



GLASTONBURY  
TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Climate &amp; Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee (CEEAC) held on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	Cllr Lindsay MacDougall (chair), Cllr Serena Roney-Dougal, Cllr Mike Smyth
Apologies	Ailsa Masterton, Gareth Lowe, Dearbhail
Absent	
In Attendance	Ramona Belcher, Susannah Clemence, Alakhrupa Harper, Luke Harrison, Joe Joseph, Sue Pearson, Laura Wolfers, Herb Young (new member), Melissa Taylor (clerk)
Public Participation	One member of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: 1. Plant-Based Councils

**31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ailsa Masterton, Gareth Lowe, and Dearbhail.

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**33. PLANT-BASED COUNCILS**

Somerset Plant-based Councils made a presentation asking this committee to recommend a motion for Glastonbury Town Council to declare itself a 100% Plant-based Council. It was agreed that Gail Woolfenden will send wording for a motion to Cllr Smyth. Laura W suggested that they speak with Street council too. Joe asked them to look at how Plant-based fits in with other commitments such as those relating to imported goods and the town’s Fairtrade status.

**34. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The JULY meeting minutes were reviewed, were considered a true record. These were signed by the Chair, along with the MAY minutes.

**35. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

New coopted members Sue Pearson and Herb Young were welcomed to the group.

**36. CONSIDERING FINANCES AND A BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed, Cllr Smyth seconded, all in favour.

*That this committee be awarded a budget of £1,100 for next year.*

### **37. PLANS FOR INVITING COMMUNITY GROUPS**

No groups were invited to this meeting, but could be to a future one, if included in the agenda.

### **38. SWT ACT TO ADPT ACTIONS**

Serena proseed several actions:

1. the Repair Café has been buying cheap water butts and installing them at people's homes. This is an important part of adaptation. What can we do to help?

**DECISION:** Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed, Cllr Smyth seconded, all in favour.

That this committee offer a grant of £150 to buy tools for the Repair Café to support their work installing water butts, should they need it.

2. To start looking at the possibility of planting more trees in the town, by forming a group to survey the town to assess which streets could have more trees. Sue and Ramona offered to help. Melissa will forward contact details for people who may help. It was suggested that fruit and not trees would be most useful. Options for containers vs in pavement planting will be considered. It was suggested that trees could be planted in the odd small bits of green space around the town. To avoid previous negative responses from residents, the right questions need to be asked before acting too fast.
3. Replacing tarmac on drives with permeable surfaces. Tarmac surfaces are a major source of rainwater runoff that ends up polluting rivers. Melissa will look into latest build regs and other guidance. Susannah will include something about this in a future newsletter. Sue suggested speaking with schools. It was suggested that new planning legislation might be used to address this.

Ian Mutch sent a suggestion for 'clothing homes' with creeping plants etc. Melissa will forward his email to the committee.

### **39. THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA**

Susannah will start to encourage people to use this service, and will give Melissa's email address as a contact.

### **40. CASTLE CARY BUS**

Susannah proposed that a committee be formed to support a community bus to Castle Cary station. Different solutions were discussed: a sub-committee or working group from CEEAC, with the main challenge being who would have time to be involved. It was suggested that this be taken to the LCN.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Cllr Smyth proposed, Laura W seconded, all in favour.

*That Glastonbury Town Council in principal supports the introduction of a direct bus route to Castle Cary station and further improvements to Somerset's rural services. Furthermore they are happy to have a representative on a wider group.*

**41. AVALON FOOD AND FARMING FORUM UPDATE**

- Ramona reported that activities have been slow for a while, while local food and farming groups are getting on with things. The Land Alive conference will be taking place on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, and AFF funds will be spent on tickets for local growers and other members.
- The Climate & Nature Bill is due in January, and we should be encouraging Sarah Dyke to support it.

**DECISION:** Joe proposed, Luke seconded, all in favour.

*That Cllr MacDougall, representing CEEAC, writes to Sarah Dyke about the Climate & Nature bill, asking for her support.*

**42. ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Susannah reported that the paper petition for the crossing is going well. Cllr MacDougall suggested that she speak with individual councillors to get them on board, and also to go for a 30mph limit on the road.

**43. NEWSLETTER & STALL**

Susannah shared a draft of the next Newsletter, which Melissa and Cllr MacDougal will review.

**44. REPORT from Climate Emergency & Resilience Officer**

- 2030 (previously Resilience) Committee - last meeting Tuesday Oct 22nd, Not quorate, but good review of the latest draft of the emergency plan, which will be tested at the next meeting on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Town Hall Retrofit – Draughtproofing work on various areas of the town hall will start soon. Sash window overhaul and draughtproofing will start in February. Ventilation and heating strategies are being commissioned from the Mechanical & Electrical Engineers working on the St Dunstan’s House project.
- A switch is being installed to turn off the electric charger overnight.
- Have had lots of enquiries from other towns about the ban on Glyphosate. Frome has been hand weeding and were interested in our experience with the Foamstream machine. They reported that Brighton and Hove have gone back to using Glyphosate on limited urban areas.
- Still need to find a solution and funding for the new bus shelter.

**45. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were shared.

**46. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Council Chamber.

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