

KLAW Committee Meeting 19 February 2024 – Minutes

The meeting was held using Teams, arranged by Rory Harding (KWT).

Present: Ellen Wilson (KWT); Dave Casey; Keith Dugmore (Secretary & acting Chair); Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer).

Apologies: Rory Harding (Chair); Sally Edge; Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Keith welcomed members, who were very pleased to learn that Rory was using his paternity leave to help care for his new daughter, Marnie. Although the meeting did not meet the committee's quorum of five, there was merit in checking progress.	
2.	Membership, and the survey of members Keith was pleased to report a new (36 th) Landholder member Frankie Woodgate, who has 11 acres of pasture and 35 acres of semi-natural woodland at High Halden. The survey of members had received an excellent response. Jenny had produced a summary of the key results (see Email 7 Feb) and now added the detailed comments: https://klawonline.co.uk/events.html Keith would send an email expressing thanks, and Jenny will produce a final analysis and summary for discussion at our AGM on 23 March.	Keith, Jenny
3.	Grants & other financial support Keith had sought notes on members' experiences of obtaining grants from Ed Kyrke-Smith (who had sent some comments, which could be discussed at the AGM) and Nicola Smith (to be contacted again).	Keith
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Rory had produced a briefing note on Apps, and Jenny had added this to our website. Further reviews would be welcomed.	
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Planned: - Hedgerow workshops. Ellen's events at Marden (26 Feb) and Shadoxhurst (27 Feb) had been publicised to KLAW members (Email 30 Jan) and several had signed up. - Plastics. Bob had volunteered to give an initial short lunchtime online talk be targeted primarily at KWT staff, to be followed by a longer session one evening. Rory would plan the dates & times with Bob, then Keith would publicise to members. - Making Space for Nature. Rory would see whether Kent MSN's Alexa Murray-Mujtaba might present a Zoom session to KLAW members. - Forestry Commission. Keith was making progress in planning an event, likely to be held in Denge Woods in March. An invitation would be extended to Natural England.	Rory, Bob, Keith Rory Keith

	• Machinery (especially for meadows). Keith would raise the idea when he has a chance to meet KLAW member Mike Baldwin. If the outcome is positive, Rory would enquire whether a neighbour in Faversham might also get involved, together with Bob, who has experience with agricultural machinery. • Film: "Six inches of soil" https://www.sixinchesofsoil.org/ Rory to discuss with Ed Kyrke-Smith whether KLAW members might attend a viewing arranged by a farming group in Kent. • Nightingales and Turtle Doves (keeping fingers crossed that they return). Mystole Orchard – now fixed for Sunday 5 May. • Wild flower meadow (1). Janet Upson hoped to hold this event jointly with Rory in May, avoiding the bank holiday and half-term. • Wild flower meadow (2). Carol Davis had offered the opportunity to see her Green Winged Orchids and Corky Fruited Water Dropwort, possibly at the Herne village Safari event on 9 June. • Barn Owl workshop at Godmersham on 13 June. Keith to contact Dan Tuson to seek an invitation for KLAW members. • Naturalists' Picnic. Mystole Orchard. August. • Bat evening. Mystole Orchard. Summer. • Bird ringing and / or meadow management at Walmer. Summer. It was possible that responses to the survey might identify further events.	Keith, Rory Rory Jenny & Keith Rory Keith Keith Jenny & Keith Jenny & Keith Dave
6.	Publicity Keith had emailed a KLAW News Update to members on 21 January. KLAW's website had been updated by Jenny, who would also add a section on plastics, to be provided by Bob. Rory had earlier confirmed that KWT's website was being updated, and would include links to KLAW's website and our April 2023 leaflet. The next issue of KWT's magazine (Summer 2024) could feature a KLAW case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Bob, Jenny Rory SallyE
7.	Any Other Business Lesley Mason had spotted https://kent-planning-network-for-nature.org.uk and this would be publicised to members in our next News Update.	Keith
8.	Dates of next committee meetings, and our AGM Committee meetings: Rory had to set up meetings for 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3rd Monday of each month, the next being on 18 March. Rory was scheduled to return to work that day, but Ellen was expecting to host our committee meeting. AGM: This was set for Saturday 23rd March, and will be held at Ed Kyrke-Smith's "The Willows" as in previous years. Rory is hoping to attend. The agenda will include news of the results of the survey of members, and possibly a discussion of Biodiversity Net Gain.	Ellen Keith