



**NOTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE,
GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN**

- 44. Present:**
Cllrs Anne Boswell (AB), Adrian Rabot (AR) and SF (member of the public).
- 45. Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Paul Dobinson (PD), Mike Summersgill (MS), Andy Turner (AT) and EP (member of the public).
- 46. Notes from Environmental Sub-Group held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024**
The notes of the meeting held on 3rd September were agreed.
- 47. Action List from Environmental Sub-Group**
1. - AR/AB reformatting the action list.
- 48. Marden Plastic Free Campaign**
<https://plasticfree.org.uk/>
The launch meeting held on 4th November was very well attended and there is enough interest to form a Steering Group. The first Steering Committee meeting is taking place on Monday 13th January at 7pm in Marden Village Club. AR is also interested in being part of the Steering Committee.
- 49. KALC Climate Change Conference**
AB had circulated notes from the session which included topics on changing weather risks in a warming world, KCC Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Joint Approach to Net Zero, Retrofits, Kent Fire & Rescue and Action on Climate Change with Trees & Woodland. AB has highlighted various actions points which she will raise at the Amenities Committee meeting on 26th November – see below.
- 50. Earth Charter Brainstorming Session**
Further discussion took place on how MPC and the parish as a whole can get involved/or are already involved with the principles of the Earth Charter. It was pleasing to see that so many of the principles are already being covered within the parish.
- 51. Parish Councils Environment Network (PCEN) Meeting 2 October 2024**
Minutes of this meeting were noted. One interesting point was the suggestion for the PCEN to group purchase a Thermal Heat Gun which could be used for residents and parish councils.
- 52. Solar Panels on the Roof of the Public Toilets**
Marden Parish Council had accepted a grant of £4,200 from Volitalia and a £1,000 grant has been secured from Lottie Parfitt (County Councillor for Marden). The Clerk has emailed MBC for confirmation regarding the licence of alterations and the cost and MS also to chase. Once the licence is received the structural survey of £500 can be undertaken with the additional costs being covered by MPC. This may be discussed at December Full Council to agree which company to install the solar panels.
- 53. NALC Climate Emergency Network Session 11 October**
Noted. Next session: 5th February 2025.

54. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is planned to be held on Tuesday 21st January at 6pm but this will be confirmed nearer the time.

55. Items to be Discussed at Future Meetings:**KALC Climate Change Conference 5th November**

Outcome of discussion held at Amenities Committee meeting on 26th November.

Water Audits

SE Water keen to work with parish councils with water audits

Retrofits

WofE-EnergyDemo@cse.org.uk – Local Authority Climate Exposure – can generate a report for local authorities: <https://climatedataportal.metoffice.gov.uk/pages/lacs>

Climate Change with Trees & Woodland – Local Council Leadership Role

To look at amending Marden Parish Council's Tree Policy and consider setting up a village group to manage all trees and hedgerows in the parish.

Kent Planning Network for Nature

<https://kent-planning-network-for-nature.org.uk/discovery>

Marden Emergency Plan/Kent Resilience Forum

For group to consider impact of climate change.

The Great Collaboration/Place Based Initiative

100 actions local councils could take to tackle climate change: <https://greatcollaboration.uk/>

To draft a Climate Change Action Plan**Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)**

To discuss following NALC session on 20th November.

Tree Management:**Pond Restoration**

<https://kentdowns.org.uk/our-projects/heritage-ponds/>

Engagement with Village Organisations and Businesses

Consider village event for Great Big Green Week in 2025.

ACV's**Zero Waste on Wheels Van****KALC Carbon Footprint Calculator**