



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 24 th March 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Z. Price (Deputy Chair) M. Oakden, L. Lokabandhu, L. Osborn
Apologies	Cllr J. Cousins (Chair) R. Branchflower, J. Branchflower, K. Knuepfer, J. Constable, T. Webster.
Absent	
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Conor Ogilvie-Davidson (Town Clerk) L. Lyte (GTC Drummer) M. Claridge, C. Glazebrook, S. Madog, K. Shaw, T. Brown, E. Tannoh, K. Hodge, P. Genoux, K. Redpath, Z. Hanley, D. Bradley, Jeremy, G Taylor
Public Participation	None

72. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. J Cousins (Work commitment) T. Webster (unwell)
R. Branchflower and J. Branchflower (unwell) K. Knuepfer (unwell)

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

T. Brown joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Z. Price is the Chairman for the Glastonbury Beltane Green -Men Committee.

74. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th February 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the **24th February 2026** were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

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75. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr. J. Cousins

- Invite Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin, to the Glastonbury St. George's Day 2026 event

Cllr. Z. Price and Cllr. Oakden

- To assist at the St. George's Day event

Committee Clerk

- Obtain quotes for a block of toilets or an additional Portaloo for Beltane.
- Send a written request to MP Sarah Dyke to present in parliament and question the viability of purchasing Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Barriers at a cost in excess of £85,000 with hiring costs in excess of £2,000 per event.

76. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS REGARDING ANY EXPENDITURE NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

The Committee were given a finance report for the year end 2025 and proposed any surplus monies be carried over

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed a recommendation to **the Responsible Financial Officer** to consider monies surplus to requirements at the financial year end 2025, be put into a dedicated reserve for the Arts, Culture and Events Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Oakden and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

The Committee Clerk was asked by the Chair of the Resilience Committee Cllr. Michael White if they would consider paying fifty percent towards the cost of new Walkie-Talkie radios needed for council run events. The Committee agreed to pay one third at a cost of £386

K. Redpath proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay one-third of the cost of purchasing Walkie-Talkie radios for use at all council events at a cost of £386. This was seconded by M. Claridge and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

77. UPDATE ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY EVENT 2026

The Committee Clerk advised that due to Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin of Ethiopia unable to attend a St. George's Day Event 2026, this will now be held in 2027. Cllr. J. Cousins will extend the invitation to Princess Esther. The event cannot be held in the Abbey as the 23rd April is the Abbey's Medieval Fayre weekend. The Committee asked the Committee Clerk to contact the Abbey again and ask about the possibility of combining the event with the mummers play.

78. UPDATE ON BELTANE EVENT 2026

Cllr. Price gave an update on the Beltane event 2026. The afternoon ceremony will now be held in the Blossom field at the bottom of the Tor. The Green-Men requested assistance with insurance on the day. The Committee agreed to reimburse the amount of £458.20. The Committee Clerk was asked to contact the Tor Bus company to alert them of the changes to the route. The Dragons are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. The Committee will produce a Beltane leaflet using the template from 2025. ACE members will send updated information to the Committee Clerk to add to the leaflet. The Committee Clerk will contact Cllr. J. Cousins for the template logo. Herbies field will be booked again this year and the Committee agreed to pay staff costs on the day.

T. Brown proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee reimburse the Glastonbury Beltane Green-men £458.20 for insurance costs on the Beltane May Day event on Friday 1st May 2026. This was seconded by K. Redpath and **RESOLVED** with two abstentions.

G. Taylor proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay printing costs of up to £200 for leaflets and posters to promote the Beltane May Day event on 1st May 2026. This was seconded by T. Brown and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

K. Shaw proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay staff costs incurred at Herbies Field for parking on Beltane Day 1st May 2026. This was seconded by K. Redpath and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

79. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO ARTS CULTURE AND EVENTS IN GLASTONBURY

- Jeremy handed out leaflets and gave an overview of the Glastonbury Medieval Renaissance Music Festival on 16-19th April 2026
- M Claridge requested an update on the UK Town of Culture bid application. The Town Clerk advised the funding will come from central government and the deadline for submission is 31st March 2026.
- The Committee requested an update on the Anglican road closure and the Rev. Alice Watson being invited to the procession in September 2026. Bishop Paul Thomas has sent an invitation via email but Rev. Watson has not received it as yet. The Committee requested the Town Clerk and Cllr. Z. Price seek advice from S.A.L.C. Cllr. Lokabandhu will contact Rev. Watson for an update on the invitation.
- Green-Men Beltane meeting to be held on Sunday 29th March 2026
- The Committee revisited the Glastonbury Film Screening event and agreed to pay staff costs for the event.

Z. Hanley proposed that the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay staff costs to the amount of £103.45 for the Glastonbury Film Screening on Saturday 31st January 2026. This was seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

80. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

ACE Committee Members

- Send the Committee Clerk wording to be added to the Beltane leaflet 2026

Cllr Price and Town Clerk

- Consult with S.A.L.C on matters relating to the Anglican Church and female attendees.
- Cllr. Lokabandhu will consult with Rev. Alice Watson of St John's Church Glastonbury on her attendance for the Anglican Procession in September.

Green-Men

- To submit an expenses claim to Glastonbury Town Council for reimbursement of Beltane insurance 2026

Committee Clerk

- Contact Tor Bus to inform them of the Beltane re-route 2026
- Contact the Abbey to enquire as to the possibility of incorporating a mummers play on the Friday for St George's Day 2027
- Contact Cllr. Cousins for the Beltane leaflet template.

81. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 16th April 2026

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