



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

| Minutes of 2030 Committee held on December 3rd 2024, at 7pm | |
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| Councillors Present | Cllrs M. White, J. Cousins and I. Donfrancesco |
| Apologies | Cllrs Smyth, Price, Osborn, MacDougall |
| Absent | Cllr Cook |
| In Attendance | Assistant Town Clerk, Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer and 1 member of the public. |
| Public Participation | |

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Smyth and McDougall due to prior commitments, Cllr Osborn due to work commitments and Cllr Price due to illness.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared.

Association of Drainage Board Authority- Wider Group. Councillors Cousins
Brue Catchment Consortium. Councillor White and Donfrancesco.

12. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

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

13. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE SOMERSET COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DAY

Councillor White gave a report explaining some of the topics covered. These included storm forces and flooding risk in Somerset.

14. TO CONSIDER RIVERS, FLOODING AND DREDGING AROUND GLASTONBURY

It was reported that the Rivers Authority and Environmental Agency due to funding cuts from the previous government. It has been identified that risk of harm in this area is slim meaning we are low priority. Government is about to review this situation.

The drainage boards have identified the risk points and are going to carry out the work.

What do we want, what's stopping us and how do we get there?

Optimising water flow and effective water management in our local waterways, whilst working with the other parish councils integrated catchment management.

Political confusion, lack of funds and lack of resources and capacity in the ELA and LRA. Consortium of the drainage board co-ordinating authorities to do the environmental impact assessments and permits. Works will need to be carried out throughout Somerset.

Discuss with SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) and NALC (National Association Local Councils). **ACTION- Initial conversation with SALC be recommended to go to the Consortium of Brue Catchment Councils. Indra and Michael as representatives from Glastonbury Town Council.**

Ask Tessa Munt and Sarah Dyke to lobby the government about this, to be added to next agenda.

There was a discussion regarding working with Local Community Network and other town and village parishes. Establish “flood buddy’s” look at surveying houses that could flood and purchase some defences to help the risks identified by the survey.

Request grants from the SRA from the SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage) fund. **ACTION- The Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer - Investigate funding for this work through Somerset Community Action Fund and SUD’S Fund.**

To recommend that Town Council Staff discuss with our outdoors team any issues to identify related to flooding and water management and any work that could help.

15. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DIGITAL LANDLINE SWITCHOVER

Councillor White gave an update on this topic. This may happen before 2027 and a discussion was had about how we get this message out to residents to highlight the risks around medical equipment and other connected devices.

16. TO DISCUSS A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE OPEN DAY

A brief report was given about ideas for an event planned on Sunday 14th September. Some ideas were shared, and an update will be given at the next meeting.

17. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer shared a document regarding Planning conditions for the Town Hall. This included plans for Solar Panels. The application will be submitted once St Dunstan’s building work has been completed, this will included the application for the energy efficient measures to the building.

18. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE EMERGENCY PLAN

Resilience Toolkit- Power Banks (Large) to supply energy for phones to work.

A discussion to have is how would we power the Town Hall in case of an emergency, this will be added to the next agenda.

19. TO SET THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set for March 4th 2025, at 7pm.

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