

Steve Henderson

District Councillor's report June 2021

No meetings attended at MDC this month.

I sat in on a meeting between Heather Hall of Glastonbury Cricket Club and Rob Taylor of Fusion on Friday 4th June. The idea was to open a channel of communication between the two organisations with regard to the Towns' Deal Fund.

I think it's fair to say that there has been a history of mutual suspicion between GCC and Fusion which in the end does neither party any good.

I think by the end of the meeting, with plain speaking from both sides, there was a better understanding of their respective views and wishes.

We still await the decision on the Towns' Deal so we, in the Sports Cluster, are in a holding pattern at the moment, but I'm sure that if the decision goes the way we hope all stakeholders in the Tor S&L site will work together to the benefit of all.

After 10 years of the Glastonbury Fringe I and the other organisers, Brad Lister and Vanessa Lancaster have decided to call it a day.

The Fringe was originally the idea of Sarah Clay as an event taking place actually in the Town of Glastonbury while the Festival was taking place up the road in Pilton.

Over the years the Fringe has promoted acts in music, drama, poetry, crafts, film, pyrography and belly dancing to name but a few. We have had performances from home grown talent to seasoned Festival performers and these have taken place in such venues as pubs, cafes, the High Street, churches and the Abbey.

We'd like to thank all that have helped in putting the Fringe together over the years, either in performing or marshalling, carrying equipment or helping with our publicity. Also the companies that have supported us, both financially and in supplying goods. Glastonbury Festival, Glastonbury Spring water, Brothers Cider, GFM and of course Glastonbury Town Council.

We had nearly £1,000 in the bank at close of business which we donated equally between Glastonbury Community Development Trust and GFM.

Finally. There is a lady who feeds the pigeons on the Market Cross every day who is falling out with some of the business owners.

I have tried to explain to her that a lot of the Town's traders have been trying to get rid of the pigeons because they have a detrimental effect on the High Street and Market Place due to the droppings which can clearly be seen outside several establishments. She will not listen to reason and gets quite vocal with anyone who disagrees with her. Can a sign be put up saying "Please do not feed the birds"? This official instruction might deter her.