



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 8th June 2026

Cllrs Present: Vice Chair Steve Roberts, Cllr Alan Munns, Mike Garner, Kevin Pressland
Officer: Community and Engagement Officer (CE Officer): Abi Barton

132. Election of Chair.

It was agreed by all members that this item is to be deferred until the next meeting.

133. CHAIRS WELCOME: OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Cllr Roberts 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

134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllr Joanne Bright were given and accepted.
Cllr Paul Moore was absent without reason.

135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None received.

136. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved: Members Received and Approved the use of the terms of reference.

136. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

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

Members of the Thanet Disabled riding school were in attendance. Owner Darren Collett described the issues his staff and pupils are facing due to the ongoing speeding and traffic issues along Calis Court Road and surrounded areas. This is due to lack of signage and lack driver education of how horses should be approached by vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION:

It was recommended that Thanet Disabled Riding School include further costings to be considered when applying for a grant through the Town Council.

It was also recommended that the riding school and the other riding schools in the area are to create a media campaign for driver education on how to approach horses and allowing residents to understand their riding routes. It was recommended that the schools reach out to local business to promote this campaign also.

It was also recommended that they reach out to PC Absalon regrading speed watch in this area.

137. VIKING BAY BOARD WALK AND TAP PROJECT.

Members received a verbal report from the CE officer regarding the expansion of the Viking Bay Board Walk with TDC to improve shower accessibility and reduce the hygiene and antisocial behaviour issues.

It was noted that, as of the 9th of April TDC have stated that the contractors are preparing a program, however conversations with Your leisure and beach hut owners need to happen first. TDC have assured us that if there any updates to report that we will be “kept in the loop.”

Resolved:

The CE Officer is to follow this up with TDC for new updates.

138. IN BLOOM GRANTS

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTED BY THE TOWN CLERK:

Callis Grange: £290

RESOLVED:

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

CE Officer is to continue to share Grant content of social media and notice boards.

139. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE EVENTS

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

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

i. Trash to Treasure:

Members received an update that planning is going ahead, however this will no longer be an under 18's event. A small amount of budget will now be required to cover costs for craft items.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the use of the environment initiatives budget can be used at the officer's discretion for the purchase of craft items.

ii. Broadstairs in Bloom event- Family Planting Day

Members received a verbal end of event report from the CE Officer.

It was noted that a total of 20 tickets were sold. It was expected to be more sales however a large order reconsidered.

It was originally expected that 40 baskets would be sold as this was number of baskets the TC requested to be supplied by the contractor as per their agreed contract. It was arranged that rather than the 20 plants go to waste, they would be donated to the Town Team to use for their Plant & Seed Swap event, Tasty planters and the Grow Zone. The cost of this was covered by the Town Mayor via His Mayoral fund, with no loss to this committee.

RESOLVED:

Councillors agreed to note

iii. Tasty Planter's events support.

Members received a verbal report from the C E Officer. It was noted that the Town Council has been working with the Town Team and has allowed them use of Pierremont Hall as free community space for their events. The Town Council is looking to continue collaboration with the Town Team on upcoming projects and events.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to note.

140. **CULMERS AMENITY LAND AND OSBORNE ROAD UPDATES**

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

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

i. Meadow update and new education signs.

It was noted that the meadow planted last year is looking very well established and now requires little upkeep and maintenance other than the scheduled two cuts a year. However, the new second meadow has failed due to poor weather and water restrictions from southern water. The reseed will be reconsidered at the end of the year during BIG PLANT WEEK.

Education signs have now been installed in the meadow areas of Osborne and Culmers. These have been well received by the community.

It was noted that unfortunately the left side Cherry tree at Osborne Road became diseased and has since died. It was recommended that this tree is to be replaced like for like at the end of season.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members agreed to note the updates.

Members agreed use of the Tree Planting Budget to replace the tree at Osborne Road in the autumn.

141. **TRAFFIC INITIATIVES**

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

It was noted that TC officers and Councillors will be meeting with KCC on 12th June to gain clarity on the HIP process and the 20MPH zoning costings, due to the longevity of the process so far.

It was noted that the TC have been waiting on items on the HIP to be considered since 2024, while KCC are advising residents to reach out to the Town to add new items too.

It was noted that clarity regarding the zoning has also been requested as the TC is still waiting on KCC for a full estimate of works for the project.

It had previously been agreed by the committee 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 still leading a large Speed Watch project and is asking residents to reach out with roads of concern.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to note.

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

Date of next meeting Monday 14th September 2026.

The following items are to be considered/ discussed at the next meeting:

Litter/ Waste

New Meadow Locations.

Meeting Closed at 19:49pm

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