



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 15th January 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, L. Lokabandhu, L. Osborn, Cllr. MacDougall
Apologies	Cllr. Price, Cllr. Oakden, A. Lidster (GIC and Tribunal Museum Manager) J. Shelley, L. Lyte, A. Bolton, P. Weston,
Absent	Cllr. N. Cottle, Cllr M. Smyth, Cllr. P. Manning .
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Conor Ogilvie-Davidson (Town Clerk) Katie Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk) S. Madog, K. Shaw, R. Branchflower, J. Constable, M. Claridge, T. Brown, C. Franklin, M. Campbell, Z. Hanley, N. Greenheart, G. Avalon, D. Bradley, E. Cameron, L. Painter.
Public Participation	None

54. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. Price (Family commitment)) Cllr. Oakden (Unwell) A. Lidster (family commitment), J. Shelley (Family commitment), L. Lyte (Work commitment), A. Bolton (Work Commitment), P. Weston (Work commitment).

Cllr. MacDougall left the meeting at 19.30pm

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

56. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 2024 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

57. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

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Committee Clerk

- Contact Road run organiser I. Humphries for an update on 2025 dates
- Contact local radio station Glastonbury and Street FM and extend an invitation to J. Schofield for Jan ACE meeting.
- Invite a police rep to attend the April meeting before Beltane
- Send Calendar of annual events to all ACE members and add additional event dates to the Wheel Year
- Contact J. Constable and P. Weston to arrange a meeting to discuss St George's Day prep 23rd April 2025
- Send Wild Moon Morris an invite to January's ACE meeting
- Send out invitation to Remembrance day working group on Feb 4th 2025
- Liaise with Pride members on road closures and marshalling for 2025
- Contact Goddesses to extend an offer to join the ACE road closure submissions 2025

P. Weston

- Send Committee Clerk a link to YouTube video
- Contact Harikrishna organisation
- Submit a recommendation to Glastonbury Finance and General Purposes Committee for a budget amount of £6,000 for the coming financial year.
- Submit a resolution to Glastonbury Full Town Council. S. Barnet proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee grant The Glastonbury Dragons the sum of up to £600, to cover the costs of marshalling for their October 2024 event. This was seconded by G. Avalon and **RESOLVED** with four abstentions
- Ascertain date for the next Youth Council meeting

M. Claridge

- Prepare information to mount on boards for The Remembrance Parade and Service Sunday 10th November 2024
- Email PDF folders containing information relating to The Book of Remembrance to G. Avalon

G. Avalon

- Convert PDF information relating to The Book Of Remembrance into a film format to be shown in the Town Hall on Remembrance Day Sunday 10th November 2024

58. ST GEORGE'S DAY EVENT UPDATE

The Committee were presented with information for two ideas for a St George's Day event on Wednesday 23rd April.

- St. George's Day film screening of THE GLASTONBURY ST. GEORGE MUMMERS PLAY
- The film screening, followed by talks and musical performances.

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The Committee discussed the feasibility of having an event, looked at the remaining ACE budget for this financial year, and whether the event would be free attendance or fee paying. The second option was chosen and the Committee agreed the following:

D. Bradley proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee underwrite funds to the amount of £801.30 for a St George's Day event to be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on April 23rd 2025; it is envisaged that ticket sales will cover the cost of the event.

This was seconded by G. Avalon and **RESOLVED** with one abstention.

J. Constable will submit invoices from respective performers post St George's Day event 2025

Queries were raised regarding the ACE budget and how the funds are currently allocated. Cllr Lokabandhu read out the ACE current Terms of Reference regarding the finance criteria for clarification. Due to time constraints an item to discuss the ACE budget will be added to the February agenda.

59. ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE

Cllr. Lokabandhu had received information from the local Harikrishna group to say they will not be joining the council's road closure application scheme. The Committee Clerk is in the process of collecting all the relevant information from local organisations to submit in February 2025. A request was made to receive the road closure information and this will be provided once Somerset County Council have approved the closures.

60. V.E.DAY PREPARATIONS

The Committee Clerk presented a power point outlining the activities on the day. The Tor lighting in the evening will have a rendition of "I Vow To Thee My Country." The committee were presented with an alternative version of the words and asked to deliberate on the one to be used. An official V.E. "Ginger and Orange cake" will be made by the Town Hall Manager and sampled at the next meeting. The National Trust will aid with the Beacon Lighting and Glastonbury Dragons will provide the PA system. St John's Vicar may not be in situ in May for the ceremony. The Committee Clerk will clarify with St John's before the next meeting. Cllr Osborn can liaise with St. Mary's church if needed.

M. Claridge gave details of a war blog project she is working on that will be ready in May 2025. She asked the committee for an indication of support for the printing costs. This was supported unanimously.

61. BELTANE UPDATE

Children's World will be providing staff for the lost children post. The Green-men of Glastonbury will be releasing meeting dates in February to discuss the event. The Balcony at the Town Hall will not be available to performers, and the committee are unsure as to the positioning of the various groups performing. The committee considered holding the entertainment at the Market Cross, addressing at the next meeting the lack of visibility and audio issues. For 2026 the potential for extended celebrations were discussed, involving costume making and other activities.

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

The Glastonbury Town Crier David Greenway has now retired. The Committee Clerk read out a thank you message from David to the ACE committee. The committee expressed their gratitude for his dedicated service over the last few years, and wished him well in his future endeavours. An item will be added for the next Full Town Council meeting in February to discuss the process of recruiting a new Town Crier.

Cllr. Osborn spoke about the Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27th January. For 2025 there will be a raising of the flag which Cllr. Cousins will provide, and a small gathering at the peace pole attended by local interfaith leaders and community members. Cllr. Osborn suggested contacting schools for their assembly topics to involve them in ACE events throughout the year.

M. Claridge requested an update on GTC's Youth Council and was informed they have not formed yet.

Wild Moon Morris gave an overview of their upcoming events are having an event on 23rd August 2025.

The Mayor of Glastonbury Cllr. Lokabandhu gave out information to the committee for his upcoming charity event "An Evening of Sacred Music" on Saturday 15th February @7pm

63. ALLOCATION OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Obtain assembly information from local schools
- Invite LL/DL to V.E. Day Event 2025
- Invite local choirs to sing "Jerusalem" at Beacon lighting V.E. Day
- Send "I Vow To Thee My Country" original and revised lyrics to ACE members.

Cllr Cousins

- Drop off Holocaust Flag at the Information Centre

Cllr Lokabandhu

- Invite local interfaith leaders to participate in a Holocaust commemoration Ceremony on 27th January 2025

Town Hall Manager – J. Boice

- To bake Ginger and Orange cakes to sample at the next ACE meeting

J. Constable

- To submit invoices from respective performers post St George's Day event 2025

64. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th February 2025

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