

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 <u>grant programme</u> 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). • 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".	Rory, Jenny
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Planned visits: • 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 members to attend, and have an informal stand where they might	Keith to publicise in the News Update

