



GLASTONBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee (CEEAC) held on January 25th 2024 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr Serena Roney-Dougal, Cllr Mike Smyth
Apologies	Ramona Belcher, Aysha Bibi Ghafoor, Gareth Lowe, Lindsay MacDougall,
Absent	
In Attendance	Alakhrupa Harper, Luke Harrison, Joe Joseph, Susannah Clemence (Chair), Ailsa Masterton, Laura Sorensen, Laura Wolfers, Melissa Taylor (clerk).
Public Participation	<p>Two members of the public spoke during public participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guy Braga, from Somerset Wildlife Trust Team Wilder, spoke about bringing more wildlife into the town, wildlife corridors, and a focus on for work in Benedict Street, linking to the Willow Walk and Glastonbury Way. • Linda Hull, from, Glastonbury resident and Coordinator for the Somerset Fixy project, spoke about working with Repair Cafes, and a proposed Tech Amnesty where people can donate old tech to be safely wiped and reused or recycled. They will be at Street Repair Café on Feb 24th. She also asked whether anyone knows of a lockable yard in Glastonbury for storing the van. <p>Both speakers were invited to speak at the March Full Council meeting, to ask for support and apply for a small grant.</p>

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ramona Belcher. Aysha Bibi Ghafoor, Gareth Lowe, and Lindsay MacDougall, due to other commitments.

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

89. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The NOVEMBER meeting minutes were reviewed, were considered a true record, and signed by the Chair.

It was proposed by Laura S, and agreed by all, that the item to discuss working with Street be moved to the top of the agenda.

90. WORKING WITH STREET PC

Laura W originally suggested that we work together with Street to avoid reinventing the wheel, and to share resources and knowledge. It was agreed that trying to formally merge the groups would create additional admin, and that the following approach would work for everyone:

- To have an open invitation to each other's meetings, with one person reporting back and forth, and spotting opportunities to collaborate (probably Laura W).
- To work collaboratively on projects, which is already happening with the leaflets, repair café and reusable cups.
- To be open to discussing other opportunities for moving this further.

Could Discover your Community events like those at Wells and Street, be run in Glastonbury? Street are working on Biodiversity Net Gain. Is anyone in Glastonbury working on this?

RECOMMENDATION 1: Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed, Laura W seconded. Majority vote in favour, Mike S abstained.

To issue an open invitation to Street Council to observe CEEAC meetings (with no voting rights).

91. CONSIDER FINANCES AND PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Alakh proposed that CEEAC should discuss what their vision is for the year ahead for how the available funds should be spent, what is needed, and when. Various suggestions were raised:

- £1000 has been approved by GTC for spending on the thermal imaging camera.
- Laura S proposed a Hub, possibly at the Resource Centre at Beckery, which is empty.
- A place for recycling things that shouldn't go to the tip.
- The SWT Climate Adaptation Plan will have some funding attached to it and will need to go out for community for consultation. Serena suggested a People's Assembly to form groups around each of the actions. This will need funding.
- Some funds should be ring-fenced to enable quick responses to new project opportunities.

The agreed budget up to March 2025 is as follows:

Funds	Activities
£700	People's Assembly
£160	Newsletter
£600	Seedcorn – for quick response
£240	Match funding opportunities to work with Street
£1,700	TOTAL available

92. REDUCING: Litter picking; Repair Café; Reusable cups

- LITTER PICKING: All going well with new coordinator.
- THE REPAIR CAFÉ: All going well
- REUSABLE CUPS: Laura S shared sample cups and logos, and positive responses from shops and restaurants. The project isn't just about cups, but about changing mindsets, and Laura is starting to see this happen, with lots of people already bringing their own cups.
 - Next steps: Agreed to form a working group with Laura S and Lara W and retailers to make sure this happens.

- The letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce should be sent to Melissa, so that it can be adapted for a GTC letter of support.

93. DECARBONISING: Public Transport; Active Travel; Speedwatch.

- BUSES: Glastonbury on the Buses meeting are busy and held regularly, with lots happening including plans to get a service to Castle Cary.
GTC representative is Lillith Osborne, but she is not taking part in the meetings, so another rep will be needed.
The plastic maps for bus diversions during road closures are ready and Susannah has kindly offered to pick them up.
- SPEEDWATCH: The speed indicator sign has arrived at the town hall.
- Melissa is working on travel information for events, that includes buses, walking and cycling.

94. WORKING WITH NATURE: Fisher's Hill Project; Green Spaces; 5FF

- FISHER'S HILL: Design for the information board has been quoted as £910. Who is funding this? Could Property & Assets agree a budget for it.
The stand pipe should be completed by the end of January.
- 5FF: Joe provided a quick update on the Avalon Farming and Food Forum (AFFF):

The Aim is to: Accelerate agroecological transition through co-creation and sharing of knowledge.
We've done:

Step 1 – Initial Scoping: Geographic: Core - GTC wards, Inner – 5FF area, Outer – A&P LCN / W&R LCN, Somerset, global. Stakeholders: Core – Glastonbury FF community groups, Inner – 5FF farmers, growers and foodies, Outer – networked stakeholders through One Planet platform.

Step 2 – Map management tasks in inclusive, open format: One Planet platform; Fundraising; Stakeholder engagement; Events co-ordination; Comms & PR.

We're working on **Step 3 – Develop management group around key local and statutory stakeholders:** set up 'One Planet Platform for AFFF' and start mapping networks; Identify AFFF funding requirements, sources and develop bid plan; Create stakeholder register (core, inner and outer); Identify initial events list, mapped to 'wheel of the year'; Communications and PR.

The next meeting, on 13th Feb, will focus on **Step 4 – Encourage linkages, opportunities and responsibilities.** We're also linking up with Sustainable Food Somerset re: the November food and farming conference being held at Bath and West Showground; briefings to SCO PC, Baltonsborough, Street, Meare & Westhay and Glastonbury councils; and a bunch of other stuff.

It was suggested that Joe should present this summary in a public participation spot at the next Full Council meeting, along with the two member of public who spoke at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 2 (for the March meeting): Cllr Smyth proposed, Cllr Roney-Dougal seconded, voted for unanimously.

This committee recommends that Glastonbury Town Council supports in principle the Fixy project presented by Linda Hull, and the Wildlife Corridor project presented by Guy Braga.

95. INFLUENCING: Newsletter and stall; Energy saving leaflet; Facebook group; Roundup report.

- NEWSLETTER: The next issue will be about Rubbish.
- ENERGY SAVING LEAFLET: Melissa apologised for not delivery all of the leaflets she was allocated and will leave them on her desk for Serena to collect.
- The draft Climate Adaptation Plan will be presented by SWT and discussed at a zoom meeting on Feb 13th 2:30-3:45. Those wishing to join please ask Melissa for the link.

96. REPORT form Climate Emergency & Resilience Officer

- Received quote for design of information board for the Fisher’s Hill project – funding for this?
- Structural engineer is advising on the strength of the office roof, after investigation, and rooflight replacements - quotes will be invited.
- I’m preparing a supporting document for PV on the Town Hall roof, to be submitted with request for pre-planning advice.
- St Dunstan’s Town Deal project – presented and overview of GTC’s approach to sustainability issues, and guide for decisions during the development.
- Following discussion with other Somerset climate officers into options for town recycling bins, I would not recommend this action.
- Writing guidance for events to provide directions for getting to Glastonbury by public transport etc.
- Somerset environment officer catch-up
- Attended CPRE’s Rooftop Revolution event – CPRE will support our PV application.
- Attended Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference, funded by Resilience committee – lots of useful information, and main impression that nationally we are not prepared at all for the range of emergencies that we will face.
- Looking for a thermal imaging camera – advised to speak with ACE
- SWT Climate Adaptation Plan meetings

97. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the date of the July meeting has been changed from Thursday July 25th to Wednesday July 24th. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

98. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 29th 2024, at 7pm. Subsequent meetings on the last Thursday of every month.

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The chair of the meeting at which the minutes are reviewed must sign above, and initial and date each page.

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