



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Resilience Committee held on August 1st at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Indra Donfrancesco, Lindsay MacDougall, Paul Manning, Mike Smyth, Michael White.
Apologies	Lokabandhu
Absent	
In Attendance	Melissa Taylor, Clerk for this committee; Susannah Clemence, member of the public
Public Participation	One member of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: 1. Considering the impact of wildfires on the peat moors 2. Town hall access as a place for emergencies, to meet and decide what to do.

14. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOT THE REASONS GIVEN

No Apologies for absence were provided. This was duly **NOTED**.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON June 6th 2023

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and signed as a correct record.

Melissa noted the actions that she still needs to follow up:

- Contact Philip Brewin, and invite him to speak with the committee.
- Continue work on the Emergency Plan

Some discussion of the Pollution working group:

- SWT Water Guardians projects
- Shifting priority from carbon to pollution
- Town Deal projects will need to deal with ground pollution

17. TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EMERGENCY PLAN

The draft Emergency Plan was reviewed and points discussed:

- Fires in southern Europe
- How to respond to hot weather by living differently

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- The need for a 'heat officer'
- Greening urban areas

Changes to the Plan:

- Identify a Rest Place, and councillors for each ward
 - St Benedict's ward: The Town Hall, Cllr Donfrancesco & Cllr White
 - St Edmund's ward: St Edmund's Hall, Cllr Lokabandu
 - St John's ward: St John's Church, Cllr Manning
 - St Mary's ward: St Mary's Church, Cllr MacDougall, Cllr Smyth
- Set up a process where information is regularly updated, particularly after elections or other changes.
- Include a map of the wards, and print a large map of Glastonbury (like the one used for the Frost Fayre – Parish Online) on which to identify locations of buildings, resources and risks.
- Set up a box in an accessible location, containing printed copies of the plan and maps, plus essential resources.
- Create a Whatsap group for key people ahead of time.
- Identify a location for storing bodies if needed, possible the meat storage building.
- Add additional buildings for shelter:
 - Scout hall
 - Sea Cadets
 - Air cadets
 - Church Halls
- Add other venues, and identify numbers of beds, kitchens and other facilities:
 - Premier Inn
 - Brewers Fayre
 - Bed and Breakfasts etc
- Identify seasonal risks
- Identify how church bells could be used to signal during a crisis
- Plan to distribute cards through every door, with important information, and a place to add details of the home including what.three.words address.
- Produce an A4 card, summarising important information needed for a response to each risk.

Other issues:

- Asian Hornets – Cllr Smyth has emailed Conor.
- Role of Rural Facilitators in identifying climate risks
- Plan for SWT Climate Adaptation workshop for the community. Indra and Melissa meeting with Jack Bedford about this on Aug 9th – Lindsay and Mike would like to join also.

Melissa agreed to have a completed draft ready before the Workshop in October, and to send to the Resilience committee for final comments.

18. TO CONSIDER THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

Concern was shared about the closing of Boots Chemist. Indra met with chair of Mear. Their residents come to Glastonbury for prescriptions etc. Street will soon be the closest pharmacy for

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villages around as well as Glastonbury. Cllr Manning has met with the Integrated Care Board (ICB), who acknowledge that Glastonbury needs another pharmacy and are looking at the options.

Are there planning fast-tracks for civil emergency situations?

19. TO DISCUSS LOCAL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE TOWN

A discussion around the limited grid capacity in the area, and implications for large scale renewable energy supplies. Avalon Community Energy (ACE) have already had to limit their plans as a result of this. Can we find out what the state of the grid is in this area? And how do we deal with this when we are planning to electrify so much.

The committee agreed to explore existing and planned community energy schemes around the UK, and Cllr Donfrancesco will speak with ACE.

20. TO CONSIDER PUTTING TREES IN THE GROUND IN THE HIGH STREET

There was a community consultation which indicated that there was public support for urban trees in the town. And that's what lead to the large planters. Other towns have placed trees in the ground inside concrete boxes that limit their growth (Weston-Super-Mare). Short root trees may be easier, but may not provide the shade that is needed.

Cllr Smyth spoke about the need to develop a tree policy for the town, as evidenced by the Neighbourhood Plan consultations and draft policies. This would support the appointment of a tree warden who will identify and catalogue ancient trees that do not have Tree Preservation Orders. Mellissa will contact Mary Philips at Baltonsborough PC, and ask to see their tree policy.

Cllr Smyth will prepare a paper on this with Kevin Redpath. They will speak about it at the next Resilience committee meeting, and ask the Resilience committee to recommend action on this matter.

21. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set for October 3rd 2023 at 7pm.

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