



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee (CEEAC) held on October 30th 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr Lindsay MacDougall, Cllr Serena Roney-Dougal.
Apologies	Gareth Lowe, Ailsa Masterton, Sue Pearson.
In Attendance	Susannah Clemence, Alakhrupa Harper, Joe Joseph, Melissa Taylor (clerk).
Public Participation	Ricard Lawson, David Sawtell provided an update from the River Pollution working group.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ailsa and Sue.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. UPDATE: from the Water Pollution Working Group

The group are planning a Living Brue Day for March or April, inviting people from all along the river, and to raise consciousness of the issues and a new Living Brue website. There are also plans for a film to be made about the river. The group have drawn up a Water Manifesto, which will be endorsed at the Living Brue Day.

Water testing kits are available for purchase from the link on the Local Action for Water website: <https://localaction4water.blogspot.com/2025/03/testing.html> Earthwatch also provide free kits for their Bioblitz project, and Wessex Water may provide some to their Wessex Water Guardians. Finance will be sought from grants, crowdfunding and the festival. At this stage the group is looking for support from the Town Council, initially just an endorsement. Melissa will ask about room availability for the event.

Melissa will ask the group when they want their next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Nominated by Cllr Roney-Dougal, and seconded by Cllr MacDougall

That Glastonbury Town Council endorses the Living Brue Project.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The AUGUST meeting minutes were reviewed, and with corrections noted considered a true record. They will be printed and signed by the Chair at the next meeting.

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Updates to actions: Joe will send Melissa a report to forward to the River Pollution Working Group. The recommendation for SID's funding will go to Finances committee, and a further police grant of £1,000 will be applied for. Melissa will send Richard and David details of how to apply for a small grant from Glastonbury Town Council for November application. CEEAC may also be able to contribute, if they still have funds.

5. CONSIDER FINANCES and budget for 2026-27

The committee reviewed the budget and spending for the past year. With £700 remaining, it was agreed to request £1,750 budget allocation for 2026-27.

6. ACTIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: 20mph, Speedwatch, Trainlink bus pilot

BRAKE the road safety charity is running a Road Safety Week 16 to 22 November. The Speedwatch group will be running a stall either in the market square on the Tuesday, or outside Morisons on the Saturday. Anyone is welcome to join.

A pilot is being planned for the TrainLink bus. Susannah shared that they have set up a charitable organisation and are applying for various grants. The festival also want to help with this project. First step is a survey to assess need, which would cost £1,350.

A safe, pleasant active travel route is needed between Glastonbury and Street. Susannah suggested that cycle routes need to be part of the LCN Highways group rather than Health & Wellbeing.

7. ADAPT: Tree Group update

Serena will email interested people again soon, asking for other interested and helpful contacts. The first step will be to walk around the town to identify places where trees could be planted to aid cooling and provide shade during hot weather. Who is Somerset Council's tree officer?

8. INFLUENCE: Newsletter

Susannah has produced a new newsletter, but without the stall is only able to share it at events. Melissa will ask whether we can have copies available in the GIC, plus a poster offering the thermal imaging camera.

9. REPORT from Climate Emergency & Resilience Officer

Melissa shared some of the activities that she has been working on:

- Wellbeing & Wonder event – This was a good event with great stalls and talks, with many deep conversations and connections made. Disappointing number of residents attended, but we are using our learning from this to plan the next one.
- GTC Emergency Plan is completed and we will now test it and run training for staff and councillors. We also want to share it with the community and local organisations and businesses, to invite their involvement.
- Attended the Somerset Community Resilience Day with Scarlet and Susannah. Susannah was awarded 2nd runner up in the Somerset Community Resilience Awards.

- Planning application for Town Hall decarbonisation works: Solar panels, secondary glazing etc – Final documents being prepared for review by end of October, and submission soon.
- Secondary glazing for main hall windows to be fitted once they've been painted. Planning app includes making the top section of glazing in each window openable for ventilation and cooling in the summer.
- Quotes for Mechanical & Electrical design of Bivalent system (decarbonised heating) – Air Source Heat Pump and Electric boiler, plus best options for radiators. First we need to apply for an upgraded electricity supply, and are also getting quotes for the design of the system, which will give us the information to invite tenders for the actual installation.
- SWT Climate Adaptation event. A good gathering of people working on adaptation in Somerset, heard about some interesting work. I gave an overview of some of our work, and shared the river pollution leaflet.
- The Resilience Roadshow is visiting the Town Hall on Monday November 10th. Resilience Marketplace Drop-in 3:30-5:30pm, Riparian Responsibilities Workshop 4-5:30pm & Flood Warden Workshop 6-8:30pm.
- Updating the website pages and documents.

Notes: Look into 'green gas' and whether it delivers carbon savings. Look into options for zoning the heating system further to reduce demand and wasted heat. Send out details of Resilience Roadshow with minutes.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS and other matters

Joe shared details of Somerset Solidarity Day in Frome on Sunday November 30th 12-3pm. Melissa will send out details with the minutes.

Susannah suggested collecting cans around the town centre for local Thomas's recycling to divert them from general waste. Questions were raised about who would collect them and where they would be stored.

The issue of flooding on Magdalene St was raised and the possibility of creating some permeable paving within St Dunstan's carpark to reduce the runoff during heavy rain. The road sweeper seems to sweep leaves into drains and cause blockages and add to flooding. Melissa shared Plymouth council's 'Adopt a Drain' scheme, which can empower people to help reduce this problem.

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to increase the frequency of meetings to every two months, with the next meeting on Thursday January 8th, the following one on February 26th, and from then the last Thursday of every other month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 8th 7pm in the Council Chamber.

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