



# GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Town Centre Crime Reduction Advisory Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	I Donfrancesco, S Henderson, Lokabandhu, P Manning (Chair), M Oakden (Deputy Chair)
Apologies	Kim Von Coels, Martin Hicks (Curtain Pole), Rev. Kieron Rowley
Absent	Nick Cottle (County Councillor), Chloe Forfitt
In Attendance	Abigail Gibbs, J Sparkes (Labyrinth Books) and S Hallam (Committee Clerk)
Public Participation	N/A

- 19. Apologies.** Kim Von Coels (personal reason), Martin Hicks (family commitments) & Rev. Kieron Rowley (work commitments). These apologies was duly **NOTED**.

Cllr Nick Cottle (County Councillor) Susannah Hart (County Councillor) and Chloe Forfitt were absent without reason.

**20. Declaration of Interest.**

Jim Sparkes – now a member of the Parochial Church Council and Trustee at St Johns Church.  
Cllr Donfrancesco – Member of Town Deal Board & Chair of Red Brick Building.  
Cllr Manning – Member of Town Deal Board & Director of Beckery Island Regeneration Trust.

**21. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

The minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

St Johns Churchyard

J Sparkes advised that at a recent PCC meeting it was acknowledged that things are better than they were, however on a daily basis the Church has problems with anti-social behaviour, whether that be directed at the Clergy, Trustees or the Wardens. Hard drug dealing / drinking alcohol and fighting have all been witnessed within the church grounds.

At that meeting, it was proposed to shut the Church yard, which they don't really want to do. It was decided they would compose a letter to be sent to the Town Council and Police about the issues they have and wish to publicise this letter to the local community.

Sgt Glover asked if the Church would be open to having CCTV fitted, but J Sparkes advised that they don't have the funds for that. Sgt Glover reiterated the importance of reporting everything, as it does build a picture/record of what is going on in the Church grounds.

## **22. Police Report.**

Cllr Donfrancesco referred to the Police Report that was presented to Full Council and shared her concerns about Glastonbury having the largest violence against women figures in Somerset. Cllr Oakden added that the Violence & Sexual Offences figures never seem to change – we're told they are getting better, when in fact it doesn't appear that way. Cllrs asked whether the violence and sexual Offences could be separated and have more detail?

Sgt Glover commented that he doesn't know why those figures are lumped together.

### 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: Sgt Glover**

### Buskers Code

J Sparkes advised that himself and Cllr Donfrancesco and Cllr Oakden had visited all the shops with the new code which was well received.

## **23. Town Ambassador Update.**

Cllr Donfrancesco advised that the Town Ambassador proposal was discussed at the full council meeting and they were all happy to take this forward. A Steering Group made up of Stakeholders Partners (Police, businesses, Church, Glastonbury Health Network, etc) would be established.

The Town Ambassadors will be a presence on the High Street, they will be trained in first aid, mental health etc and will also be able to signpost people to different services.

Cllr Donfrancesco advised that the a Project Proposal had been discussed with the Town Clerk, Conor Ogilvie-Davidson and he was very positive. Cllr Donfrancesco also advised that they would be called "Street Guides" and that she would email the Proposal to the TCCR Advisory Committee.

Cllr Donfrancesco advised that the job specification is currently being worked on.

**24. Training – New Bleed Kits.**

Cllr Oakden asked now that the Town has had the new bleed kits installed in 3 places around the town, would any training be provided?

A general discussion took place and it was suggested that maybe the Red Cross or St Johns Ambulance could provide training to maybe the businesses in close proximity to the kits and Church officers?!

The Committee Clerk said she would put it to the Town Clerk.

**25. Agenda Items and Date of Next Meeting.**

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

Date of next meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm.

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