



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Arts, Culture and Events Committee held on 10th September 2025 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, Z. Price, L. Lokabandhu, M. Oakden
Apologies	A. Bolton, D. Bradley, J. Constable, L. Lyte, G. Avalon Andrew Lidster (GIC and Tribunal Museum Manager)
Absent	L. Osborn
In Attendance	Scarlet B. Shaffer (Committee Clerk) Katie Armstrong (Assistant Town Clerk) S. Madog, K. Shaw, M. Claridge, Z. Hanley, E. Munro, T. Webster, Z. Bruce, C. Hunter, C. Franklin, A. Apellis, P. Weston, B. Crowley, I. Zvonar, T. Brown, J. Branchflower, R. Branchflower
Public Participation	None

17. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from A. Bolton (Injury) D. Bradley (Diary clash) L. Lyte (Work Commitment) J. Constable (Diary Clash) A. Lidster (on leave) G. Avalon (Diary clash)
These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2025 were **SIGNED** by the Chair, as a true record of the meeting.

20. TO REVIEW THE ACTIONS OF THE LAST 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

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- Contact the assembly rooms to request a member to attend future ACE meetings
- Invite named attendees to the Samhain working group meeting in August
- Liaise with the Frost Fayre team on logistics for a park and ride service for Beltane 2026

21. TO RECEIVE A BUDGET UPDATE AND EVENT PROMOTION COSTINGS

The Committee Clerk gave the Committee an overview of costings for events. The Committee discussed how to effectively utilise resources to promote events. The Committee Clerk will invite Vicki Steward (Normal For Glastonbury) to the October meeting for further guidance. There will be an in depth discussion at the next meeting for the budget setting 2026/2027 which will include a proposal for the Town Council to hire a Communications Officer.

22. GLASTONBURY PRIDE FEEDBACK

The Glastonbury Pride team informed the Committee that their event was well received. The Pride team thanked the Carnival Club for their marshalling service on the day and their ongoing support. Other feedback included

- Numbers increased from last year
- Positive comments on social media platforms
- Visible police presence
- Six venues in the town were utilised

26th July 2026 is the next Pride event .Improvements to include bigger stalls.

23. TO RECEIVE A SAMHAIN WORKING GROUP UPDATE AND EVENT COSTINGS

The original ideas for the event have now been changed. A range of activities were discussed and decided upon. St. John’s Church Labyrinth closure will be part of a wider project involving heart decorating for the local community. E. Munro presented a leaflet design which the committee discussed and agreed to use. The Committee Clerk will work with local organisations and the Samhain working group to produce and submit a half page advert for The Oracle. The Committee Clerk will invite local schools to take part in the mask making/heart decoration event being held at the Yeast Scrapstore on Thursday 30th October. The Samhain working group will next meet on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm.

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

- Z. Bruce attended a recent ASB meeting where the perception was that most events in the town revolved around alcohol. Z. Bruce highlighted that was not the case for the majority of events, including the ones the ACE committee provide.
- M. Claridge presented a Remembrance folder of the fallen Glastonbury soldiers in the war and this was dedicated to the recently departed Glastonbury/Somerset councillor Nick Cottle. The Committee thanked her for her hard work and the folder will be displayed in the Glastonbury Information Centre.
Cllr. M. Oakden proposed the Arts, Culture and Events Committee request the GIC display the Remembrance folder of the fallen Glastonbury soldiers. This was seconded by K. Shaw and RESOLVED unanimously.

- P. Weston expressed his disappointment at the lack of interest by the Council on Friday 15th August 2025. for the marking of the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ Day), marking the end of the Second World War. Unity Candle Flame Bearer I. Zvonar explained she had a conversation with the Mayor Cllr. Michael White who decided not to acknowledge the date on this occasion. I. Zvonar did mark the occasion as part of the silent minute on her social media platform. Cllr. Cousins suggested going forward, that the Deputy Mayor be included in requests to attend future significant commemorations and local events.

25. ALLOCATIONS OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

Committee Clerk

- Prepare a detailed budget update and balance for the October meeting budget setting exercise.
- Invite Vicki Steward to the October ACE meeting
- Assimilate all Samhain event narrative by Monday 15th September and submit to the Oracle for publication.
- Submit an article to The Oracle explaining what ACE is, what they do and how community members can reach us
- Submit to Glastonbury Nub News - Samhain programme of events
- Submit to Glastonbury Town Events Page.- Samhain programme of events
- Resend the Calendar Wheel of Events to ACE members
- Invite local schools to the mask making/ heart decorating event on 31st October
- Liaise with GIC manager to display Glastonbury Remembrance folder in the Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall.

ACE Members

- Email Committee Clerk with narrative for the Oracle advert by Friday
- Elliot – Email Committee Clerk with revised Samhain leaflet design and text.
- Town Crier – liaise with former Town crier David Greenway on the forthcoming Mediaeval Baebes concert

26. TO SET DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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