



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 10 February 2026 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, I. Donfrancesco, I. Mutch, S. Roney-Dougal, R. Cook, J. Cousins, L. MacDougall, M. Smyth, T. Napper, P. Manning, S. Henderson, E. King and M. Oakden.
Apologies	Cllrs Lokabandhu, Osborn, Price and Somerset Cllr Hart
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Two Macebearers, Ewan Cameron-Somerset Councillor and 26 members of the public.
Public Participation	3 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: 1. World Heritage 2. Glastonbury Train Link – Bus Pilot 3. Anti-Social Behaviour

226. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Councillors Lokabandhu, Osborn, and Somerset Councillor Hart gave apologies due to personal commitments and Councillor Price due to illness.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

227. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests in addition to those already disclosed via councillor's register of interests to the Monitoring Officer.

228. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the meeting of January were considered a correct record; these were then duly **SIGNED** by the chair.

229. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Town Clerk updated councillors CCTV feedback given, a meeting is arranged with the head of operations. A precept leaflet is being designed and will be distributed soon. Booking prices have been initiated for bookings after April 1st, with good feedback received.

230. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT

A discussion was had regarding the statistics, the rise in percentage since the PSPO lapsed and how we can get more figures regarding the outcome of crime in Glastonbury. A visit from a representative from the CPS was requested and the Mayor was tasked to reach out to the CPS.

231. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Members considered the Schedule of Payments, and it was duly **SIGNED** by the Chair and another councillor.

232. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

233. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported that no further update has been given by Somerset Council and are still waiting for an update from their legal team.

234. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST DUNSTAN'S HOUSE HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE

The Town Clerk updated that bookings are increasing and snagging list is being worked on.

235. TO CONSIDER THE UK GOVERNMENT TOWN OF CULTURE COMPETITION

The Town Clerk updated Councillors regarding this competition. A discussion was had regarding Glastonbury Town Council putting a bid together to enter the competition.

It was proposed by Cllr Donfrancesco for Glastonbury Town Council to enter an expression of interest. This was seconded by Cllr Mutch and **AGREED** unanimously with one abstention.

236. TO CONSIDER A CHANGE TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Members considered a change to the standing orders following requests by members to facilitate written ballots. This was however decided against.

Members also considered Full Council taking a recess each August and December; this was considered to be a matter for a new Council in a new electoral term and was deferred.

237. TO APPOINT GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCILS INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2026/27

It was proposed by Cllr Donfrancesco for Glastonbury Town Council to appoint Paul Russell from Parish and Town Auditing Services. The Council is satisfied that the Internal Auditor is independent from the Council and that their scope of works is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

238. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

a. Arts, Culture & Events Committee meeting held on 14th January 2026

No recommendations/resolutions from this meeting.

b. Planning Committee meeting held on 20th January 2026

- (a) 2025/2255/LBC – To add a rooflight and move an internal stud wall within second floor – 3 Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, BA6 8DJ – Mr Paul Banks – Listed Building Consent. (Cllr Manning proposed, seconded by Cllr MacDougal and agreed (with 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application subject to the Conservation Officers decision).
- (b) 2025/2197/FUL – Extending car park – Middlewick Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Wick, Glastonbury – Barker – Full Application. (Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (3 in favour/3 abstentions) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- (c) 2026/0024/FUL – Erection of a “WeBuyAnyCar” Pod in car park – Morrisons Supermarket, Street Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9ED – Full Application. (Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Manning and agreed (4 in favour/1 against and 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- (d) 2026/0025/ADV – Advertisements associated with “WeBuyAnyCar” Pod – Morrisons Supermarket, Street Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9ED – Application to Display Adverts. (Cllr Cousins proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (4 in favour/1 against and 1 abstention) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- (e) 2026/0050/HSE – Single-storey rear extension and formation of new pedestrian access within garden wall – 52 Bove Town, Glastonbury, BA6 8JE – Ms G Clark – Householder Application. (Cllr MacDougal proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and agreed (with 2 abstentions) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application with the condition that the tree to be felled is replaced and looked after appropriately).

c. Staffing Committee meeting held on 20th January 2026

- i. Cllr Price proposed that the Town Clerk write to the Manager of the Pilgrim Reception Centre outlining the Staffing Committee’s position on the proposal to run the Information Centre. Once the new member of staff is in place, we will hold a joint meeting to discuss the future direction of the Information Centre. This was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Councillors shortlisted for the new Visitor Experience and Cultural Venue Team leader role and agreed the interview panel to be comprised of Cllrs White, Oakden, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

- iii. Cllr Price proposed that two Community Services Officer's probationary periods had been passed, that the roles become permanent and that they be awarded a salary scale increase. This was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

d. Property & Assets Committee meeting held on 21st January 2026

- i. It was proposed by Cllr White to adopt the new hire charge sheet from the 1st April. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **AGREED** unanimously.
- ii. It was Proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu to offer a multi-day booking discount. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **AGREED** unanimously.
- iii. It was proposed by Cllr White to assign the Clerk to arrange a survey of the cottage with a view of demolition. This was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **AGREED** unanimously with one abstention.
- iv. Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that Full Council be recommended to appoint Cllr Ewan Cameron to join the Town Deal Board on behalf of Glastonbury Town Council. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth that Glastonbury Town Council request that Somerset Council invites Somerset Cllr Cameron to join the Town Deal Board. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

- v. It was proposed by Cllr White for the Town Clerk to reply to the Abbey confirming that Glastonbury Town Council will not be taking on the proposed lease. This was seconded Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

e. Resilience Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2026

- i. Cllr. J. Cousins proposed adopting OPTION 3 phase 1 - Bivalent heat pumps/ gas boiler This was seconded by Cllr. E. King and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. If you didn't want to upgrade the service head, then you could potentially install some new heat pumps to deliver a base heating load and run these in bivalent mode with your existing gas boiler, rather than a new electric boiler. That would have higher associated carbon emissions during colder weather but would be much cheaper to run, for the alternative decarbonisation heating system. (Cllr. J. Cousins to speak to this)
- iii. Cllr. Z. Price proposed Glastonbury Town Council consult the Dowlas project coordination team for advice on the heat pump location at the town hall. This was seconded by Cllr. M. White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- iv. Cllr. J. Cousins proposed the Resilience Committee pay half of the costs to purchase new radios as part of the Emergency Plan, in conjunction with the Frost Fayre Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. M. White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

239. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION

f. Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting held on 20th January 2026

Cllr S Roney-Dougall proposed, seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and unanimously agreed to submit the Plan to Jo Milling at Somerset Council for screening.

g. Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 28th January 2026

No recommendations from this meeting.

h. Third Party Markets Working Group meeting held on 5th February 2026

i. Craig Jackson

- a. Would now be looking to do the 3 markets in 2027 (as not enough time to plan).
- b. The Working Group are happy to recommend that permission be granted for Craig to go ahead with the 3 markets in 2027, on the condition that they are similar dates that don't conflict with any other events in the town.

ii. Avalonian Market (Lisa McLean)

- a. The Working Group recommends permission be granted for 2026 for the 2nd Saturday of every month, on the same conditions with £15 per space being charged.

iii. Tor Collective

- a. The Working Group recommends permission be granted for the 8 proposed dates in 2026 (the last Saturday of every month from March to October).

iv. Kordia Events

- a. The Working Group recommends permission be granted for the 2 markets in 2026, with the following conditions:-
 - The date of 8th August to move to 15th August as it conflicts with the Avalonian market.
 - 7th November date is OK.
 - £15 per parking space used to be charged.

These Recommendations to go to Property & Assets Committee

240. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The report was shared to all councillors from Cllr Cameron. The Council gave their thanks for the excellent report. Cllr Cameron is going to share this report with the public more widely.

241. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Cousins reported about the cuts to the internal drainage board budget for dredging of the main rivers. Cllr Cousins also gave feedback on the Local Community Network’s Health and Wellbeing meeting regarding the Step, Ride and Thrive project. Glastonbury Town Council is the lead for the project, and it was requested for more councillors to take interest in this project.

A congratulations was given to the Glastonbury Carnival Club for the results for the 2025 circuit.

242. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr White attended with the Deputy Mayor a Somerset Youth Alliance event here at Glastonbury Town Hall.

243. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Living Brue Day will be held on Saturday 28th March, 10am to 5pm at Glastonbury Town Hall.

Cllr Cousins raised the recent allegations against Cllr Osborn, Coucillors are going to speak with Cllr Osborn about these.

244. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS FOR NEWS RELEASE AND/OR THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Glastonbury Train Link survey to be shared and the Living Brue event to be advertised.

245 TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

- Schedule of payments questions to the Responsible Finance Officer.
- Crown Prosecution Service request to visit the next Crime Reduction Meeting.
- Submit the Expression of Interest for Town of Culture.

246. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

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