



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 12 January 2025.

Cllrs Present: Chair Joanne Bright, Vice Chair Steve Roberts, Cllr Collin Kemp
Cllr Kristian Bright, Cllr Paul Moore
Officer: Community and Engagement Officer (CE Officer): Abi Barton

107. CHAIRS WELCOME: OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Cllr Bright reminded 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

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllrs Kevin Pressland and Alan Munns were given and accepted.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

110. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 November 2025 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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

None.

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

Scout leader Nigel of the 14th Broadstairs Scouts shared pictures of the bug houses members of Broadstairs 14th Scouts built using Grant funds supplied by Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council.

113. IN BLOOM GRANT OUTCOMES- SCOUTS PROJECTS

Members received an update from 14th Scouts and C E Officer on how they will be working together to install bug houses at council owned locations.

RESOLVED:

Members were pleased to hear of the positive project.

Locations will be decided at Officers discretion

114. CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL GARDENING PROJECT

C E Officer Abi has been in talks with Charles Dickens School Gardening Club and Anti-bullying club to help them redesign their dilapidated sensory garden. This project is to help the children to use skills such as design, planning, budgeting, English and math skills they will also be learning at school in a real-life setting.

The overall aim of this project is to create a peaceful space within the school grounds that will be a haven for pollinator insects and an antibullying, mindful space. Abi will be helping

the children to apply for a gardening grant through the In Bloom scheme to help fund this. A proposal will be sent to Council for consideration.

as Part of the continued school engagement, Stone Bay have also received a donation of daffodil bulbs from the Town Council for use on their grounds.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to note.

115. LAND AT OSBORNE ROAD

The “no cultivation licence” for the land has been approved for a further year by KCC. During the process of applying for a new cultivation licence, conversations were had with KCC Officers regarding the meadow damage that occurred on the second week of April last year. KCC Officer stated the following for future damages: “The paths through the meadow aren't included on the weed treatment programme. If there is further damage during treatment 1 (April-May) or treatment 2 (August-September), let me know and I will defect the contractor and they can repair/replace.”

Agreed works to rotavate and reseed Osborne have now been completed by NJL Box Green. This was completed using the In-bloom Budget. We hope that now the meadow has been reset, we will have more blooms this year! CE Officer will be taking pictures every few weeks for updates

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to note.

116. CULMERS MEADOW

The agreed works to extend the meadow have now been completed. There will be a strong visual impact of the two differences in the meadow. Residents will be able to use the maintenance strip in the centre to walk between the perennial side and the annual side.

Members considered a quote a new information board to be erected on Culmers, using Environmental initiatives budget.

RESOLVED:

i) Members agreed to use £1500 of the Environmental initiatives budget to install a new notice board on the land.

ii) The board will contain information from the RSPB, Town council assets such as Mockett's Wood and the Osborne Road project, the history of Culmers land and CT10 charities work.

117. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM PLANTING CONTRACT

Members considered the quotes supplied by contractors for the in-bloom planting contract.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council continue to work with NJL Boxgreen LTD who quoted a lower price and met the requested requirements sent to the contractors for the period 26 January 2026 until 31 March 2028 to align with other open species contracts. .

Quote approved:

Town Planters seasonal display- £5415.00 + VAT

Maintenance schedule- £3040.00 + VAT

Hanging baskets-£400.00 + VAT

Wildflower meadows maintenance (Osbourne Road) £325.00 + VAT

Wildflower meadows maintenance (Culmers Amenity Land) £325.00 + VAT

Total: £9505 plus vat (works to be carried out twice over the 27-month period)

Overall total £19,010

It was also agreed that due to the impressive quotation pack supplied by Miles and More and their clear passion; it is also recommended that the Council are to give the opportunity for them to host the Planting Day for the Broadstairs in bloom basket event.

118. TRAFFIC INITIATIVES

Members received updates from the C E Officer as per a meeting attended with KCC Officers.

It was noted that the KCC teams have been working on an Extents Plan of Broadstairs & St. Peter's using data from their recent speed surveys and the Town Councils own HIP requests.

RESOLVED:

i) that the CE Officer is to organise a meeting with all Broadstairs & St. Peter's KCC Councillors to discuss the potential zones supplied by KCC Officers.

ii) that community engagement and sharing of the mapping will not commence until KCC have responded with a full estimate of works for the project, this is to manage expectations and for the TC to consider the affordability before such commitments are made.

iii) that due to the fast pace of this project, update meetings with councillors can be had via virtual meeting and any decisions will be taken to the monthly full Council meeting if it is sooner than an Environmental Committee meeting.

iv) that the C E Officer is to keep conversations open with KCC, further pursue the quote of works from KCC and explore options of community engagement in preparation for when the time comes.

Cllr Colin Kemp leaves meeting at 20:02 pm

119. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Monday 23rd March 2026.

Meeting Closed at 20:08