KLAW Committee Meeting 20 October 2025 - Minutes v1

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

Present: Rory Harding; Keith Dugmore (Secretary, and Acting Chair); Dave Casey; Julia

Brant; Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer); Dave Shenton.

Apologies: Genny Maskell.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction	
	Keith thanked Rory for starting the meeting, and welcomed members of the committee, especially Dave Shenton, who is Local Wildlife Sites Officer for KWT, as a new recruit.	
2.	Membership	
	The number of Landholders remained at 42.	
3.	Grants & other financial support	
	Biodiversity Net Gain. DaveS would ask Nicky Britton-Williams (now Nicky Carter) if she might give an update of her earlier talk (see Item 5 below), focussing on examples of case studies in the last two years. This could provide a springboard for members (including Nicola Smith and Paul Wilson) to meet for detailed discussion.	DaveS
	Making Space for Nature. The MSN strategy is expected to be published by KCC in November.	
	Stour Valley Restore. Will Hirstle's news of progress and a questionnaire for landholders had been included on September's KLAW News Update. Keith and Jenny had completed the questionnaire for Mystole Orchard.	
	DaveS reported that he was liaising with Will about Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) in the SVR area, and KWT would become a formal supporter.	
	Chalk to Coast. DaveS was also liaising with this initiative about LWS.	
	National Trails Nature Recovery Programme. DaveC had investigated whether Walmer Castle might be a candidate, but funding was minimal.	
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help	
	Local Wildlife Sites. DaveS reported that another newsletter had been published, and had good news about designations:	
	 Janet Upson's field – formally accepted. Jenny & Keith's Mystole Orchard – formally accepted. DaveC & Judy's meadow – acceptance is imminent. Genny's Bow Meadow – progressing. DaveC & Judy's Eleven Acre Wood – to be progressed. 	
	Water Voles. Genny's news from the Waterlife Recovery Trust about saving water voles by eradicating mink would be included in KLAW News.	Keith
	Green Angels. https://greenangels.thelandtrust.org.uk/ DaveC reported very positively about Habitat Management Course at Fort Burgoyne. More information would be included in the next KLAW News.	Keith

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	Videos of KLAW talks. Rory (perhaps with DaveS's help) would seek to provide the original full file videos of four earlier talks for KLAW's website. (Jenny has already posted links).	Rory & DaveS
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)	[Keith to
	Recent events:	publicise in the News Update,
	 Rory's talk on rewilding and farming had attracted a crowd of 50. Nicola Smith had hosted another successful Dormouse Hunt. 	and send invitations]
	Planned events:	
	 25 October. Kent Wildlife Conference at the University of Kent. KWT's Ham Fen reserve – private visit for KLAW members. DaveS would seek info on ground conditions and possible dates. Equine ecology workshop at Aidamora. Julia was seeking possible dates in January or February. 	DaveS Julia
	Winter online presentations / discussions:	
	 Local Wildlife Sites. DaveS. Now fixed for 19.00 on 6 November. Nightingales and Turtle Doves. Jenny & Keith for KOS. 17 Dec. BNG, Nicky Carter. DaveS to seek a date in January. Lee Brady (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group), to include animals' geographical isolation / possibility of spreading. [?Feb/March] Hazel Ryan from Wildwood (e.g. dormice). [A possible] Chalk to Coast. [A possible] 	DaveS Jenny & Keith DaveS Keith
	Potential events in 2026:	
	 Sheep event. Rory to discuss with Rob Graham. Scything. Sally Edge had provided information about Mary Ellis, who runs courses. Genny and Rory will investigate the idea of holding an event next year, and possible sources of funding. Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White. Lichen walk with an expert (e.g. Ishpi Blatchley, Keith Palmer). Jenny & Keith to seek advice from Lesley Mason. Micro moths with DaveS in the autumn (recommended by DaveC). 	Rory Genny & Rory Julia [?] Jenny & Keith DaveS
6.	Publicity	
	KLAW News Updates had been emailed to members on 17 September, and another would be sent after this meeting. KLAW's website was being kept up to date by Jenny, who always	Keith
	welcomed photos from our events. DaveC would send Jenny some dramatic photos of Fly Agaric at Walmer Beach.	DaveC
7.	Any Other Business	
	Rory was starting his new job in South-East Water's environment team on 21 October, and would keep the committee informed about whether SE Water will allow him to continue at Chair, and, if so, the best day & time for our meetings, and options for setting up the online links.	Rory
8.	Dates & times of future committee meetings	
	The next committee meeting was currently scheduled for 17 Nov at 10.00.	
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