



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 10 th December 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, Z. Price, M. Oakden.
Apologies	Cllr. L. Lokabandhu, R. Branchflower, J. Branchflower, P. Weston, T. Webster, J. Constable, B. Crowley, D. Bradley, G. Avalon Andrew Lidster (GIC and Tribunal Museum Manager) Katie Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk)
Absent	L. Osborn
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) E. Cameron (Somerset Councillor) A. ApEllis, A. Bolton, Z. Bruce, M. Claridge, C. Cleavebrook, Z. Hanley, C. Hunter, K. Knuepfer, S. Madog, A. Shaw, K. Shaw, F. Rainbird-Clarke, K. Redpath, G. Taylor
Public Participation	None

37. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lokabandhu (family commitment) R. Branchflower (Prior engagement) J. Branchflower (Prior engagement) P. Weston (Prior engagement) T. Webster (Unwell) J. Constable (Diary clash) G. Avalon (Prior engagement)

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

A. Shaw left the meeting at 8.15pm. A. Bolton left the meeting at 9.15pm

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. J. Cousins is a member of Glastonbury Credit Union

39. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER 2025

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The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2025 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

40. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr. Cousins

- To research whether local surrounding town councils employ a communications officer.

Committee Clerk

- To submit to Finance and General purposes a recommendation of budget allocation
- To submit to Full council a recommendation of considering employing a full time Communications Officer /To pay £100 to Yeast Scrap-Store.
- Consult with the R.F.O on hire fees at the Town Hall for external organisations.
- 400 leaflets to be printed and delivered for the Samhain week promotion
- Obtain quotes for the possible moving of the external GTC community notice board and improving the aesthetics. Circulate S. Marks email for members to submit event information.

41. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTION

F. Rainbird-Clarke gave an overview of the charity's mission statement and presented information on their upcoming event "The Fantasy Ball" taking place in the town hall on 6th February 2026. All proceeds raised go to supporting children including the Southwest Children's Hospice. All volunteers are unwaged and give their time for free. The charity asked the committee to consider donating £500 towards the cost of the hall hire which is over £900 in total. The Committee Clerk advised that she had spoken with the Responsible Finance Officer and that hall hire cannot be paid for out of ACE funds for external organisations. Cllr. J. Cousins suggested the charity apply for a GTC grant to assist with the cost of the venue, and raised the question of whether there could be a charity status applied to hall hire charges.

42. FILM SCREENING PRESENTATION – K.REDPATH

K. Redpath gave an overview of a film he has produced titled "Glastonbury Way." Cllr. S. Roney Dougall had approached the Committee Clerk and suggested a meeting to discuss a possible showing of the film . He gave an overview of the film and the Committee Clerk advised she had provisionally booked the 31st of January in the main hall to tie in with Imbolc. K. Redpath is donating all proceeds raised on his behalf to the Love Glastonbury Charity which supports local people in the town. The Committee agreed the film would be shown and asked the Committee Clerk to approach local Glastonbury musician Jenny Bliss to provide entertainment. The Pilgrim manager K. Knuepfer agreed to contribute £400 as a joint venture and the pilgrims will participate on the night. As the council are still deliberating over the costs of the hall hire for GTC committees, the committee agreed that ACE will underwrite the costs of the hall hire and any entertainment fees.

M. Claridge proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee underwrite funds for the charity film screening event to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Jan 31st 2026. This was seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

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43. SAMHAIN WEEK FEEDBACK

The Committee extended an official thank you to E. Munro for his expertise and dedication on producing the Samhain Week leaflet, which was very well received. This template can now be used annually to promote local Samhain events being held throughout the town. The Committee Clerk will circulate The Calendar Wheel of Events to the Chalice Well representative C. Glazebrook as this guide will be used to form an ACE annual events calendar going forward. The ghost stories, "Haunting Tales in Glastonbury" tribunal narrated by Councillor M. Oakden was a sold out event and raised £141.65. The Glastonbury Dragons used barriers at their parade provided by Glastonbury Carnival Club, and this allowed for a much smoother public display. The committee will endeavour to start planning for Samhain in June/July 2026.

44. REMEMBRANCE DAY FEEDBACK

The general consensus from the Remembrance working group was that this year's event was much improved on 2024. A snagging list was produced at the last meeting and the booklet is ready to be printed for Remembrance 2026.

45. ROAD CLOSURE SUBMISSIONS 2026/2027

The Committee Clerk gave a list of the organisations expected to apply for a road closure in 2026 under the GTC application. Cllr. J. Cousins raised the question of whether the current female Reverend at St John's Church would be allowed to process at the Anglican event. The Committee Clerk was asked to contact the organiser and clarify their status for 2026. Due to rising road closure costs and the concern that any additional equipment for anti-terrorism could have a negative impact on ACE's prospective budget of £6,000, the committee will request the sum of £10,000 at the next budget setting meeting which is the Finance and General Purposes meeting in December 2025. There may be potential for GTC to hire anti-terrorism barriers from Glastonbury Carnival Club and this cost will need to be factored in for such events as Beltane and the Sunday Remembrance Parade. Given the barriers may be a compulsory requirement going forward, the Committee Clerk was asked to explore whether grants and or other funding may be available to councils to assist with costs.

Cllr. Oakden proposed a recommendation to Finance and General Purposes Committee to consider allocating £10,000 to the Arts, Culture and Events Committee for their annual events budget to include traffic management, road closure and marshalling provision fees. This was seconded by M. Claridge and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

46. MARSHALLING EVENTS BUDGET

The Committee Clerk presented the total cost of marshalling for various events in 2025 at **£2,312,39**

Z. Bruce from Glastonbury Pride apologised to the committee for any misunderstanding at the last meeting around asking for consideration for Glastonbury Pride's marshalling fees to be taken into account for 2026. The October 1st 2025 minutes will be amended to reflect this and the relevant text removed.

47. TO CONSIDER CREDIT UNION 25 YEAR CELEBRATION

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Cllr. Z. Price will obtain more information and relay this at the next meeting.

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

The Committee Clerk showed photos of the existing external noticeboard outside of the Information Centre and gave an initial approximate quote of £2,000. This would pay for repairing the wood, relocating the board to the corner of St Dunstan's Carpark and replace the inside panels with magnetic strips. Cllr. Z. Price requested the Committee Clerk approach the Town clerk who is currently considering signage for the new building, to look at having a noticeboard fitted outside of the Information Centre to promote events in the town for both local and non-local visitors.

The committee briefly discussed the St. George's Day event to be held in April 2026 and wish to invite Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin. Cllr. Z. Price requested the Committee Clerk send Princess Esther a formal invitation.

E. Cameron highlighted the World Cup event will be taking place in July 2026.

49. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- The Committee Clerk to contact the organiser of the Anglican event 2026 and clarify whether the Rev. Alice Watson of Glastonbury St. John's Church will be allowed to attend the procession
- Contact musician Jenny Bliss for availability at the film screening on 31st January
- Enquire whether councils can apply for grant funding to assist with acquiring barriers for events.
- Invite Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin, to the Glastonbury St. George's Day 2026 event
- Extend an official thank you to E. Munro for his expertise and dedication on producing the Samhain Week leaflet
- Circulate The Calendar Wheel of Events to the Chalice Well representative C. Glazebrook
- Submit to Finance and General purposes Committee a revised recommended budget allocation of £10,000

Cllr. Z. Price

- Obtain more information on the Glastonbury 25 year celebration.

50. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 14th January 2026

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