



## GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Climate &amp; Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee (CEEAC) held on Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	Cllr Serena Roney-Dougal, Cllr Mike Smyth
Apologies	Cllr Lindsay MacDougall, Gareth Lowe, Cllr Emma King, Ramona Belcher
In Attendance	Susannah Clemence, Joe Joseph, Alakhrupa Harper, Melissa Taylor
Public Participation	

### **30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lindsay MacDougall, Gareth Lowe, Cllr Emma King, and Ramona Belcher, due to other engagements.

### **31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The JANUARY meeting minutes were reviewed. A small omission was corrected, and otherwise considered a true record.

### **33. ACTIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: A361 update**

Members of the A361 committee were not present. Cllr Smyth will follow up with Highways, who agreed to a list of actions over a year ago. Cllr Roney-Dougal will forward details.

Susannah attended the Avalon & Oldens LCN Transport group meeting. She said that it was very useful and GTC should be represented, hopefully by the Clerk. Susannah will forward the LCN contact so that people can ask to join the next meeting. A possible crossing over the A361 at the White Spring is being discussed.

### **34. ACTIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: TrainLink**

The group are pushing for Somerset Council funding, and are asking for more letters of support from parishes, MPs, County Councillors. GTC has already sent a letter, but another one would help.

### **CEEAC RECOMMENDATION**

Proposed by Cllr S. Roney-Dougal, seconded by Cllr M. Smyth, all in favour.

*That Glastonbury Town Council sends a further letter of support for the Trainlink to Richard Wilkins.*

A public meeting is to be held on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm in the Festival Hall.

The Active Travel Forum is well attended and active. Having built a wish list, they are starting to action. Concern was raised about drivers not keeping to the 30mph limit on Street Road. Reminder signs cannot be added, but another SID could help. Next meeting at the Rifleman's on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm.

Melissa will ask Conor about additional SID that was agreed to at a previous FC meeting. Cllr Roney-Dougal suggested that Scarlet be asked to work on this, as she is so good at getting things done.

The KFC crossing should happen within a year, although the exact location still needs to be agreed.

### **35. ADAPT: Tree group update**

The Tree group met, with four people taking a road each to review possible locations for trees and check land ownership: Silver St, Magdalene St, High St, Butts Close and Archer's Way.

### **36. PROTECT NATURE: Living Brue working group update**

Cllr Smyth asked Melissa to check arrangements for mics to be used for talks at the Living Brue Day. The next meeting of this group is Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup> upstairs at the Crown.

### **37. DECARBONISE: EV Charging points**

Melissa shared some details of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) programme. Somerset Council has received funding from government to install on street EV chargers, and is asking for suggestions for locations where they might be needed. Their website with more details is: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/electric-vehicle-charging>. Residents are invited to actively participate in identifying preferred on-street chargepoint locations here: <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/suggest-a-chargepoint-location>

### **38. INFLUENCE: Newsletter**

Susannah reported that there is no new Newsletter yet, but she is planning to restart the Eco-Stall.

### **39. PROTECT NATURE: Discover Nature Fortnight**

Melissa shared details of an event planned by Step Ride & Thrive, based at Avalon Marshes visitor centre. Discover Nature fortnight will run from May 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, covering half term, and inviting parishes within the Avalon & Poldens area to run activities that encourage residents to explore and celebrate the nature around them. Glastonbury will run activities, including information about the benefits of allowing grass to grow tall and not using glyphosate, a pavement safari, and others. Melissa invited members to suggest other activities that could be included. \*Cllr M. Smyth offered to run an allotment activity on a Thursday afternoon. Susannah offered to help.

### **40. REPORT from Climate Emergency & Resilience Officer**

- Website pages, documents and links updated.
- Planning application for Town Hall decarbonisation works: Solar panels, secondary glazing etc – Final documents have been submitted with reference 2026/0240/LBC. A notice detailing the application is on a lamppost outside the town hall. Documents can be viewed on the planning website here:

<https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=T9ZS6SKPFNP00> You can make a comment by clicking the Comments tab and then Make a Comment tab.

- Decarbonised heating system - Considering phased solution: heat pumps, reduced gas, deep retrofit, and getting help from Project managers to progress this work.
- Drafting a disinformation policy and training materials for councillors and officers.
- Planning some Emergency Plan meetings with businesses and communities.
- Planning a screening of the National Emergency Briefing film after launch on April 7<sup>th</sup>.  
\*Melissa will add details of the National Emergency Briefing with links to talks, to the website <https://www.nebriefing.org> , along with the recent government report, *Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security* [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/696e0eae719d837d69afc7de/National\\_security\\_assessment\\_-\\_global\\_biodiversity\\_loss\\_ecosystem\\_collapse\\_and\\_national\\_security.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/696e0eae719d837d69afc7de/National_security_assessment_-_global_biodiversity_loss_ecosystem_collapse_and_national_security.pdf) And to summarise what we are doing about it, what people can do and how we can work together.
- Step Ride & Thrive steering group – Discover Nature Fortnight
- Eco Council for local schools – Katie has asked me to give a talk
- Disinformation research and FOE pilot – Exeter University researcher Susannah Crockford s interviewing people about counter narratives in Glastonbury. FOE is running a pilot project looking at local climate disinformation online.

#### 41. ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER MATTERS

- Where are water butts from last year?
- Scarlet has obtained 3 quotes for bus shelters at the hospital. Sedum roofs. GTC will fund if there are no grants available. Scarlet is chasing `Somerset Council about their installation.
- There has been a report of potentially dangerous trees on the edge of Avalon Estate. \*Melissa will contact Somerset tree officer.

#### 42. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Council Chamber.

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