



# GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	J Cousins, I Donfrancesco, S Henderson, Lokabandhu, L MacDougall, P Manning (Chair), I Mutch, M Oakden (Deputy Chair), L Osborn, M White
Apologies	Cllr Nick Cottle (County Councillor) & Cllr L MacDougall
Absent	
In Attendance	Graham Baker, Abigail Gibbs, Susannah Hart (County Councillor), Martin Hicks (Curtain Pole), Paul Kenny (Co-Op), Sgt Simon Lancey, Jim Sparkes (Labyrinth Books) and Sarah Hallam (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	N/A

## **1. Elect a Chair**

Cllr Manning was proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Oakden. There being no other nominations, was duly elected Chair of the TCCR Committee.

## **2. Elect Deputy Chair**

Cllr Oakden was proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu . There being no other nominations, was duly elected Deputy Chair of the TCCR Committee.

## **3. Apologies.**

Cllrs N Cottle (sickness) and L MacDougall (sickness). These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

## **4. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Manning – Member of Town Deal Board & Director of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust.

## **5. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

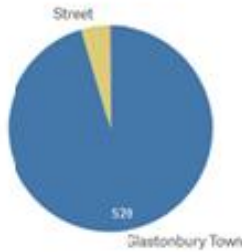
## **6. Police Report.**

Sgt Lancey provided the below crime figures which are a 12-month year-on-year comparison: -

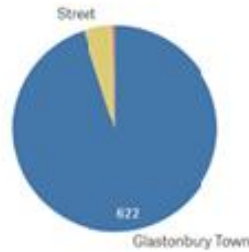
12 months crime  
**290** 15.5%  
Change on prev 12m

12 months ASB  
**348** 15.2%  
Change on prev 12m

Crime Distribution



ASB Distribution



Crime					
Offence Group	Q	Last 12 Months	Previous 12 Months	Pct Change	Actual Change
Arson and Criminal Damage		21	16	+31.3%	+5
Burglary		16	3	+433.3%	+13
Drug Offences		7	5	+40.0%	+2
Fraud		2	0	-	+2
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society		4	1	+300.0%	+3
Possession of Weapons		0	1	-100.0%	-1
Public Order Offences		72	49	+46.9%	+23
Robbery		4	3	+33.3%	+1
Sexual Offences		2	6	-66.7%	+4
Theft		68	72	-5.6%	-4
Vehicle Offences		2	2	+0.0%	+0
Violence Against The Person		92	93	-1.1%	-1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>290</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>+15.5%</b>	<b>+39</b>

ASB					
ASB Type	Q	Last 12 months	Previous 12m	Pct Change	Actual Change
ASB - NUISANCE		85	71	+19.7%	+14
PUBLIC ORDER		37	18	+105.6%	+19
SUS CIRC / INSECURE PREM - VEH		30	21	+42.9%	+9
ASB - PERSONAL		26	19	+36.8%	+7
CONCERN FOR SAFETY		26	38	-31.6%	-12
ASSAULT		18	24	-25.0%	-6
CONTACT RECORD		18	7	+157.1%	+11
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		14	10	+40.0%	+4
HARASSMENT		14	13	+7.7%	+1
HIGHWAY DISRUPTION		14	11	+27.3%	+3
OTHER OFFENCES		12	12	+0.0%	+0
THEFT & HANDLING STOLEN GOODS		10	9	+11.1%	+1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>348</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>+15.2%</b>	<b>+46</b>

Sgt Lancey provided an update about the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. As part of this, every neighbourhood in England and Wales will have dedicated teams spending their time on the beat, with guaranteed police patrols in town centres and other hotspot areas at peak times such as Friday and Saturday nights.

Therefore from July, Glastonbury will have more police officers on the Beat and visible. No officers will be called away to other places without justification.

Hot Spot Policing is an incentive by the Government and will be happening in Glastonbury with extra patrols at particular times in key areas. These targeted patrols are focused on reducing crime, increasing visibility and making sure the community feels safe and supported.

This new government pledge will have clear performance standards, a crackdown on Anti-social behaviour and a safer town centre plan.

Cllr Oakden added that these plans sound good, but residents that have contacted her are very sceptical that there is retribution for individuals who commit crimes. Cllr Oakden's inbox is full of emails from residents who distrust the system, so hopes this will bring results. When people break the law, we look to the Police.

Sgt Lancey added that it does feel different this time by what the Home Office are introducing and is confident that being given the resources and the opportunity it will make a difference.

Sgt Lancey advised that Sgt Claire Allen is in charge of the Hot Spot Policing Team and she would like to come to the next meeting of this Committee.

**Action: Committee Clerk to invite Sgt Allen.**

## **7. Anti Social Behaviour in the High Street.**

J Sparkes said that we have been trying to deal with anti social behaviour as a Community but we are unclear what we can actually do. We have lacked coming together and saying what we think. People are scared to say negative comments, but it is important to speak out.

Discussion went onto the PSPO's which lapsed last year. These need to be reinstated. A PSPO is a helpful tool so Police Officer can take enforcement action when they need to. The Committee would also like to request that the drinking clause be part of the PSPO.

Cllr Hart suggested if she put some wording together and Sgt Lancey's input that she could take that Somerset Council and put a case forward for the reinstatement of the PSPO.

Cllr Cousins asked if Glastonbury has the power to put in place the PSPO? Sgt Lancey was not sure.

Action: Committee Clerk to look into.

G Baker brought up to the subject of using drones. They are useful. Sgt Lancey added that the Police does have a drone team, but does not know the legislation around drones, but could ask the team.

P Kenny added that the Co-Op is having new CCTV cameras installed. Sgt Lancey added that CCTV is useful, but the cameras around Glastonbury do need to be upgraded and they don't capture audio. Cllr Hart added that all business owners should be encouraged to install CCTV, however a lot of buildings in the High Street are listed and possibly not an option.

## **8. Police Presence at Town Events**

Sgt Lancey stated that the Police would like to be at them all, but they can get deployed elsewhere at short notice, but the Neighbourhood Team are dedicated and will be at events as much as they can.

## **9. Festival Impact**

Sgt Lancey said the impact in town is minimal, but the Police will still be in town. Cllr Henderson agreed and said the Festival doesn't really affect the town much now

## **10. Church Yard Review**

J Sparkes gave an update following the Church being closed for 30 days during May. It was a very difficult decision to make, but it was necessary and has been successful. J Sparkes added that it got everyone talking and the support the Church has had is fantastic and even the Prime Minister mentioned them. The Church felt very supported and wanted to thank everyone.

The Church grounds are now open again and we're going to have to stay tight as a community, were stronger together and so far so good.

P Kenney added that working in the Co-Op which is opposite the Church is hard sometimes. Theft from the shop is high, they issue banning letters, but it doesn't stop them and the shop also has security guards to try and deal with the problems.

Cllr Donfrancesco added that closing the Church shocked a lot of people.

## **11. Town Ambassador**

G Baker talked about what he has been doing. He wanted to put back something into the town. He volunteers, bought a uniform and has been walking around and engaging with people. Wears a body cam, carries first aid kit, stickers and a diary to log anything that happens.

J Sparkes asked how do we take this forward now, does the Council take it now?

Cllr Henderson said that the Council could take it, but it would probably need a working group.

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed to form a working group to look at how to take this scheme forward.

**12. Agenda Items and Date of Next Meeting.**

- Illegal street trading

If anyone has an Agenda items to email the committee clerk.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7pm.

<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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