

KLAW Committee Meeting 16 September 2024 – Minutes v1

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

Present: Rory Harding (Chair); Dave Casey; Keith Dugmore (Secretary); Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer).

Apologies: Sally Edge; Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed the members of the committee. Although the meeting did not meet the committee's quorum of five, there was merit in checking progress.	
2.	Membership We were pleased to have attracted another new member: Supporter: Raymond Lee, who lives in Whitstable, found KLAW when "browsing the webs for practical wildlife activities that were also aware of non-interference qualities." Rory's success in getting aggregated members' locations mapped at Postal District level was welcomed. The map would be added to KLAW's website, and also sent to members attached to the next emailed KLAW News Update, asking whether members would like to be put in touch with each other.	Jenny Keith
3.	Grants & other financial support The committee would continue to seek more information about sources of grants for members.	
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Keith had identified a useful link about noctmig (recording nocturnal migration), which would be added to the KLAW website. Recording Wildlife in your Garden. Neil Coombs' talk at SallyE's event had been very informative. Rory would see whether Neil might give a Zoom talk (see below) this winter, to be followed by a field event in the spring. Moths. Rory would write a summary of the talk that he gave at SallyE's event, and Dave would provide some of Judy's trailcam photos – to be posted on the KLAW website. Bats. Amanda Brookman would be invited to give a Zoom talk (see below) on the sound recording of bats.	Keith, Jenny Rory Rory Dave Jenny Keith
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Recent: Langdon Garden 14 September. Wildlife-Friendly Open Garden. This had been a great success, and could provide a model for future events (subject to a host site's available space and parking).	

	Planned: - Highwood Farm, Dunkirk tour, inc. dormice. 22 September – Nicola Smith. An invitation had been sent to members. - Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management – Frankie Woodgate. Date and time to be fixed for an announcement. - Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury, possible second visit. To discuss focus and timing with Michael Walter Possible Zoom sessions this winter: - Recording Wildlife in your Garden. Neil Coombs. - Bats – sound recording. Amanda Brookman would be invited to give a Zoom talk. - Turtle Doves. Nicole Khan would be invited to give a talk. - Wildflower meadows. Dan Tuson would be invited to give a talk.	Keith Keith Rory Keith Keith Keith
6.	Publicity KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 23 July and 24 August, and another would be sent after this meeting. Rory would keep on the alert as to the best ways of driving traffic to the KLAW website, and converting individual enquirers into KLAW members. KLAW's website would be updated by Jenny. A future issue of KWT's magazine could feature a KLAW case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Keith Rory Jenny SallyE
7.	Any Other Business Nicola Smith had sent a message to KLAW's WhatsApp group regarding a campaign to stop 1800 homes being built on a farm in Dunkirk. "We need a volunteer with bat surveying equipment that can be left on site for a few days. Apparently we already have a volunteer to do a bat survey but they don't have the sort of equipment that remains overnight." Keith would put Nicola in contact with Amanda Brookman. Looking ahead to KLAW's AGM in the spring, the committee would like to explore SallyE's suggestion of holding the meeting at Langdon Court. Rory also reported that Keeley Atkinson had left KWT, and committee members expressed their warm appreciation of all that Keeley had done for KLAW.	Keith Keith / SallyE
8.	Date of next committee meeting Rory has to set up meetings for 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3rd Monday of each month, the next being on 21 October.	