



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 18th June 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, L. Lokabandhu, M. Oakden, L. Osborn
Apologies	Cllr. Z. Price, R. Branchflower, J. Branchflower, B. Crowley, T. Brown, A. Bolton, P. Weston, D. Bradley
Absent	
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Katie Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk) Andrew Lidster (GIC and Tribunal Museum Manager) S. Madog, K. Shaw, M. Claridge, Z. Hanley, E. Munro, T. Webster, Z. Bruce, C. Hunter, C. Franklin, L. Homer, B. Davis, R. Matthews, K. Knuepfer, A. Apellis
Public Participation	None

1. ELECT A CHAIR

Cllr J. Cousins was proposed by Cllr. Lokabandhu and seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** unanimously with no abstentions.

2. ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIR

Cllr Z. Price was proposed by S. Madog and seconded by K. Shaw and **RESOLVED** unanimously with no abstentions.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr. Z. Price (Unwell) R. Branchflower (Work commitment) J. Branchflower (Work commitment) P. Weston (Work commitment) B. Crowley (Unavailable) D. Bradley (Prior engagement) A. Bolton (Work commitment) T. Brown (Unavailable)

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

Cllr. Osborn left the meeting at 8.30pm

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None

5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2024 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

6. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Email leaflet information for Beltane to Cllrs Price and Cousins
- Contact DL with speech details and ask for timings
- Contact Cllr. Osborn for update on Father's Dominics role at the Beacon Lighting and timings for his rendition of "I Vow To thee My country"
- Send ACE members itinerary for Beacon Lighting and clarify timings
- Check the stage hire includes steps.
- Contact Liz Pearson for info on local dancers to attend the Tea Dance at the Market Cross on VE Day
- Follow up with Flame Bearer Irena on her intentions for lighting the silent minute candle.
- Follow up with National Trust on Joel looking after the PA system in the afternoon.
- Follow up with St John's Choir to sing "Jerusalem" at the Tor

7. TO RECEIVE A BUDGET UPDATE

The Committee Clerk gave the Committee the balance to date and added estimated additional costs for two marshalling events in July and October 2025.

8. ST. GEORGE'S DAY EVENT FEEDBACK

The Committee were informed that the donations taken on the door totalled £185. The Committee Clerk presented ideas for promotion prior to the 2026 event, which included a paid advertisement in the local Oracle magazine, a radio slot, displaying posters and putting the information on the Glastonbury Information centre webpage, which the manager will assist with. Other suggestions were to advertise in Glastonbury Online and Glastonbury Town Events. The Committee Clerk was asked to research and provide quotes at the next ACE meeting for advertising on social media platforms allowing for a targeted approach to attract more local community members. It was recognised that this is a country wide event, and unavoidably, functions could be happening in the town at the same time. The Committee Clerk was asked to contact the Assembly Rooms and request if they can send a regular attendee.

9. VE DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT FEEDBACK

The afternoon VE Day Commemoration event at the Market Cross was well received and community members have had good feedback on the food and music by Glastonbury Band. However, the event was marred by anti-social behaviour from several members of the local community. The Committee Clerk sent a report to the Avon and Somerset Police Sergeant Simon Lancey, advising that police were contacted on the day, prior to the event but there was no response. The Committee Clerk sent a list of future ACE and GTC events 2025-2026 to raise

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awareness, and for the police to consider providing support where needed. The Committee were informed by Cllr. Cousins that the Glastonbury alcohol free zone has now relapsed and has not been renewed by Somerset Council. The police are requesting a reinstatement of the order, and will continue to work with GTC in the crime prevention group meetings. Cllr. Osborn will attend a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss ASB in the town.

The Committee officially thanked both the National Trust for their ongoing support with the Beacon Lighting events, and Millfield students who distributed food provided by Knights Fish and Chip Shop. Glastonbury pride will invite the Avon and Somerset Inspector R. Clark to their event in July.

10. BELTANE EVENT FEEDBACK

The event was well attended by locals and the wider community. There was a visible police presence on the day, with one arrest. The Town Centre Crime Committee will continue to meet and address ASB within the town. Groups including the Goddesses were instrumental in guiding the procession onto Dod Lane to avoid the A36 roundabout. Local community volunteer marshals pulled out the day before and the Committee Clerk has recommended going forward for 2026/2027, that there is provision made in the ACE budget for paid marshals at large events, in light of the need for enhanced security measures to be put in place. The Green-men are also considering measures to address crowd control and the turning of the Maypole for 2026. Parking and vendors stalls continue to be an issue on Wellhouse Lane. Herbies Field is used for parking provision and the committee deliberated on the idea of having a park and ride service similar to Frost Fayre, the Committee Clerk will gather more information from the Frost Fayre team. A QR code could be set up to avoid drivers having to pay cash and they could book a spot in advance at the GIC as the Wi-Fi signal is very weak on the field. The committee will discuss further before the next Beltane event.

11. REMEMBRANCE PARADE WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK

The Committee Clerk gave an overview of the progress to date which included

- Mike Free RBL Chairman working with GTC on logistics
- New Vicar for St John's/St Ben's in place in September
- Update for ACE after the Remembrance September meeting (Wed 24th September)

Recommendations for actions on the day

- Microphone is set up in town hall for reading of names
- Projector is set up ready
- Sound system / blue tooth speaker is set up with music
- Flower display is installed
- Order of Service booklets to be laid out with laminated seating placements at church

The next meeting for the Remembrance Parade Working Group is **Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7pm**

12. CONSIDER A MICHAELMAS EVENT

Ideas for this event will be revisited in 2026

13. SAMHAIN EVENT PROPOSAL AND PREPARATIONS

Several options to include in the event were explored and the Committee decided to set up a Samhain working group. The first meeting is in August 2025.

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

- R. Matthews from the Green men team advised the committee of two 12 ft puppets that have been constructed to be trialled at an upcoming event. Suggestions included having the Town crier introduce them to the community and then use them for Samhain if available.
- Glastonbury Pride gave an overview of their event for Sunday 27th July

15. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Ensure the Pride flag is raised at the Town Hall on Sunday 27th July 2025
- Obtain costings for social media promotions for the September meeting
- Contact the assembly rooms to request a member attend future ACE meetings
- Invite named attendees to the Samhain working group meeting in August
- Liaise with the Frost Fayre team on logistics and costings for a park and ride service from Herbies Field for Beltane 2026

16. TO SET DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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