

KLAW Committee Meeting 17 February 2025 – Minutes v1

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

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

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed members of the committee.	
2.	Membership Our membership remains 40 (corrected) Landholders and 12 Supporters.	
3.	Grants & other financial support Keith had referred in January's KLAU News Update to Nicola Smith having had a pond created by Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership. Rory reported that "Chalk to Coast", an ambitious project to create Kent's first large-scale nature recovery corridor, was soon to be launched, and would seek more details. Dave reported recent news of the Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk and Keith would include it in our News Update	Rory Keith
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Rory would ask Dan Tuson whether his 11 December presentation on wild flower grasslands could be sent to KLAU members, and / or posted on our website. Rory would aim to make Neil Coombs' Zoom talk "Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife" on 9 January available on KLAU's website.	Rory, Jenny Rory, Jenny
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAU) Recent: - Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife. KWT's Neil Coombs had given an online talk on 9 January. - Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury. A visit had taken place on 11 January. Planned visits: 23 March. Aidamora. Chalk grassland and newly-planted hedges, hosted by Julia. An invitation had been sent to members on 14 February. - April / early May. Nightingales. Rory would ask nightingale expert Chas Holt whether he might arrange an event. 11 May. Langdon Garden. Another "Nature Friendly Open Garden" fundraising event organised by Sally Edge and KWT.	Keith, Julia Rory SallyE

	22 June. Ellen Wilson had invited KLAJ 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 talk about their landholdings and interests to prospective members. - Summer. Wetlands and Boreholes. Jenny and Keith offered to host an event at Mystole Orchard. Future online talks: - Saving Turtle Doves in Kent. 26 February. Nicole Khan's talk had been publicised to members. Rory would set up a Teams link. - Bats in Kent. 10 March. Dr John Puckett had agreed to give a talk. Keith would send an invitation to members, and Rory would set up a Teams link.	Keith, Rory Jenny, Keith Rory Keith, Rory
6.	Publicity KLAJ News Update had been emailed to members on 20 January, and another would be sent after this meeting. KLAJ's website. Jenny's latest updates had included splendid trailcam photos from Dave and Judy. KWT's website. Keith suggested that a link to KLAJ's website could be at Act> In Your Community > [KLAJ] Rory reported that SallyE had written a fantastic blog for KWT, which would be included in our next News Update too. Into the Wilderness: A garden wilding experiment in Kent Kent Wildlife Trust Publicity would be on the agenda of our AGM.	Keith Rory Keith Keith
7.	Any Other Business KLAJ's AGM. SallyE had kindly agreed to host this at Langdon Court on Saturday 15 March 2025. Keith had sent committee members draft versions of: - Agenda. It was agreed to add items on a) the government's new "Land Use Framework" (Rory), and b) "What's rattling your cage?" – an opportunity for members to discuss their current interests and identify topics for future events. - Secretary's report. (It was decided that there was no need to raise the issue of the quorum for routine committee meetings). Keith would contact Sally to discuss arrangements, and then send an invitation and papers to members.	Keith, SallyE
8.	Dates & times of future committee meetings It was agreed to meet in future at 10.00, rather than 11.00, on the 3rd Monday of each month. Rory would send an update to our calendars. The next committee meeting was scheduled for 17 March at 10.00.	Rory