KLAW Committee Meeting 28 April 2025 - Minutes v1

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

Present: Rory Harding (Chair); Genny Maskell; Keith Dugmore (Secretary); Jenny

Dugmore (Treasurer).

Apologies: Dave Casey; Julia Brant.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction	
	Rory welcomed members of the committee.	
2.	Membership	
	Nikky Warden from Sandwich had joined as our 13 th Supporter. Jack Highwood, who has a 400+ acre farm at Tonbridge, had joined as our 41 st Landholder.	
3.	Grants & other financial support	
	Rory reported that "Chalk to Coast", an ambitious project to create Kent's first large-scale nature recovery corridor, had now been launched: https://www.chalktocoast.co.uk/home The project is supported by the Kent Downs National Landscape through Defra's Farming in Protected Landscapes grant programme	
	The relevant area can be seen here: https://webapps.kwtg.uk/public/app/chalk-to-coast The map shows farms that have pledged to the Chalk to Coast project, alongside existing nature reserves, protected areas, and high-value habitat.	
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help	
	Rory would seek to provide the original full file videos of the following talks to Jenny for KLAW's website. (If not available, Jenny will use a link to the file for the website).	Rory, Jenny
	 Dan Tuson (11 December) "Wild flower grasslands". Neil Coombs (9 January) "Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife". Nicole Khan (26 February) "Saving Turtle Doves in Kent". Dr John Puckett (10 March) "Bats in Kent". 	
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)	
	Planned visits:	Keith to publicise in the News Update
	 6 May, 17.00. Nightingales at Victory Wood, with Keith. 27 May. A talk about extending the Blean with a wildlife bridge over the A 2, at the Alexander Centre in Faversham at 8 PM. 29 May. From Soil to Sustainability: Pathways to Net Zero Farming. Cot Lane, Biddenden. [17 June. Barn Owls. Godmersham. Dan Tuson – if there's space] 22 June AM. Dormouse Hunt at Dunkirk. Nicola Smith. 22 June. Ellen Wilson had invited KLAW to be involved in an Open Farm Garden Safari at Shadoxhurst. It was agreed to encourage 	

	talk about their landholdings and interests to prospective members.	
	Rory would see whether Dave and Judy are able to come.	Rory
	 [10 July. Glow worms. Dan Tuson – if there is space] 	
	21 September AM. Dormouse Hunt at Dunkirk. Nicola Smith.	
	Possible visits:	
	Aidamora. Chalk grassland and newly-planted hedges, hosted by	
	Julia. Keith to check, aiming to agree a revised date.Wetlands and Boreholes. Jenny and Keith offered to host an event	Keith / Julia
	at Mystole Orchard in the summer.	Jenny & Keith
	Scything. Sally had provided information about Mary Ellis, who	, , , , , ,
	runs courses. The committee would discuss at its next meeting the	A II
	idea of holding an event in August.	All
	Possible winter online presentations / discussions:	
	 Grazing, & the possibilities of co-operation. Chalk to Coast. 	
	Chalk to Coast.Hazel Ryan from Wildwood (e.g. dormice).	
	Lee Brady (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group).	
6.	Publicity	
	KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 25 March, and another would be sent after this meeting.	Keith
	KLAW's website was being kept up to date by Jenny.	
	Jenny will update the KLAW leaflet.	Jenny
	KWT's website. Keith suggested that a link to KLAW's website could be at	
	Act> In Your Community > [KLAW]	Rory
7.	Any Other Business	
	Our AGM, which was hosted by SallyE at Langdon Court on 15 March,	
	was both enjoyable and productive, and you can see the key conclusions here: https://klawonline.co.uk/images/Minutes/AGM_2025.pdf	
8.	Dates & times of future committee meetings	
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	It had been agreed to meet in future at 10.00 (rather than 11.00) on the 3 rd Monday of each month: Rory had sent an update to our calendars.	
	The next committee meeting was scheduled for 19 May at 10.00.	

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