



# GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	S Henderson, P Manning (Chair), M Oakden (Deputy Chair)
Apologies	Kim Von Coels, Abigail Gibbs, Susannah Hart (County Councillor), Martin Hicks (Curtain Pole), J Sparkes (Labyrinth Books)
Absent	Cllr I Donfrancesco, Nick Cottle (County Councillor), Chloe Forfitt, Rev. Kieron Rowley
In Attendance	Insp. Rachel Clark, Paul Kenny (Co-Op) & S Hallam (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	N/A

**26. Apologies.** Kim Von Coels (stepping down from Committee), Abigail Gibbs (other commitments), Martin Hicks (holiday) & J Sparks (holiday). These apologies was duly **NOTED**.

Cllr Nick Cottle (County Councillor), Cllr I Donfrancesco, Cllr Susannah Hart (County Councillor), Chloe Forfitt, Rev. Kieron Rowley were absent without reason.

**27. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Manning – Member of Town Deal Board & Director of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust.

**28. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were not agreed or signed due to not being complete. The minutes will be re-presented at the next meeting.

**29. Police Report.**

As Inspector Clark is new to the role, there wasn't a Police Report provided. A general discussion took place regarding what information would the Committee like to see in a report.

### General Discussion

A general discussion took place regarding the High Street and the drinking and anti-social behaviour. As P Kenny (Supervisor at Co-Op) is new to the Committee he did highlight that a lot of people do enter the shop and shoplift and also do ask other people to come into the shop to buy alcohol for them and then go and drink it in the Churchyard. Paul did advise

that staff have taken a much harder stance and refused to serve people under the influence, but it is difficult and staff do sometimes feel intimidated.

Insp. Clark asked if their alcohol is marked. P Kenny advised that they weren't. Insp. Clark advised that she could ask Nikki King, the Police Licensing Officer to speak with the Co-Op.

Cllr Henderson added that the Churchyard is the epicentre and has been hi-jacked by these individuals who are drinking alcohol, urinating and drug dealing and wants to know how we can deal with it. It's the route of the problems on the High Street.

Cllr Oakden added that the police presence goes in fits and starts and there is no retribution for those individuals and how many of them are just "let off". Insp. Clark added that they do work closely with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, but a picture needs to be built up, so it is important that people do report it.

Cllr Henderson mentioned that there hasn't been much of a police presence recently. Insp. Clark asked if the Committee knew about the mobile Police Station? Nobody on the Committee knew about this. Insp. Clark added that it could be used in the future.

Cllr Manning added that the PSPO's had lapsed which is unfortunate, as they did lead to a decline in ASB.

#### Speed Cameras

The Committee Clerk advised that she had received no response from the Police about the requirements for obtaining a police backed speed camera. Sgt Glover advised he would find out.

**Action: Insp. Clark will speak to Sgt Glover and provide update**

### **30. Town Ambassador Update.**

No update provided as Cllr Donfrancesco and Jim Sparks were not at the meeting. This will be added to the Agenda for our next meeting.

### **31. Agenda Items and Date of Next Meeting.**

- Town Ambassadors/Navigators – update from Indra Donfrancesco/Jim Sparkes.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm.

<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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