



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11 December 2025 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr E. King, Lokabandhu, M. Smyth, L. MacDougall, P. Manning, Z. Price, S. Roney-Dougal and M. White
Apologies	S. Henderson and J. Cousins
Absent	
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer, Assistant Town Clerk, and 9 Members of the Public
Public Participation	0 members of the public spoke.

15. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Henderson due to Personal Commitments and Cllr Cousins due to work commitments.

These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were made in addition to those already declared to the Monitoring Officer.

17. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were considered a correct record and **SIGNED**.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth to move agenda point 5 to the next agenda item. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **AGREED** unanimously.

19. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

a. Citizen's Advice

A presentation was given by the applicant.

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £1077 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

b. David Taylor

A presentation was given by the applicant. This application does not meet the grant criteria but will be discussed at a future Property and Assets Committee.

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Cllr proposed that no grant be made because the applicant did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

c. Glastonbury Pride

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of up to £800 be awarded, this is £300 for stewarding, and a room hire in St Dunstan's. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

d. Glastonbury FM

Councillors discussed this application.

Cllr Smyth proposed that a grant of £1000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

e. Glastonbury Carnival Committee

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be awarded but a budget line created so that Glastonbury Town Council can support this event on a yearly basis. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

f. United Reform Church

Councillors discussed this application.

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr MacDougall and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

g. Lift Up!

Councillors discussed this application.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

h. Wick Carnival Club

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr White proposed that a grant of £2500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

i. Pegasus Collective at Methodist Church

Councillors discussed this application. Glastonbury Town Council budget £500 for past Christmas Day Meal events and councillors are happy to award the payout out of the Town Council budget line.

Cllr Price proposed that a grant of £500 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

j. Sweet Track

A presentation was given by the applicants. Councillors are proud to support this charity doing vital work in Glastonbury.

Cllr Smyth proposed that a grant of £3000 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

18. TO REVIEW AND SIGN THE BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY TO NOVEMBER

It was proposed by Cllr Manning that the chair of the meeting will review and sign the bank reconciliations at the end of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

20. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGET AND RECOMMEND A PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2026-27

The Town Clerk went through a draft budget that had been prepared with the Responsible Finance Officer and the Assistant Town Clerk which showed all of the suggested projects and committee expenditure for next year.

Bus shelters at Glastonbury Mendip Hospital. Quotes and designs were reviewed.

It was proposed by Cllr Roney-Dougall to delegate to the Town Clerk the purchase two bus shelters on Wells Road of up to £13,000, this will be taken out the Town Improvement fund in the Ear-Marked funds. This was seconded by Cllr King and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that the draft budget be recommended to Full Council with a Precept figure of £1,135,600 which represents a Band D Precept of £332.31; an increase of £3.90 a year. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller increase. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

21. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON EAR-MARKER FUNDS AND MAKE ANY ASSOCIATED DECISIONS

Ear-Marked funds document was shared with councillors prior to the meeting. This was discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

This was **NOTED** by councillors.

16. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 16th July 2026.

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