimbledon basket  
This would consist of hanging strawberry plants and edible flowers white Violas

Marinara basket  
this would consist of hanging tomato plants, basil and oregano

Bloom basket  
This would consist of Lobelia, trailing geranium, begonia, sufinia, fuchsia

Apothecary basket  
This would consist of rosemary, Lavender, sage





## ATTACHMENT 5 to accompany proposal

# RUBBISH TO ROOTS!

Grow for good in a metre squared using rubbish you would normally recycle!

Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council are teaming up with Broadstairs Town Team to encourage local residents to use items they would usually see as rubbish and turn them into planting vessels to create a metre of beauty in their homes and gardens. Anything can be a planter!

**WE ARE GIVING AWAY 50 PACKS OF SEED PLANTING KITS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, WITH 5 OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM.**

A METRE OF SUNSHINE	A METRE OF LEGUME	A METRE OF SALAD	A METRE OF RAINBOW	A METRE OF CHAOS
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Contact [admin@broadstairs.gov.uk](mailto:admin@broadstairs.gov.uk) for an application form.



The illustration at the bottom shows several plants growing in recycled containers. From left to right: a sunflower in a green milk carton labeled 'Milk'; a lavender plant in a red tomato soup can labeled 'TOMATO SOUP'; a tomato plant in a small grey pot next to a yogurt container labeled 'YOGURT'; a large yellow flower in a blue and white patterned mug; and a large yellow flower in a grey bucket. A small bag of soil is also shown. Three bees are flying around the plants.



## ATTACHMENT 6

# COMMUNITY GARDENING GRANTS



Local groups, organisations, schools, care homes and nurseries can apply for small grants to undertake gardening projects within the CT10 post code area.

The maximum that can be applied for is £300 and projects must be visible to the general public.

Contact [admin@broadstairs.gov.uk](mailto:admin@broadstairs.gov.uk) for an application form.



[www.Broadstairs.gov.uk/grants](http://www.Broadstairs.gov.uk/grants)



SCAN ME!

If you have a project that is larger than the grant maximum, please contact the Town Council for more information.



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