



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of WHS Working Group held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllrs S. Roney-Dougal, J. Cousins
Apologies	Cllr L. Osborn
Absent	Cllr S. Henderson
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Cllr Lokabandhu, A Gay, Dr T Hopkinson-Ball, A Kirk, A. Murray, S Petterson, T Rowntree, K Unwin & M Webb

82. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding members that they are invited to a Town Council event on 17 December, at which the consultants would present their conclusions including their Scoping Study 2 report. He also introduced Item 4 on tourism, cultural heritage and wellbeing, and a late additional item on World Heritage and Agenda 2030 which would be inserted as a new Item 5 of the agenda.

The Chair reminded members that following the 5 January Bath visit, there would be only 2 more meetings of the WG. With this in mind, the prime focus will now be on completing the and agreeing the various elements of the final report and drawing our collective conclusions on WHS for Glastonbury to assist the Town Council.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Osborn owing to personal commitments.

84. APPROVAL OF 2 DECEMBER MINUTES

The minutes from Tuesday 2nd December meeting were considered a true record of the meeting and approved.

85. SUMMARY OF PUBLISHED WHS RELATED RESEARCH WORK REGARDING TOURISM, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WELLBEING

K Unwin presented some very interesting published research into how heritage and its understanding and conservation has been demonstrated to enhance wellbeing and life satisfaction in local communities. The research included, specifically, how WHS status had contributed to these benefits, citing a number of examples. The papers had been circulated to the WG and a short summary of the presentation would be provided.

86. AGREEMENT OF VISION DOCUMENT

Following discussions at the 2 December meeting, the following addition to 5.4 was proposed and agreed:

“5.4. The natural beauty of the landscape around Glastonbury and the Tor preserved for future generations.”

A further addition was proposed on spiritual aspects but this was not agreed and the proposer kindly agreed to consider the feedback and propose an adjusted addition at the January 2026 WG.

87. New Item 5: WORLD HERITAGE AGENDA 2030 AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

A Kirk gave a presentation on UN Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and how these have been implemented in WHS sites, with a view to considering how these might be implemented in a Glastonbury WH site. It was agreed that these may be further reviewed at the January meeting of the WG.

88. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF FINAL REPORT

WG members were content with the early drafting to date, and it was agreed that the Chair would continue to develop the draft as the WG continues to its conclusion.

89. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

The deputy Chair emphasised the importance of community engagement, and called for more work to inform the Glastonbury community on what WHS status would mean in practical terms. It was agreed that this should be an important element in the final report.

90. BATH VISIT

This had been confirmed for 5 January 2025, and the Secretary called for WG members to confirm the final list of names in the coming days. Full details would be coordinated by email through the Secretary and the Chair.

91. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed that the January and February meetings should focus on drawing out the conclusions of the WG and associated advice to Council.

92. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

The following Actions were agreed;

- a. Picking up on an earlier proposal, the Chair agreed to make contact with the nominated POC at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to ascertain what further

advice, if any, could be provided to assist the WG.

- b. S Petterson agreed to offer amended wording for the Vision document.
- c. A Kirk agreed to send in the final wording for the 'Intangible Heritage' annex.
- d. K Unwin agreed to provide her summary of the Tourism, Cultural Heritage and Wellbeing presentation, with a view to it becoming an annex to the WG Final Report.
- e. The Chair agreed to continue to develop the final report.

93. DATE OF JANUARY MEETING

Monday 19th January 2025.

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