



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 28 th May 2026 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, L. Lokabandhu, M. Oakden, L. Osborn
Apologies	Cllr. Z. Price, R. Branchflower, J. Bunting, A. Bolton
Absent	M. Smyth
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) T. Brown, J. Branchflower, Z. Bruce, S. Madog, K. Shaw, M. Claridge, C. Glazebrook, Z. Hanley, T. Webster
Public Participation	None

1. ELECT A CHAIR

Cllr J. Cousins was proposed by T. Webster and seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

2. ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIR

Cllr Z. Price was proposed by J. Branchflower and seconded by M. Claridge and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. Z. Price (family commitment) R. Branchflower (Work commitment) J. Bunting (Work commitment) A. Bolton (Work commitment)

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

Cllr. Osborn left the meeting at 8.35pm

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Zoe Price is the Chair of the Glastonbury Beltane Celebration committee Group

Cllr. Lokabandhu is a director of the Pilgrim Social Centre

K. Shaw is the organiser of the Glastonbury Annual Dexter Cattle Show

5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 2026 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

6. 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

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

The Committee Clerk presented to the Committee the monthly ACE finance report for May 2026.

8. FEEDBACK ON BELTANE EVENT 2026

- Joel Bunting from the National Trust sent feedback to the Committee, that NT are happy to hold the Beltane event on the Blossom Circle field each year going forward.
- The Green-Men were on time bringing the May-pole and the procession following the original road closure route worked well, despite not having the Bushey Combe route available to reduce footfall on the road.
- The new radios purchased by GTC were within range for the High St. but the signal cut out at Chalice Well and wouldn't connect at Wellhouse Lane.
- Wellhouse Lane was a problem again this year. Drivers were not stopping when asked to let the procession through and were abusive. One trader was unable to gain access to a pitch at the bottom of the Tor. The ongoing issues will be reviewed, and the Committee Clerk will liaise with Somerset Council traffic management team and the Glastonbury police team to find solutions.

- The Committee Clerk was asked to approach Tor Leisure and enquire as to the possibility of having extra parking provision there in 2027.
- Glastonbury Dragons event on the 3rd May was successful and with no police presence, they thanked Glastonbury Carnival Club for their support in handling traffic management issues.
- Feedback was received that the toilet provision could be increased
- County Councillor Ewan Cameron conducted a short visit to local shops post the event and the shopkeepers had no issues to report.

Due to an administration error when applying for the Beltane Insurance, the amount of £458.20 was insufficient to cover the event by £231.12. A revised application was made to the insurers and the total amount paid was £689.32. The Committee agreed to reimburse the total amount to Mr. G. Taylor.

J. Branchflower proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee pay the sum of £689.32 to Mr. G. Taylor as reimbursement for the Beltane Event Insurance. This was seconded by Z. Bruce and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

9. TO CONSIDER FUTURE EVENTS INCLUDING ST. MICHAEL'S DAY

The Committee considered various ideas from the Lammas date on the 1st August and whether this could be incorporated into a Michaelmas food fayre /harvest festival community event. One suggestion was to make a community meal and involve local organisations, whilst considering all of the health and safety aspects, including food hygiene certificates and dietary requirements. School harvest time was also considered, and the Committee Clerk was asked to contact local schools for information on their Harvest Festival events for 2026. The Committee Clerk will also consult with Liz Pearson who represents St. Ben's Church and the Love Glastonbury Charity who coordinate the Community fridge supplies. Cllr. Osborn advised there are various churches holding Michaelmas Services and a possible Rosary procession to the Tor. Chalice Well also have a day of silence on the 29th September.

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

M. Claridge volunteered at the Glastonbury Renaissance Music Festival which was very well attended.

Glastonbury Pride are holding their annual procession at Tor Leisure on Sunday 26th July 2026. This will be stalls and other venues in the town are hosting Pride activities.

The Glastonbury Carnival Club are holding their annual Tractor Run on Sunday 9th August 2026.

UI Town of Culture bid has been submitted, and the Council are waiting for news whether they will go through to the next round. J. Branchflower raised the issue of hardly any provision in the town for ages 14 and 15 year olds. Suggestions for provision included

- More availability with hall hire for community events.
- Lights and sound system for hirers to use.
- Arcade/Coffee Bar for older children and teenagers.

- Resurgence of live music and evening entertainment

11. ALLOCATION OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

ACE Committee Clerk

- Consult with local schools on the plans for their Harvest event 2026
- Enquire at Tor Leisure for potential parking spaces- Beltane 2027

Carnival Club

J. Branchflower to send Committee Clerk Martyn's Law course material

12. TO SET DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 7th July at 7pm.

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