



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Resilience Committee held on February 3rd 2026, at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs M. White, L. MacDougall, E. King, J. Cousins, Z. Price
Apologies	Cllrs M. Smyth, I. Donfrancesco
Absent	
In Attendance	Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer Projects and Events Officer (Scarlet Shaffer)
Public Participation	None

33.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Smyth, I. Donfrancesco due to prior commitments.

Cllr. Smyth joined the meeting at 8.30pm

34.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared.

35.MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING – SIGN

The minutes of the meeting were considered a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

36.TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PLANS FOR DECARBONISATION WORKS

The Committee Clerk gave an update on the decarbonisation works. Topics included a review of documents supporting the submission of the planning application for the solar panels. Cllr. J. Cousins requested that the atrium drawing be incorporated into the report, and the introduction paragraph be reworded to include context with “Glastonbury Town Council. And Somerset Council.”

The decarbonisation of the Town Hall heating was also reviewed by referring to the report provided by Greenguage M&E Consultants. The committee looked at the three possible options proposed by HGA, and details from Greenguage of two phases for Option 3 the bivalent system with heat pump and back up gas boiler followed by deep retrofit. The committee considered the best location for the heat pumps. The Committee clerk will investigate how much space is needed around it for adequate ventilation. Having them inside the building is not an option. Considered locations were in the garden on the outside main hall wall, or relocate the bin store to free up

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space for the pumps. Electric heaters have been purchased for the small hall to avoid heating the whole building when only one office is occupied.

The Committee Clerk asked for support with progressing work on this, starting with decisions about the best approach to take, consultants to employ, and managing the work as it develops. Cllr. Price requested she contact the Dowlas project management team for assistance. The committee decided to go with Phase 1 of Option 3.

Cllr. J. Cousins proposed adopting Phase 1 for the alternative decarbonisation heating system. This was seconded by Cllr. E. King and RESOLVED unanimously.

Cllr. Z. Price proposed consulting The Dowlas team for advice on the heat pump location at the town hall. This was seconded by Cllr. M. White and RESOLVED unanimously.

37. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESILIENCE WORKS

- An EcoFlow DELTA 2 Max 2400W Portable Power Station has been purchased as part of the emergency plan equipment requirements.
- Glastonbury carpenter John Tucker has draft proofed the fire doors in the small hall
- Staff training will be required to use the council's anti-terrorism trauma kits which include tourniquets, hemostatic gauze and chest seals.
- The Resilience Committee in conjunction with the Frost Fayre Committee will purchase hand held radios for use in council events. The ones the council use now are of poor signal quality and need upgrading.

Cllr. J. Cousins proposed the Resilience Committee pay half of the costs to purchase new radios as part of the Emergency Plan, in conjunction with the Frost Fayre Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. M. White and RESOLVED unanimously.

38. TO CONSIDER A DRAFT DISINFORMATION POLICY

Cllr. J. Cousins suggested the word disinformation should be preceded by the word counter.

Cllr. Z. Price suggested a re-wording of the policy and agreed to send the Committee Clerk the revised policy narrative for consideration.

39. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. L. Macdougall requested an update on the damaged defib at the bottom of the Tor. The Projects and Events Officer advised that GTC no longer pay for the electric supply as the R.F.O has had it disconnected. Cllr. Macdougall requested an update from the National Trust on whether the defib will be replaced or removed as it is no longer fit for purpose. Cllr. Macdougall requested a

full town council item agenda to address the issues of the Town Clerk receiving an inordinate amount of freedom of information requests from the public.

ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Insert the atrium drawing into the floor plan
- Reword the report introduction paragraph for context
- Invite Alderman Tucker to the next Resilience meeting and have the plan as the first agenda item.
- Email organisations and businesses to invite to a meeting to discuss individual/GTC emergency plans
- Email updated version of the counter disinformation policy to the Assistant Town Clerk Katie Armstrong.

Cllr. Price

- To email the Committee Clerk with a revised version of the counter disinformation policy

Projects and Events Officer

- Contact the National Trust Area Ranger Joel Bunting for an update on the status of the vandalised defibrillator at the bottom of the Tor.

40 .TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set for April 7th 2026, at 7pm.

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