



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 9th April 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	L. Lokabandhu, M. Oakden, J. Cousins, Z. Price
Apologies	R. Branchflower, J. Shelley, J. Constable, I. Zvonar, J. Bunting
Absent	Cllr. N. Cottle, Cllr M. Smyth, Cllr. L. Osborn .
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Katie Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk) A. Lidster (GIC and Tribunal Museum Manager) K. Shaw, T. Brown, C. Franklin, Z. Hanley, P. Weston, S. Knock C. Hunter, L. Howe, M. Claridge, L. Lyte, A. Bolton, Z. Hanley A. Apellis. S. Madog, G. Avalon, D. Bradley, N. Greenheart, Tor Webster
Public Participation	None

88. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from R. Branchflower, (Personal commitment)
J. Shelley, (Personal commitment) J. Constable (Work commitment) S. Barnet (Unwell)
J. Bunting (Work commitment)
A. Bolton left the meeting at 8.30pm
Cllr. Z. Price arrived at 8.15pm.
K. Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk) arrived at 8.15pm.
Ewan Cameron has left the ACE Committee

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

G. Avalon has a YouTube channel for recording and uploading local videos for the Glastonbury community.

90. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2025 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

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91. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Contact Cllr. Osborn to approach Father Dominic – A request to speak lyrics for VE day (Tor Ceremony)
- Follow up St John's choir to sing "Jerusalem" at Beacon lighting V.E. Day
- Liaise with committee members to finalise the Beltane leaflet
- Present timeline for the Beacon Lighting at the Tor for the next meeting
- Contact companies for costings for mini stage for the Beltane event
- Add a finance agenda item for the April meeting

E. Cameron

- Liaise with the Committee Clerk on the Beltane leaflet

Cllr. Lokabandhu

- Invite local faith leaders to a V.E Day Ceremony at 9am on Thursday 8th May 2025.

Cllr. Osborn

- Approach Father Dominic at St Mary's Church Glastonbury to recite the words to "I Vow To Thee My Country" at the Tor Beacon Lighting Ceremony

92. TO CONSIDER ACE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2025/26

The Committee were shown a breakdown of the latest balance for ACE and the allocated funds for 2025/2026. Glastonbury Pride had previously requested the ACE committee consider a contribution for marshalling the Pride event in July 2025. Cllr. Cousins thanked them for their diligence and commitment to holding a safe and well organised event. The ACE Committee agreed to fund the Glastonbury Pride marshalling costs of £300 for the upcoming Pride event on the 27th July 2025. Children's World highlighted their intention to request assistance with marshalling costs for their Zombie Walk event on 31st October 2025.

G. Avalon proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee grant Glastonbury Pride the sum of £300 to cover the costs of marshalling for their July 2025 event. This was seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

93. VE DAY ITINERARY AND UPDATE

The Committee Clerk presented a power point for the ongoing preparations. The Flypast was not granted by the RAF for this year. The itinerary was discussed and revised timings for the evening Beacon Lighting were agreed on and will be sent out for approval. Cllr. Lokabandhu has contacted the local faith leaders who will hold a ceremony at 9am as the flag is raised. The Committee Clerk will approach Cllr. Osborn for clarification on whether Father Dominic at St Mary's Glastonbury will recite "I Vow To Thee My Country" at the Beacon Lighting event. The Committee Clerk will enquire again if St John's Choir can attend the Tor ceremony.

94. BELTANE UPDATE

The Committee Clerk contacted New Age Collective and informed the Committee they can provide a Truck Stage with an accompanying PA system for £400. The committee discussed a leaflet designed by E. Cameron. Further amendments will be made and the leaflet will go to print by the middle of April. This will be available at the GIC. Cllr. Oakden advised members to be extra vigilant for anything suspect in light of recent events globally.

G. Avalon proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay the sum of £400 to hire a Truck/Stage from New Age Collective on 1st May 2025 for the Beltane Event. This was seconded by A. Apellis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

95. ST GEORGE'S DAY UPDATE

The Committee Clerk presented a poster with information for the event and ACE members were encouraged to share via social media platforms. Tickets to be sold on the door.

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

- G. Avalon informed the Committee of the unveiling of a mural on Sunday 27th April in Glastonbury Town for Ray Rutter who was a Glastonbury resident and active member of the community.
- The next Green-men meeting will be held in Becketts on Sunday 13th April at 2.30pm.
- Glastonbury Dragons held a fund raising quiz and raffle to raise funds and are planning a future one. The Dragons Cattle show will be held on Herbies Field on Sunday 11th May 2025
- Children's World are holding their annual Easter Event at Abbey House on Thursday 17th April – Please note this is a ticket only event.
- Glastonbury "Unity Across Our Community" event will be held on 12th - 13th and 18th-19th April.
- Glastonbury Bard competition dates are 9th and 19th May
- Committee member S. Barnet is currently unwell and the committee sent their best wishes.
- T. Brown informed the committee that the World Labyrinth Day is on Saturday May 3rd. St John's are holding a meditation at 12.15 and walking the Labyrinth at 1pm.
- The Mayor gave out information on two events –
The Annual Town Meeting on the 22nd April will incorporate the signing of the Charter for Compassion, and the giving out of awards including Glastonbury Citizen of The Year.
The Mayor will be holding his farewell picnic event on Saturday 10th May.
- The Assistant Town Clerk is currently facilitating the recruitment of a new Town Crier
- The Assistant Town Clerk is organising the annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 22nd April and requested Committee members share information to ensure a well-attended event.
- The Remembrance Day working group will meet on Thursday 5th June 2025
- M. Claridge presented an idea and examples for information on soldiers from WW1.

97. ALLOCATION OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Email leaflet information for Beltane to Cllrs Price and Cousins
- Contact DL with speech details and ask for timings
- Contact Cllr. Osborn for update on Father's Dominics role at the Beacon Lighting and timings for his rendition of "I Vow To thee My country"
- Send ACE members itinerary for Beacon Lighting and clarify timings
- Check the stage hire includes steps.
- Contact Liz Pearson for info on local dancers to attend the Tea Dance at the Market Cross on VE Day
- Follow up with Flame Bearer Irena on her intentions for lighting the silent minute candle.
- Follow up with National Trust on Joel looking after the PA system in the afternoon.
- Follow up with St John's Choir to sing "Jerusalem" at the Tor

98. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th June 2025

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