



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 14th January 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, M. Oakden, L. Lokabandhu,
Apologies	Cllr. Z. Price, P. Weston, J. Constable, A. Bolton, T. Brown
Absent	L. Osborn
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Z. Bruce, M. Claridge, C. Glazebrook, D. Greenfield, Z. Hanley, C. Hunter, K. Knuepfer, S. Madog, K. Shaw, F. Rainbird-Clarke, K. Redpath, K. Sech, G. Taylor
Public Participation	None

51. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. Z. Price (Work commitment) P. Weston (Prior engagement) J. Constable (Diary clash) A. Bolton (Unwell) T. Brown (Work Commitment)

P. Weston has stepped down from the Arts, Culture and Events Committee
R. Matthews has stepped down from the Arts, Culture and Events Committee

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Z. Bruce is an employee of Children's Hospice South West

53. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December 2025 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

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54. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST 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.

55. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE UPDATE

F. Rainbird-Clarke approached the committee and corrected their status as a nonprofit organisation not a charity. All volunteers are unwaged and give their time for free. She relayed that the hall hire charges cannot be funded by a Glastonbury Town Council grant for 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. The Fellowship asked the committee to consider donating £500 towards the cost of the musicians hire which is over £1000 in total. After careful consideration, whilst the Committee recognise the fantastic work that the fellowship are doing, the musician fee cannot be paid for out of ACE funds, due to a limited budget and rising costs for events in the town. ACE have organisations whose events are not ticketed and therefore do not bring in any revenue, so need additional financial support. Cllr. J. Cousins suggested the charity apply for a GTC grant to assist with costs going forward, and the Council revisit the hall hire charges for charity and nonprofit organisations. The Council have two application decisions annually, in June and December.

56. FILM SCREENING PRESENTATION UPDATE

K. Redpath gave an overview of a film he has produced titled "Glastonbury Way." The Committee Clerk advised 40 tickets have been sold to date for the 31st of January on Eventbrite. 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 at the last meeting that ACE will underwrite the costs of the hall hire and any entertainment fees. Musicians are not needed now for this event. The Committee Clerk was asked to ascertain the costs of the hall hire from the R.F.O. and bring to the next meeting. K. Knuepfer suggested to the Committee Clerk to contact Mike at the Oracle to add a belated listing for January.

57. TO CONSIDER CREDIT UNION 25 YEAR CELEBRATION

The Committee Clerk was asked by Cllr. Z. Price to bring some information on the Credit Union 25-year celebrations. Information has not been recorded from their public participation slot. Cllr. J. Cousins will send the Committee Clerk a contact email to contact the Credit Union to obtain more information.

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

Cllr. Lokabandhu and K. Knuepfer's radio show "Avalon Pilgrimages" is now available as a podcast on Mixcloud.

C. Glazebrook gave the committee an overview of the Chalice Well Candle "Perpetual Flame."

M. Claridge enquired as to the progress of engaging a GTC comms officer. Cllr. M. Oakden advised a job description is being formulated and the advertisement will then go out.

Beltane meetings to be held by the Green-Men will commence in the spring. The Beltane 2026 event will be added to the next agenda for consideration

The Committee Clerk thanked those who have sent in their road closure applications and will send a request out to organisations for applications to be in by the end of January.

The UK Town of Culture was very briefly discussed and will be added as an item on the next agenda.

The Mayor of Glastonbury Cllr. Dr. Michael White is holding a short Holocaust Memorial Event at the Glastonbury Peace Pole on Tuesday 27th January 2026. The Glastonbury Dragons agreed to lend their PA system for the event. J. Van Fessem will represent the Unity candle. The Committee Clerk was asked to add the Holocaust Memorial Event to the annual Calendar Wheel.

Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin, has been invited to Glastonbury St. George's Day. Cllr. Z. Price will follow up with a personal message of invitation. St. George's Day. will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

S. Madog suggested an idea of having a market committee for surrounding markets to communicate. GTC have established a working group named 3rd Party Markets and are holding their first meeting on 22nd January 2026.

Glastonbury Dragons are celebrating their 10th anniversary on May 3rd 2026

The Committee Clerk was asked to contact the R.F.O and confirm the budget amount allocated for ACE 2026/2027.

There are ongoing discussions with Cllr. Z. Price and the Town Clerk regarding the installation of a noticeboard outside of the Glastonbury Information Centre.

59. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Add Beltane, St George’s Day and UK Town of Culture to the next ACE agenda
- Contact Mike at the Oracle to add a belated listing for the January Film Screening.
- Add the Holocaust Memorial Event to the annual Calendar Wheel.
- Contact the R.F.O and confirm the budget amount allocated for ACE 2026/2027.

Cllr. Z. Price

Follow up with a personal message of invitation to Her Imperial Highness Princess Esther Selassie Antohin, for Glastonbury St. George’s Day.

Cllr. J. Cousins

To send the Committee Clerk a contact email to contact the Credit Union to obtain more information on their 25th Anniversary

60. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 11th February 2026

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