



Glastonbury Town Council

Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7pm

- PRESENT:** Councillors S Barnet, J Coles, N Cottle, J Cousins, S Henderson, P Lund, L MacDougall, D Michell (from 7.40pm), I Mutch, B Outten, C Prior, M Smyth and I Tucker.
- APOLOGIES:** Cllrs L Browne, J Keery, S Roney-Dougal, D Michell (for the first part of the meeting, arrived at 7.40pm).
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk
Claire Crumpton – Macebearers
County Councillor Leyshon
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 7.00 AND 7.15PM

Subjects raised included: Glastonbury Brass concert to be held in December

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

123. APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November were considered an accurate record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

124. POLICE REPORT

PC Moyse submitted a written report which was read by the Clerk. The key points being an update on the police engagement with pupils at St Benedicts School, particularly their involvement with delivering Christmas cheer to elderly residents and the homeless. Dealing with an individual who is struggling with mental health issues has taken up a large proportion of time. The days of action with ELIM and beat surgeries are proving very popular. Engaging with youths at the Red Brick Building.

125. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF:

- a. **Planning committee held on 19th November 2019** In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Browne, the minutes of the planning committee were presented by Cllr Smyth and accepted
- b. **Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26th November.** The Clerk informed that whilst the Finance and General Purposes Committee had approved the budget for the next financial year, the approximate rise of 5% on the precept had not been voted on and approved. The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee were accepted. Cllr Tucker

requested a recorded vote for the proposal to accept an approximate 5% addition to the precept.

In favour Cllrs, Cousins, Smyth, Henderson, Outten. MacDougall, Mutch, Prior and Barnett.

Against: Cllrs Tucker, Coles and Lund.

Abstention: Cllr Cottle.

The proposal was carried 8-3-1

126. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Leyshon had very little to report due almost entirely to the restrictions during a period of purdah. She had assisted with the delivery of the newsletter recently produced by the Glastonbury Community Partnership and reported an excellent reception from many of the retail premises visited. The County Councils Scrutiny Committee are to debate in February 5G. Cllr Smyth offered the support of Glastonbury's 5G working group if required. Cllr Leyshon informed that Street Parish Council has a surplus bus shelter which may be available, although it will need to be removed and repositioned at an appropriate location, possibly West Mendip Hospital

127. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr MacDougall had submitted a written report which was noted. The main points being the imminent review of the Idverde contract in 2021. The installation of electric charge points at locations throughout Mendip is to be discussed at Full Council. The long-awaited signatures on the Tor Leisure Deed of Dedication and the recently announced dates for county wide climate emergency consultation.

Cllr Henderson has attended two Planning Board meetings in the past month and had nothing else to report

Cllr Cousins had nothing to report

Cllr Cottle informed that the contract for removal of waste and street scene services is to be retendered from 2021. Business Rates on public toilets was raised and Cllr Cottle is to ask at an appropriate meeting of the council for clarification.

N.B. The Mayor joined the meeting at this point.

128. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The schedule of payments was presented and following questions, signed off by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

129. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was presented and following a few points of clarification were initialled by the Mayor.

130. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a. 5G – Cllr Cousins informed that the group continues to receive presentations and reports from working group members and external speakers. Recently a skype link was made with a Professor in America. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th December with a presentation from Mobile UK. Cllr Cottle asked to be removed from this group as he has been unable to attend any meetings.
- b. Climate Emergency working group. Cllr MacDougall reported that the next event on Saturday 25th January has been publicised with this event taking place in the Main Hall.

- c. Christmas Lunch. Cllr Michell reported that all appears to be in hand with the exception that the Clerk is uncomfortable with allowing a non-councillor access to the keys for the town hall. It had been agreed that Cllr Michell would open the hall at 6.00am to allow access to the caterers. She is no longer available to undertake this responsibility due to an engagement later in the day. Cllr Lund agreed to discuss the issue with the Mayor in an attempt to resolve the problem.

131. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- a. Glastonbury Community Partnership. Cllr Lund informed that the partnership has produced a newsletter informing of their work which has been distributed to retailers.
- b. Glastonbury and Sharpham Burial Board – Cllr Tucker informed that there was nothing to report.
- c. Cllr Lund has been working with the Scrapstore who have produced four green hearts depicting the synergy which is being created between the towns of Frome, Stroud, Totnes and Glastonbury to address climate emergency issues.
- d. Frost Fayre – Cllr Tucker informed that with just a few relatively minor points, the Frost Fayre had been delivered successfully. A meeting earlier in the day had identified a few issues that need resolving, particularly cars parking in Northload Street preventing emergency access. Cllr Michell sought support for a similar event in May, which was dismissed.
- e. Glastonbury Information Centre – Cllr Tucker informed that the Town Council is being asked to address a shortfall in presence at weekends, bank holiday and covering sickness and holidays. This is to be discussed at a Staffing Committee and brought back to Full Council in January with a recommendation. The centre has recently been recognised in the SW Tourism Awards receiving a commendation for their work

132. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor informed that since the last meeting she has attended:

- The Frost Fayre on 30th November
- Millfield Preparatory Schools carol service in Wells Cathedral on 6th December
- Glastonbury Sea Scouts award ceremony on 6th December
- Forget Me Not Christmas supper on 10th December

133. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mendip District Council Climate Emergency consultation to take place in the Shape Mendip Chamber on Saturday 15th February 2020 between 10.00am and 4.00pm.
- Home Office Consultation – Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. (It was agreed to make this an agenda item for full discussion at the next meeting)
- Cutting the Holy Thorn on Thursday 19th December at 10.30am at St Johns Church
- The Clerk informed that he was hoping to produce an annual report for the council and gave prior notice to the chairs of respective committees that he will require approximately 300 words describing the work of each committee soon into the new year.

- Cllr Coles informed that the Carnival collection was approximately £19,000, which was higher than the collection at Bridgwater Carnival
- Wells Christmas Market is to take place on Saturday 15th December

134. CORRESPONDENCE

ELIM have provided information on their centres opening times over the Christmas period.

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight performance – Friday 13th December

135. NEWS RELEASES

Climate Emergency – People’s Assembly

The additional award for the GIC

136. ACTIONS

- The Clerk to contact Street Parish Council with regards to a bus shelter.
- Explanations associated to the budget monitoring report to be presented at the next meeting.
- Distribute electronically the Community Partnership newsletter.
- Organise a Staffing Committee meeting to discuss the GIC request
- Include on the next agenda an item to discuss the Home Office Consultation on unauthorised traveller encampments
- Include on the next agenda information on budget monitoring and presentation.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed _____

Worshipful Mayor
14th January 2020