



## GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Glastonbury Town Council held on 10 March 2026 at 7 pm</b>	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, I. Donfrancesco, I. Mutch, S. Roney-Dougal, R. Cook, J. Cousins, Lokabandhu, L. Osborn, Z. Price, M. Smyth, T. Napper, P. Manning, S. Henderson, E. King and M. Oakden.
Apologies	Cllr L. MacDougall
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Two Macebearers, Ewan Cameron-Somerset Councillor and 82 members of the public.
Public Participation	3 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>2. World Heritage</li><li>3. People of Glastonbury</li></ol>

### **247. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Councillor MacDougall gave apologies due to personal commitments.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

### **248. 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.

It was proposed by Cllr Price to move agenda item 8 (minute point 254) up to the next agenda item. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **AGREED** unanimously.

### **249. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD**

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

### **250. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The Town Clerk updated that the question raised was answered by the Responsible Finance Officer, The Mayor has contacted the Crown Prosecution Service and work is continuing on the Town of Culture application.

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## **251. TO NOTE THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT AND RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICE**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## **252. 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.

A question was raised regarding a spend on Herbies field that was answered by the Town Clerk.

## **253. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The budget monitoring report was **NOTED**.

## **254. TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKING GROUP AND THE TOWN COUNCIL'S CONSULTANTS IN RESPECT OF THE PROCESS AND POTENTIAL FUTURE ATTAINMENT OF WORLD HERITAGE STATUS FOR GLASTONBURY**

Councillors spoke regarding the reports received from the Working Party and the Consultants report. They also spoke regarding the potential future of World Heritage Status for Glastonbury and the costs involved in the next stage.

They raised points regarding housing, A361 Freight Route, the reports from the consultants and the Working Group, community feelings and the high feelings of some members of the community, the risks and costs of proceeding, exploring other landscape and heritage protections, a residents assemble like that at Amesbury.

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that the Town Council accept the recommendations of the Working Group and that the Town Council:

Acknowledging the Outstanding Universal Value of Glastonbury's Sacred Landscape: That this Council accepts the Consultants' recommendation to proceed with Phase 2 – to prepare a first draft World Heritage Nomination Dossier for discussion with the UK State Party DCMS – with the proviso that this Council undertakes a 'Preparation Phase' as part of Phase 2, as recommended by the World Heritage Status Working Group's Final Report, comprising:

- **a full Impact Assessment,**
- **setting up a Working Group to create a Town Management Plan, and**
- **a community information and engagement programme – engaging in full dialogue and consultation with Glastonbury's community leading to a survey of resident's preferences.**

Councillor Manning has proposed an amendment to Cllr Roney-Dougal's proposal based on the speech by Cllr Price, that the Town Council:

- **Pause all work toward a World Heritage Status application.**
- **Prioritises the development of a comprehensive Glastonbury Town Management Plan.**
- **Initiates a programme to address antisocial behaviour in the town.**

- **Undertakes improved community engagement on future heritage protection options.**
- **Explores alternative landscape protection designations.**
- **Revisits the question of WHS only once these foundational steps are complete.**

This was seconded by Cllr Henderson and **RESOLVED** by majority (9:5:1), so becomes the substantive motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion with the results as follows:

**In favour: Cllrs Cook, Osborn, Napper, Manning, Oakden, Henderson, Mutch, White, Price, Donfrancesco, Lokabandhu, King, and Cousins. (13)**

**Against: Cllrs Roney-Dougal and Smyth, (2)**

It was proposed by Cllr Price to suspend standing orders in order to take a 10-minute break. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Cllr Cook left the meeting.

#### **255. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FOR ‘TAKING THE SPACE’**

It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougal to approve the grant application for £500. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** by majority.

#### **256. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT A GRANTING OF MARKETS RIGHTS POLICY**

It was proposed by Cllr Cousins to adopt the markets rights policy with some small amendments and clarifications suggested by the Town Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

#### **257. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT A NUMBER OF STATUTORY POLICIES FOR 2026**

It was proposed by Cllr White for Glastonbury Town Council to adopt the below statutory policies.

- Standing orders
- Data Breach Procedure
- Data Protection Policy
- Data Protection Impact Assessment Form
- Internal Controls Policy
- Investment Policy
- IT Policy
- Publication Scheme
- Retention Policy
- Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers
- Subject Access Request Form

This was seconded by Cllr Mutch and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

#### **258. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES**

**a. Staffing Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- i. Cllr Smyth proposed that the new staff line management structure be adopted effective immediately This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- ii. Cllr Price proposed that the quotation for the staff evaluation work be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**b. Planning Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- i. 2026/0098/FUL – Replacement of single storey existing sea cadet building on site – Cadet Centre, Benedict Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9NQ – Elaine Dearling – Full Application. Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application.
- ii. 2026/0188/LBC – Emergency Works – roof repairs (retrospective) – 100 Bove Town, Glastonbury, BA6 8JG – Ms Annette Cmela – Listed Building Consent. Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Smyth and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application.
- iii. 2026/0240/LBC – The installation of 51 PV panels to the roof of Glastonbury Town Hall. Installation of 2 PV battery units. Installation of secondary glazing sash windows. modification and refurbishment of existing rear hall windows – Town Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EL. This Planning Application was not discussed, due to the Applicant being Glastonbury Town Council.

**c. Arts, Culture and Events Advisory Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

There were no decisions from this meeting.

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

**a. World Heritage Working Group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- i. For the Summary vote, of the 9 members of the Working Group (discounting Councillors), 6 Members felt that World Heritage Status (WHS) would be of benefit and should be pursued further, 1 member felt that while WHS would be of benefit, the difficulty, costs and time needed would probably not justify the journey and 2 members felt that WHS should not be pursued further. This result was agreed to be added to the report Summary.

**b. Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

- i. Proposed by Cllr S. Roney-Dougal, seconded by Cllr M. Smyth, all in favour - that Glastonbury Town Council sends a further letter of support for the Trainlink to Richard Wilkins.

**c. Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

There were no recommendations from this meeting.

**260. 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.

**261. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LEAD COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

This item was not discussed.

**262. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr White spoke regarding The Living Brue Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**263. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors raised concerns to Somerset Councillor Cameron, this will be followed up by emails.

Cllr Cousins spoke of the Step, Ride, and Thrive project being run by the Avalon and Poldens Local Community Network.

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

This item was not discussed.

**265. TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

To advertise the Annual Town Meeting and to make the changes agreed to the Market's Rights Policy.

**266. TO PASS A MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

It was proposed by Cllr Donfrancesco to pass the motion. This was seconded by Cllr Mutch and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr White to suspend standing order 3x and extend the meeting by 15 minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Councillor Price left the meeting.

**267. TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR 2026 COMMUNITY AWARDS AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Councillors considered the nominations received for Citizen of the Year and other Volunteer awards, winners were chosen, and the presentation will be made at the Annual Town Meeting.

It was agreed that Jacqueline Cross be awarded Citizen of the Year, Gabriel Avalon (Glastonbury Gabriel) was awarded Volunteer of the Year, Sirius Sky was awarded Young Volunteer of the Year, Bill and Kay Wych were jointly awarded a Volunteer long Service Award alongside 'Shed' from Tor Rugby Club.

**268. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED BACK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.**

It was proposed by Cllr White to pass the motion. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**269. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

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