

# Mayor's Report

## Glastonbury Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, 13th October 2020

### **Mayor's weekly meeting:**

The Deputy Mayor and I have continued to hold a weekly meeting with the Town Clerk; providing support and reflection on various aspects of council business. This month we focused on:

- landscape and grounds-work (hedge trimming, grass cutting, weed control, general maintenance of green spaces),
- progress of climate emergency/resilience agenda (solar panels, air source heat pump, etc.),
- the developing 'Glastonbury community partnership' network,
- work on Herbies Field,
- the improvement plans for the town centre (Towns Fund/Town Deal)
- Glastonbury In Bloom.

### **Mayor's Diary:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: I attended a virtual 'Community Network' meeting review.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September: I was delighted and honoured to attend the virtual AGM of Glastonbury and Street Sea Cadets/TS Excalibur.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September: I was interviewed by Trish Campbell of BBC Radio Somerset about my successful nomination of Glastonbury residents **Kama McKenzie** and **Tanya Moore** for the High Sheriff's Special Recognition Award "for their outstanding contribution to the community in Somerset and for their acts of thoughtfulness and kindness during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020". Both Kama and Tanya were instrumental in organising and co-ordinating Glastonbury's Coronavirus Support Network.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: I chaired a 'Community Network' meeting with a wider group of identified local organisations to discuss the ongoing community response to coronavirus and exploring how this might integrate with the wider statutory and other community as lockdown eases.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September: I attended a virtual 'Community Network' meeting review.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September: I attended an information/promotional gathering at the 'Beckery Village' to overview/explore the Expressions of Interest for the Glastonbury Town Deal. Visited the Red Brick Building, Baily Building, and Bauhaus (Zig Zag) building.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: I attended a virtual 'Community Network' meeting review.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October: I met with Reverend David MacGeoch, Mike Free (British Legion), and Town Clerk to discuss if and how we observe Remembrance Sunday this year.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October: I attended a virtual 'Community Network' meeting review.

### **In addition,**

I supported the creation of several Expressions of Interest for the Glastonbury Town Deal (including the Renewable Energy, Affordable Housing, and Beckery Village – outside of the Town Council EOIs), and led the writing the Expression of Interest for Acquiring UNESCO World Heritage Status for Glastonbury.

I also helped to deliver leaflets promoting the Glastonbury Town Deal, and Community Network 'directory'.