



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at Glastonbury Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Abbott (Mayor), A Black, J Brunsdon MBE, J Coles, J Cousins (from 7.30pm), E George, S Henderson, J Keery, W Knight, T Napper, S Thurgood.

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Avalon, N Cottle, L MacDougall, D Michell, I Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk. Mace Bearers - Crumpton and Dowden

Public participation – 4 members of the public took the opportunity to speak.

Topics raised included:

- 5G concerns on residents health
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Councillor 'surgery' with retailers.
- Firearms incidence – broken glass through the firing of ball bearings.
- The high volume of traffic using the A361 and the damage caused between Bere Lane and Chilkwell Street

The Unity candle was lit, followed by a minute's silence prior to the meeting continuing.

158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

159. REPORT FROM A MEMBER OF THE GLASTONBURY POLICE BEAT TEAM

PC Moyses prepared a concise report which was both tabled and read. Key items of note included:

- i. An evening entitled 'Pizza with the Police at the park' referring to a skate board event on Saturday 2nd March from 6.30 - 8.30pm.
- ii. Overview of the multi-agency Day of Action campaign.
- iii. Unauthorised traveller encampments, particularly at Kennard Moor Drove and Cinnamon Lane.
- iv. Removing a troublesome busker.
- v. Broken windows through the firing of ball bearings.
- vi. Local involvement with tackling a County Lines drugs supply chain.

160. MINUTES

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22nd January 2019 were **NOTED**.
- c) The minutes of the Bloom Committee meeting held on 15th January 2019 were **NOTED**
- d) The minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 15th January 2019 were **NOTED**
- e) The Mayor informed that the Staffing Committee have advertised the position of Team Leader/Supervisor. Applications close of 18th February and to date six applications have been received.
- f) The meeting of the Property and Assets Committee held on 6th February 2019 were **NOTED**
- g) The meeting of the Promoting Glastonbury Committee held on 23rd January 2019 were **NOTED**.

161. REPORT ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted a written report which was read to the meeting. The items of note include:

- i. The success of the February breakfast meeting held at the King Arthur earlier in the week.
- ii. The agm of the Chamber to be held on 14th March at the Town Hall which will be followed by the third tourism and accommodation symposium.
- iii. The encouragement by Mendip District Council for businesses to consider entering the Mendip Business Awards, where Glastonbury in recent years has had some notable success

162. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Coles tabled a report which was noted. The report contained information on his attendance on a listed buildings training course, attendance at a board meeting of the Somerset Care and Repair Committee and a summary of rough sleepers in Glastonbury.

Councillor Brunsdon verbally reported on the continued concerns of unauthorised traveller encampments, particularly in St Mary's ward.

Councillor Henderson tabled a report. He emphasised the report considered at the Scrutiny Committee on the Somerset Rivers Authority and their view on 'orphan culverts', ditches that no one claims as their own. The ditches in the vicinity of the Tor Sports and Leisure club may be 'orphaned'.

During questions which followed the report presentations, Cllr Henderson asked for the support of the District Councillors with regard to the change of use planning application for Herbies Field from agriculture to sui-generis and installation of access tracks.

163. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Leyshon provided a written report which was **NOTED**. The key messages raised included:

- Highways issues, particularly the planned resurfacing of Chilkwell Street

- An anticipated reversal of a County decision on the gritting and gully emptying of key routes.
- Bus timetables, particularly to and from Windmill Hill.
- Hinkley Point concerns, particularly the delivery of aggregates and application to the HPC Community Fund for financial support for the museum.
- The current financial position of the County Council

Councillor Napper tabled a written report which was **NOTED**. The key points included were:

- The County's financial situation, particularly the continued investment to support the Get Set service.
- Continued support for the Get Set Service, following a recent review.
- The proposed reintroduction of gritting and gully emptying.
- The public health forum encouraging an initiative entitled 'time to talk' raising awareness of mental health problems.
- Reduction of the adult social care waiting list for people requiring support.

Questions included the theft of parking restriction signs in Benedict Street which are to be reported to County Highways.

164. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The schedule of payments was presented and duly signed by the Mayor and countersigned by Cllr Black.

165. BUDGET REPORT

The budget report to 12th February 2019 was circulated to Councillors and duly **NOTED**.

166. MOTIONS

- a) Proposed by the Worshipful Mayor Cllr Abbott and seconded by Cllr Henderson.

Questions and comments are invited from members of the public immediately prior to Council meetings. The session be limited to 15minutes and to a maximum of three minutes for each participant, therefore five participants in total. At the Mayor's discretion (or chairman of the meeting) the limited time may be extended. Spaces can be booked through the Town Clerk. Applicants will be advised if their subject matter can be dealt with through an enquiry to the Town Hall, Information Centre or if it falls outside of the remit of the Town Council. As issues raised may not relate to items on the agenda, no resolution for action can be taken. A record of public participation is not required for the minutes, but the subject matter may be noted.

In support of the motion – 10, against – 0, abstained – 1.

- b) Proposed by Cllr George, Seconded by the Worshipful Mayor Cllr Abbott

Having received £5,000 from the Nationwide Building Society to purchase a defibrillator for installation on the Tor, it is proposed that this council funds the electricity connection fee of approximately £700 and the electricity charge of approximately £30 per annum. It can be confirmed that this is the

only required financial contribution and conforms with a motion approved in September 2017 to install a defibrillator at the foot of the tor.

UNANIMOUSLY supported and approved.

c. Proposed by Cllr L MacDougall and Seconded by Cllr J Cousins

In light of the Intergovernmental Panel on Global Warming's 2018 special report on Climate Change – warning of dire consequences of a 1.5 degree rise in global temperatures, and highlighting the need for rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society – this Council declares 'Climate Emergency' and will:

Continue to show foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issue of Climate Change, having adopted an Environmental Charter, opposed fracking in the Mendips and throughout the UK, installed solar panels to the Town Hall roof and banned single use plastics.

Pledge to make the operation of Glastonbury Town Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.

A recorded vote was called for. The following supported the motion: Cllrs Abbott, Black, Brunsdon, Coles, Cousins, George, Henderson, Keery, Knight, Thurgood. (10). No one voted against the motion. Cllr Napper abstained (1)

d. Proposed by Cllr L MacDougall and Seconded by Cllr D Michell

That Glastonbury Town Council supports the plastic free Glastonbury campaign and its accreditation by the National Group – Surfers Against Sewerage in the critical steps towards a single use plastic free community in Glastonbury.

In support of the motion 10, against 1.

167. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting The Mayor had represented the Town on 11 occasions. Street Parish Council have challenged Glastonbury Town Council at a game of skittles, it was **AGREED** to liaise and organise this social event.

168. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor's Sunday this year will be held in St Benedicts Church and the Town Hall on Sunday 2nd June.
- Remembrance Day parade will take place on Sunday 10th November with a service in the Town Hall following the procession.
- BBC Somerset will be broadcasting live from the town Hall on Tuesday 26th February.
- Matt Knight from the Community Alcohol Partnership will be visiting retailers next Tuesday helping the completion of a questionnaire on anti-social behaviour.

- The safe crossing point on Chilkwell Street was discussed and the reasons why the improvement works is not happening during the road closure was shared.

169. SOMERSET ARTS WEEK – FUNDING APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE MURAL TRAIL INITIATIVE.

A request was considered from the Promoting Glastonbury Committee asking for the Town Council to pay the £260 entry fee and quarter page advertisement cost to join the Somerset Arts Week, promoting specifically the murals in various locations throughout the town. The anticipation is that people will visit Glastonbury and contribute to the economy of the town through this initiative. Proposed by Cllr Keery, Seconded by Cllr George and **AGREED** to contribute £260 to enable Glastonbury to promote the local murals. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 2.

170. CORRESPONDENCE

- An advertisement from the Police regarding the Pizza in the Park activity event.
- A letter of appreciation from the Family Counselling Trust for the Youth Committee's contribution of £2,000.

171. PRESS RELEASES

1. That Glastonbury has signed up to the Climate Emergency plan
2. Live broadcast by BBC Somerset
3. Funding support for the installation of a defibrillator at the Tor.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Mayor, 12th March 2019