



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

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

#### 120. 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

#### 121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllrs Paul Moore and Kevin Pressland were given and accepted.

#### 122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

#### 123. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th January 2026 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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

Scout Leader Nigel of the 14<sup>th</sup> Broadstairs Scouts shared pictures of the bug houses members of Broadstairs 14<sup>th</sup> Scouts built using grant funds supplied by Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council.

#### 125. VIKING BAY BOARD WALK AND TAP PROJECT.

Members received and considered a report and recommendations to expand the Viking Bay Board Walk, move beach huts and business huts to improve shower accessibility and reduce the hygiene and antisocial behaviour issues. A proposal and quote was supplied by TDC.

TDC have stated they have no budget for these works and so the issues will not get resolved without the input of the Town Council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**All members agreed the officers' recommendations and the quote supplied by TDC to be accepted to extend the beach walk. This project fits within the Town Council Clean, Safer and Kinder action plan initiatives.**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL:**

**The remainder of the environmental initiatives budget will be used to cover the costings. That the budget can be ringfenced and transferred to next year's budget**

to pay for the works (when TDC bill). There is also further unused budget in Street Furniture that could be used if agreed by Full Council.

The following quote was agreed:

**TDC Proposal- 15m of new boardwalk to shower.**

**2 huts moved to reveal base of steps.**

**Relocate deck chair concession.**

**Cost- To install 15 linear meters of boardwalk from the concourse to the concrete shower slab - £ 2500 + vat - To relocate 2 x beach huts / deck chair will be £ 800 + vat**

**Total costing to Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council:  
£3300 +VAT**

**126. IN BLOOM GRANTS**

**i. OUTCOMES - SCOUTS PROJECTS**

Members received an update of the 14<sup>th</sup> Scouts bug hotel from the C E Officer. IT was noted that 2 of the hotels have been placed in Mockett's Wood, which counted towards the scouts' badges. A social media post will be shared in due course.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members were pleased to hear of the positive project and agreed to note.**

**ii. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTED BY THE TOWN CLERK:**

Town Team for Tools: £287.00

Charles Dickens School sensory garden: £300

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note the grants paid using the In Bloom budget.**

**127. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM PLANTING CONTRACT**

Members received an update regarding the signed contract awarded to NJL Boxgreen and the offer to work with another contractor for the planting event as agreed at the last meeting.

The contract was signed by NJL Boxgreen on 30/1/26.

The agreed contract period is 2 years and 3 months (26th Jan 26- 31st March 2028)

As requested in the previous meeting, unsuccessful tender applicant Miles More were offered the option to work with the Town Council on an upcoming planting event.

It was noted that they had shown interest in working the event initially however the TC has since had no response. C E Officer has now moved forward with planning the event with NJL Boxgreen supplying the plants, so the event can go ahead.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note.**

**128. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE EVENTS**

Members received a report that discussed, updates and recommendations from the Community Engagement Officer.

Members agreed to accept the following officer recommendations on the following items:

**i. Rubbish To Roots – Charles Dickens School**

Members received an update.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note the update received.**

**ii. Reimagining “Rubbish to Roots as “Trash to Treasure”**

It was noted that the C E Officer has been working with the Events Team to pair environmentally friendly and free craft events with the already planned Summer Theatre events.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note the project and are happy for the C E Officer to proceed. Councillors will use their networks to share the event.**

**iii. New Logo/Crest for Environmental Committee events**

Members considered the use of this crest going forward for Environmental Committee Events and Projects.

**RESOLVED:**

**It was agreed by all members that the crest can be used for Environmental Committee projects.**

**iv. Broadstairs in Bloom event- Family Planting Day**

Members received an update and new content that will be shared to promote the event.

**RESOLVED:**

**Councillors agreed to note and to use their networks to share the event.**

**v. In Bloom/Rubbish to Roots/Trash To Treasure Events, Mums and Mimosas Event.**

Members received a report from the C E Officer, describing the successful environmentally friendly event using wallpaper samples and tin cans to create herb planters for Mother's Day. It was noted that this was a good networking opportunity to promote other upcoming events.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note the contents of the report, and the recommendation that this planting event will be available as a stall at the Community Festival. Selling single cans to decorate for £5 each.**

**129. CULMERS AMENITY LAND UPDATES**

Members received a report, updates and recommendations from the Community Engagement Officer.

Members agreed to accept the following officer recommendations on the following items:

**i. Culmers Woodland**

It was noted that the rough sleepers on the land had removed by TDC along with most of their items. The trespassers had cut down approximately 10 trees on the land. They had also created a large bank using tools and equipment. They had also left evidence of fire with a kindling store.

The Town Council Gardeners, Woodland Officer, Operations Officer and C E Officer have cleared this area and flattened the ground again.

**RESOLVED:**

**Councillors agreed that the use of the tree planting budget for officers to purchase replacement trees that are appropriate for the area.**

**That Councillors share big plant week advertisement between their networks, when it is shared with the public.**

**ii. Noticeboard update**

It was noted that the new noticeboard had been delivered and a place for install has

been agreed with CT10 Charities.

**Resolved:**

**Members agreed to note.**

**iii. Meadow update and new education signs.**

It was noted that the meadow planted last year is growing well and as it should, however, the new meadow has failed due to poor weather. This is scheduled to be replanted by the contractors at no cost to the Council.

The C E Officer requested that members consider using the In Bloom budget to purchase and install temporary education signs adjacent to the meadow area. These would be put in and taken away at the end of the season and used as a 'find the flower' activity to offer free nature activities for passersby. The artwork for this is to be created by the C E Officer.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note the meadow update.**

**Members agreed use of the In Bloom budget to install educational meadow signs and requested further signs be installed at Osborne Road project also.**

**130. TRAFFIC INITIATIVES**

Members received verbal updates from the C E Officer regarding correspondence with KCC officers and Kent Speed Watch.

It was noted that the TC are still waiting on KCC for a full estimate of works for the project. It was further discussed that community engagement and sharing of the mapping will not commence until this has been received. This is to manage expectations and for the TC to consider the affordability before such commitments are made.

It was noted that PC Absolon is currently leading a large Speed Watch project and is asking residents to reach out with roads of concern.

Members also received a verbal update from Cllr Munns regarding Speed Watch around the Kingsgate ward. Cllr Munns has been in contact with the Speed Watch manager and a local officer who were able to share speed data for roads of concern. The results demonstrated that the area was not suitable for Speed Watch.

**RESOLVED:**

**It was agreed by members 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.**

**The C E Officer is to contact PC Absolon and Speed Watch Manager Alan, for data to send to councillors for the concerning roads.**

**It was agreed that TC Officers are to take a step back from Speed Watch to leave Kent Police to their current projects. Officers are to park and reassess Speed Watch once KCC have responded with their estimate for zoning and the community consultation is to commence.**

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

Date of next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

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