



## GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Minutes of Full Council held on 11 April, 2023 at 7pm</b>	
Councillors Present	R. Cook, J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, Lokabandhu, P. Manning, I. Mutch, T. Napper, M. Oakden, L. Osborn, Z. Price, S. Roney-Dougal and M. White
Apologies	Cllrs Cottle, MacDougall, Smyth and Somerset Councillor Hart
In Attendance	Town Clerk, 2 Macebearers, Cllr Von Mesenkampff (Wells City) and 10 members of the public
Public Participation	3 members of the public spoke during public participation. The subjects raised included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. League Against Cruel Sports Campaign</li><li>2. Markets in Glastonbury</li><li>3. Questioning Net Zero Meeting</li></ol>

The Mayor thanked everyone present for the past year and remarked on the achievements of the Council during this time.

### **250. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Cottle gave apologies owing to personal commitments. Cllrs MacDougall, Smyth and Somerset Councillor Hart gave apologies owing to feeling unwell. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

### **251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Roney-Dougal declared an interest as a personal friend of the proposed Town Drummer.

### **252. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2023**

The minutes were considered a true record of the meeting and were **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

### **253. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The Town Clerk updated members regards actions raised at the last meeting. The minutes of the March meeting had been amended and signed, the Terms of Reference for Glastonbury in Bloom would be considered at the May meeting to create a delegated committee, the Climate and Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee's Facebook had been set up and the news releases had been issued.

### **254. TO NOTE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM UPDATE AND LATEST CRIME STATISTICS REPORT**

A written update from the Neighbourhood Beat Team and the latest crime statistics were **NOTED**.

**255. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CLLR ISA VON MESENKAMPFF (WELLS CITY) ON THE SUBJECT OF REDUCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Members received a presentation from Cllr Von Mesenkampff on the subject of the work done in Wells to highlight Domestic Violence and reduce its prevalence.

Cllr Cousins proposed that an agenda item on this topic is to be added to a future agenda for consideration. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**256. TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Cllrs Cook and Cousins both remarked at the quality of the work of the Responsible Finance Officer in respect of the Town Council's finances and reporting.

**257. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Members considered the schedule of payments and it was duly **SIGNED** by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**238. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES**

The following resolutions were **NOTED**:

**258. TO NOTE THE RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES**

The following resolutions were **NOTED**:

**a) Resilience Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

There were no resolutions from this meeting but members continued to work on the Emergency Plan with the Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer.

**b) Planning Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

- 2023/0296/LBC – Repair retaining garden wall – 94 Bove Town, Glastonbury, BA6 8JG – Mr Sahathevan – Listed Building Consent.  
(Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- 2023/0210/FUL – Conversion of outbuilding to a dwelling – Rhiston, Street Road, Glastonbury, BA6 9EQ – Mr Aaron Parsons – Full Application.  
(Cllr Smyth proposed, seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and agreed (with 2 abstentions) to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).

- 2023/0254/HSE – Retrospective application for a fence with timber arch, shed & garage door – The Hermitage, 5 Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, BA6 8DJ – Mr Peter Eade – Householder Application.  
(Members of the Public - Mr P Eade (Applicant) spoke about his application & Mr J La Trobe-Lewis (neighbour) spoke against the application with his concerns).
- The Committee would like to refer this Application back to MDC to consider as some committee members declared an interest in the application so unable to discuss/vote on this application, but also feel the technicalities of the application needs consideration by an experienced Planning Officer).
- 2023/0395/HSE – 2 storey side extension, internal alterations – Brindham Bungalow, Brindham Lane, Wick, Glastonbury – Mrs L Postle - Householder Application.  
(Cllr Lokabandhu proposed, seconded by Cllr Mutch and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- 2023/0434/HSE – Erection of rear single-storey extension and front porch – 9 The Close, Glastonbury, BA6 9HZ – Ms Snatt – Householder Application.  
(Cllr White proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- 2023/0350/FUL – Erection of multipurpose agricultural building and three bay tractor shed – New Close Farm, Dyehouse Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 9LZ – Mr C White – Full Application.  
(Cllr White proposed, seconded by Cllr Mutch and unanimously agreed to recommend **APPROVAL** of this application).
- 2023/0392/FUL – Extension to existing agricultural building – The Old Grey Barn, Alpaca Centre, Dyehouse Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 9QS – Mr Simon Harding – Full Application.  
(This Application was not discussed/voted on due to the Committee declaring an interest, due to Glastonbury Town Council owning the land opposite to the applicant).
- CTIL 12559325 – Pre-Application Consultation Letter – Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at Clarke Telecom Ltd – JC Thomas & Sons, Greenfield Scrap Metal, Thomas Way, Glastonbury, BA6 9LU.

(GTC wrote to Clarke-Telecom advising that GTC *resolved unanimously to continue the adoption of the Precautionary Principle; **opposing the roll-out of 5G** until further information is made available on the safety or otherwise of the technology. We also enclosed the Council's Report on 5G. This is a pre-existing **Policy** of GTC and, therefore, material to the pre-application).*

### c) Property & Assets Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

- Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that the renewal as part of a multi-year insurance policy with Zurich PLC be accepted and an updated full reinstatement value for the Town Hall be sought. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

- Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that the Town Council seek to opt to Tax St Dunstan's House in order that the VAT incurred on works to and services delivered from the house can be reclaimed. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** by majority.
- Cllr Smyth proposed that the following recommendations from Cllrs Oakden and White be accepted:
  1. The committee resolve to seek to take on the lease of the Tribunal Building from English Heritage from 1 October 2023 with the option to use the building beforehand in partnership with Glastonbury Antiquarians Limited.
  2. The committee resolve to express to English Heritage their wish to initially enter into a lease agreement for three years rather than five years.
  3. The committee resolve that as part of running the building that the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society retain curatorial responsibility for the museum and Lake Village Collection remains in the building.
  4. The committee recommend to the Staffing Committee that they explore the recruitment of a person to oversee the operation and development of the Tribunal building and that this links with the role required at the Glastonbury Information Centre.

The above was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** by majority.

Cllrs White and Oakden along with Dr Tim Hopkinson-Ball, the Town Hall Manager and the Town Clerk were thanked for their work on the Tribunal building opportunity.

- Cllr Smyth proposed that the Town Council further explore plot-holder representatives for Lowerside Allotments to improve communication to and from the Town Council and plot holders. This was seconded by Cllr Manning and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- Cllr Henderson proposed that the Town Council partake in 'No Mow May' on all of its open spaces. This was seconded by Cllr Mutch and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

#### **d) Youth Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

This meeting was postponed. To be re-scheduled.

#### **e) Town Hall Revenue Sub-Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

No resolutions from this meeting but members received an update on preparations to run a café in the Town Hall on 8 April 2023.

## **259. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION**

### **a) Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

There were no recommendations from this meeting; this meeting was to meet our newly appointed Consultants, Plan-Et.

### **b) Arts, Culture & Events Advisory Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

There were no recommendations from this meeting, members continued to work with the Projects & Events Officer and the Town Clerk on the Town's celebrations in early May.

### **c) Glastonbury In Bloom Advisory Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

There were no recommendations from this meeting but members received an update regarding the regional seminar which was to be held in the Main Hall.

### **d) Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

There were no recommendations from this meeting but members continued to work through the final stages of the neighbourhood plan.

### **e) Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

#### **One recommendation for consideration:**

1. To have a regular stall outside St Dunstan's House, for Paddington Farm, on Thursday evenings, and in future to be a space for others to sell produce. To make a Fridge key available for excess produce.

The above item was deferred to a future meeting of the Property and Assets committee.

## **260. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

- a. This Council appoints an official drummer for civic occasions and that this should be offered to Lydia Lyte. This arrangement is to be by honorarium and mirror that for the macebearers and official bagpiper.

Proposed by Cllr Lokabandhu  
Seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco

The above motion was considered and **RESOLVED** by majority with three abstentions.

#### **261. TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE ANNUAL GRANT FOR THE 'TOR BUS'**

The Town Clerk had met with the Chief executive of Mendip Community Transport who advised that the grant to run the Tor Bus would need to be increased for 2023 for the service to be sustainable. The request was for an additional £3,000, increasing the Town Council grant to £14,000, the same as Somerset Council.

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that the grant be increased in line with the request from Mendip Community Transport. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** by majority.

#### **262. TO CONSIDER FLYING THE LGBT RAINBOW FLAG FOR PRIDE IN GLASTONBURY ON SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023**

Members considered the request from the organisers of a local event to fly the Rainbow Flag for the event. The Town Clerk confirmed that this was a flag that could be flown without gaining permission from the planning authority.

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that the flag fly atop the Town Hall for the period of 23-31 July 2023. This was seconded by Cllr Henderson and **RESOLVED** by majority.

Cllr Donfrancesco further proposed that the Earth Protector flag fly on 22 April subject to gaining permission from the Planning Authority. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** by majority.

#### **263. TO RECEIVE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Both representatives to the Unitary Council had tendered their apologies for this meeting. Cllr Cottle had provided a written report which had been circulated by the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting.

#### **264. TO RECEIVE VERBAL UPDATES FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr White updated members regards progress to date in the Glastonbury Town Deal and the Town Clerk added that the St Dunstan's project Sub-Committee had successfully appointed project managers for the project.

#### **265. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

#### **266. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk confirmed to members that positive moves had been made by the National Trust and the third party responsible for the Defibrillator on that Tor towards its reinstatement.

## **267. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **268. NEWS RELEASES**

The ongoing promotion of the Mayor's Charity event and the Coronation celebrations are to be issued as releases.

## **269. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

The Town Clerk had captured the actions arising from the meeting, including: investigating with the local community payback service about litter picking in and around the rhynes in Glastonbury, referring various items to future property and Assets Committee agendas, ensuring that the Rainbow flag flies for the agreed dates and to issue the agreed news releases.

## **270. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.**

Proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco. **RESOLVED** unanimously.

## **271. TO CONSIDER AND MAKE AWARDS FOR:**

### **a. THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Members considered the nominations received and undertook a ballot. Gina Ty-Wharton was awarded the Citizen of the Year award for 2023.

### **b. GLASTONBURY'S EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER**

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that all of the nominated persons be recognised as Exemplary Volunteers. This was seconded by Cllr Osborn and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

### **c. GLASTONBURY'S VOLUNTEERING LONG SERVICE AWARD**

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that all of the nominated persons be recognised as Long Serving Volunteers. This was seconded by Cllr Osborn and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

### **d. OTHER HONORARY AWARDS**

Cllr Cousins proposed that Mary Parker be made a Freewoman of Glastonbury for the services she has tirelessly rendered to the town over several decades. This was seconded by Cllr Oakden and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**272. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AMENDED BY THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED BACK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco. **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**273. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 9 May 2023

<b>SIGNED:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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