



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Resilience Committee held on December 2nd 2025, at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, L. MacDougall, E. King
Apologies	Cllrs M. Smyth, J. Cousins, Z. Price
Absent	I. Donfrancesco
In Attendance	Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer
Public Participation	Dr Richard Lawson, David Sawtell

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Smyth, J. Cousins, Z. Price due to prior commitments.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared.

26. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING – SIGN

The minutes of the meeting were considered a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

27. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FORM THE RIVER POLLUTION WORKING GROUP

Members of the River Pollution Working Group shared details of an event, The Living Brue Day, planned for March 28th in the Town Hall. They started by thanking Glastonbury Town Council for its offer of support. Experts to be invited to the event include Geroge Monbiot, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, River Action, SWT, Surfers Against Sewerage, Sustainable Wells, Wedmore, Wild Swimmers, Anglers, and people who live and work along the length of the river. The plan is for the day to present a celebration of the history, nature, and beauty of the river, and to contrast this with the outrage about the pollution from sewerage and farms.

Hoped outcomes include: Living Brue Website; Water testing; A film; Campaign for Renationalisation or non-profit model for water industry.

28. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DECARBONISATION WORKS

Melissa shared an update on decarbonisation works. For details, refer to the attached Climate Emergency & Resilience Report.

DECISION 1

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Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr MacDougal, unanimously supported

To appoint Greengauge M&E consultants to explore an alternative decarbonisation strategy for the heating system, covering solutions that may be possible without the need for an upgraded electricity supply. This may include retaining some gas and control improvements through to other renewable configurations.

29. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESILIENCE WORKS

Melissa shared an update on Resilience works. For details, refer to the attached Climate Emergency & Resilience Report.

DECISION 2

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr MacDougal, unanimously supported

To purchase an EcoFlow Delta 2 Max portable battery, for use as emergency back-up power.

Next steps for the Emergency Plan include publishing a redacted version on the website, and working with Town Hall staff and Frost Fayre event control to allocate roles and run a test of the plan using an emergency scenario. Also, to talk to organisations and locations listed in the plan and share this with them.

Following the recent National Emergency Briefing, Melissa will share details of the presentations and a suggestion that this committee sign the letter and lead an information campaign to share the message. It was suggested that the committee produces a leaflet for residents and businesses, and to produce an exhibition in St Dunstan's House about the impact of the Climate and Ecological Emergency on Health & Wellbeing.

30. TO CONSIDER A BUDGET FOR THIS COMMITTEE FOR 2026/27

Melissa shared details of pas funding and spending for the Resilience committee and Resilience works. For details, refer to the attached Climate Emergency & Resilience Report.

DECISION 3

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr MacDougal, unanimously supported

To request £5,000 for the Resilience Committee, and £25,000 for Decarbonisation works.

Melissa will ask Sarah Marks about Walkie Talkies to purchase as Emergency Equipment, and will bring suggestions and prices to the next meeting.

31. TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY AND POLICY FOR GTC

A discussion about the need to develop a waste and recycling strategy and policy for GTC. Office paper waste and card is already recycled. The council produce very small amounts of other recyclable waste, and that is taken home by staff and recycled there. Although events take their rubbish with them, we can still set an example by advising them to recycle it. Melissa will talk with Conor and Jackie about how these various processes might be put into a policy document. Boxes for recycling plastic that isn't dealt with by waste collection are available from this company: <https://mygrouppltd.com/plastics/>. The main challenge is collection and storage capacity.

32. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set for February 3rd 2026, at 7pm.

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