



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 16 ^h April 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr J. Cousins (Chair) Z. Price (Deputy Chair) M. Oakden, L. Lokabandhu,
Apologies	Cllr L. Osborn, T. Webster, L. Lyte, M. Claridge, C. Glazebrook, A. Shaw, T. Brown, S. Madog, K. Redpath, D. Bradley,
Absent	
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) K. Shaw, C. Hunter, Z. Hanley, Z. Bruce, R. Branchflower, J. Branchflower
Public Participation	None

82. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. L. Osborn (Work commitment) T. Webster (Work commitment) L. Lyte (Work commitment) M. Claridge (Prior engagement) C. Glazebrook, S. Madog (Prior engagement) A. Shaw (Prior engagement) T. Brown (Work commitment) K. Redpath (Prior engagement) D. Bradley (Prior engagement)

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Z. Price is the chair of the Glastonbury Beltane Celebration Community Group.

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

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

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85. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

ACE Committee Clerk

- Enter the recommendation into the April minutes to request budget funds from 2025 be carried over to the ACE 2026 budget.
- Obtain 2 more quotes for Beltane leaflet printing
- Contact Town Hall Manager to advise wedding party to park on Morrisons carpark
- Recommendation to the Town Clerk that weddings are not booked on large event days such as Beltane and Frost Fayre.
- Add potential events dates to the next agenda

Carnival Club

- J. Branchflower to send Committee Clerk Martyn's Law course material.
- J. and R. Branchflower to liaise with Ben Owen-Brooks at traffic management and then contact Cllr. Price for the Beltane event 2026.

Glastonbury Dragons

- Loan the use of their PA equipment for the Beltane event.
- Send Dragon's event PR to Committee Clerk to send to GIC manager

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

Cllr. Lokabandhu enquired as to the budget allocation for 2026/2027. The Committee Clerk will bring a full finance report to the next ACE meeting. Cllr. Cousins proposed a recommendation for the reiteration of the below recommendation previously submitted to Full Council to be recorded in the 16th April minutes. This was proposed by Cllr. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. Oakden and **RESOLVED**

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.

87. UPDATE ON BELTANE EVENT 2026

Cllr. Price gave an update on the Beltane procession relocation to Tor field. J. Branchflower will consult with Somerset Traffic Management on the road closure route. The Committee were given an update on Martyn's Law as part of the Council's risk assessing procedures. The Committee Clerk gave an overview of training she has taken part in to date, and J. Branchflower will send the Committee Clerk information on training she also has undertaken. The Committee Clerk was asked to obtain 3 quotes for the Beltane Leaflets. The Glastonbury Dragons will provide their Pa system on the day. There is a wedding taking place in the town hall. Cllr. Cousins recommended the Committee Clerk speak with the Town Clerk and ask that weddings are not booked on large event days.

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

K. Shaw will send the Committee Clerk promotional material for the Glastonbury Dragons May Day celebrations. The dragons are currently being rebuilt and Glastonbury Dragons are still looking for a permanent storage space. J. Branchflower will forward on some grant information that may be relevant.

The Gorsedh Ynys Witrin Bardic Trials will take place in the assembly rooms on St Dunstan's Day 19th May. Application forms are available from the GIC.

Interviews for the Town Council's Communications Officer will take place on 20th April.

The upcoming Mayor agreed to open the Dexter Cattle Show on 5th July 2026

Mary Claridge's book is now available for purchase in the Glastonbury Information Centre.

Glastonbury in Bloom are awaiting news from Britain and Glastonbury in Bloom.

The Committee Clerk gave an update on the UK Town of Culture bid which was submitted on the 31st march 2026. The bid includes potential infrastructure assistance for businesses in the town including the Assembly Rooms.

The Committee Clerk asked the ACE Committee to consider other events that could be held throughout the year. Cllr. Cousins suggested the annual event of St. Michael's Day held on 29th September

89. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

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90. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 28th May 2026

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