



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Cllrs Present: Cllr Mike Garner, Steve Roberts, Cllr Alan Munns, Kevin Pressland, Cllr Fi O'Connor

Officer: Community and Engagement Officer (CE Officer): Abi Barton  
Two members of the public.

**143. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2026-27.**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor Mike Garner be appointed Chairman.**

**That Councillor Steve Roberts be appointed Vice Chairman.**

**144. CHAIRS WELCOME: OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

Cllr Garner 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

**145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason from Cllr Joanne Bright and Cllr Paul Moore were given and accepted.

**146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**147. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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

NONE.

**149. VIKING BAY BOARD WALK AND TAP PROJECT.**

Members received a report from the CE Officer regarding the expansion of the Viking Bay Board Walk with TDC to improve shower accessibility.

**RESOLVED:**

**It was noted that TDC have said they are liaising with contractors. They are to keep the Town Council updated once they have confirmed dates.**

**150. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE EVENTS**

Members received a report regarding the free 'trash to treasure events'.

It was noted that to support local environmental initiatives, the council hosted a 'Trash to Treasure' craft workshop before each of the summer theatre family shows this year.

The sessions were free and open to all on a first-come, first-served basis. As part of a broader push to deliver a plastic-free theatre series, the workshops focused on the use of recycled materials. Other craft items were purchased under the under 18's budget. There were four workshops in total. These events were very well received by members of the public. It was recommended by CE Officer that further budget be set aside to organise future events, including a free Halloween event to offer 'make your own free mask and wings'.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Members noted report received and officer recommendations.**

**It was recommended by all councillors that events such as these continue in the future and the use of the Environment initiatives budget be spent at the officer's discretion to purchase additional craft items.**

**It was also suggested that the TC team up with the Chamber of Commerce trick or treat trail to advertise the Halloween event.**

**151. MEADOWS – CULMERS AMENITY LAND AND OSBORNE ROAD UPDATES**

Members received a report detailing the success of the meadows this year that have created wildlife havens and education pitstops throughout the town. They are now being readied for winter.

**OSBORNE ROAD-**

It was noted that the CE officer had requested a long-term lease for the land rather than renewing the 'no cultivation license' with KCC annually. While this suggestion was supported by KCC Councillors the request was unfortunately rejected by KCC Officials. KCC councillor has however offered to support the process of replacing the diseased tree on the land.

**NEW MEADOW SITES-**

It was requested by the Committee that new sites are to be investigated for future meadowing. The CE Officer has requested that the KCC Councillor is to look for potential, viable land. One of which may be available in St. Peter's. CE Officer will keep council updated with further information.

**CULMERS- BIG PLANT WEEK**

This event was planned and cancelled last year due to rough sleepers and will now be moved to take place at the end of November. Once the date has been confirmed members of the public, organisations and schools will be asked to join Council staff (and Councillors) to plant up Culmers Amenity land as per the planting plan approved by Council and CT10 Charities last year.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note report.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**It was recommended that CE Officer is to investigate installing planters at Chandos Square to reduce fly tipping.**

**152. TRAFFIC INITIATIVES- TRAFFIC EVENT WITH KCC**

The Community Engagement Officer has been working with the Safer Road Users Officer at Kent County Council to organise a collaboration event. The event will take place at Pierremont Hall on 9th December. The Town Council has given use of the room to KCC free of charge under the community offer.

This course, designed and delivered by Kent County Council Safer Road Users Team, is

predominately aimed at drivers over 55 who are currently driving although it encompasses general road safety advice for all drivers, passengers, and road users.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Members were happy to receive the report and agreed to note.**

**It was recommended that advertisement of this event should be sent to all ages, to the Police, local pubs/ bars, local security and for councillors to share with their own networks.**

**153. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP)**

On August 24th the CE Officer hosted an informal brainstorm meeting attended by members of the public, Community Interest Companies, organisations, Councillors and officers. This was to discuss items/ areas of interest to consider updating the HIP.

**The following items were discussed and recommended to be added to the HIP:**

**Signs-**

Slow Down Signs and slow down Horse signs:  
Callis Court Road, Convent Road, roads with Playgrounds/ near nurseries.

**Wig wag signs (20mph)-**

Outside Charles Dickens school and Dumpton Park Drive (outside Holy Trinity School), St. Georges School.

**Signs-** Caution Pedestrian – Chandos Road

**Temporary signs-** Car park Full- Harbour Street

**Blips-** Oscar Road both sides and the left side of Grandville Road

**Signs to slow traffic and to warn of pedestrians-** George Hill Road, Whiteness Green and whiteness Road- it was discussed in detail that this road is a problem due to speeding and a lack of footpath for pedestrians.

It was noted that a KCC officer has already responded to the issues road uses are facing on George hill Road. Where they stated:

*'I have assessed the location of George Hill Rd and Whiteness Rd and there have been no collisions in this area for five years to suggest that there is a safety issue present. Drivers should always expect the possibility of pedestrians in the road, and we cannot install signs at every location where there is not a footway'*

This was followed by a request for the TC to add this item to the HIP.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That all of the items above be considered for HIP amendments.**

**It was also agreed that Cllr Munns is to reach out to insurance companies for collision data for George Hill Road.**

**It was also suggested that the Town Clerk speak to other parish councils at the parish forum to discuss if the format works.**

**It was requested that the CE Officer organise a meeting with other local Thanet Councils regarding the HIP and their own experiences with the process.**

**To consider a press release if there is no moment with the HIP process in the future.**

**154. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM GRANTS**

Members received recommendations to amend the Broadstairs in bloom grants, this would then make community projects for residents eligible for funding retrospectively.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Members received officer recommendations and agreed the changes suggested.**

**155. SOUTHERN WATER – WATER BUTTS PROJECT**

It was noted that the CE officer has been in contact with Southern water to request free water butts for residents and town council owned spaces with the idea to collaborate on future projects to promote water butts and rainwater gardens. SW have acknowledged this request and plan to contact the Town Council in the autumn with more information.

**Resolved:**

**Members agreed to note.**

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

**The date of the next meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> November 2026.**

Meeting closed: 19:55 pm