

From 1 May 2021, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 sets out a statutory requirement that: As soon as reasonably practicable after a meeting of a community council, and in any event before the end of seven working days beginning with the day on which the meeting is held, the council must publish electronically a note setting out—

- (a) the names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence;
- (b) any declarations of interest;
- (c) any decision taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.

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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillor Brooks (Chair) together with Councillors Davies-Powell, E S Goodjohn (Vice Chairperson), N Hodges, S Hodges, McKinney and Payne (Town Mayor Ex-Officio).

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims – Deputy Chief Officer
Robyn Walsh – Engagement and Events Team Manager
Rebecca Blackwell – Office Team Leader

F26. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Payne and McKinney

F27. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Payne in relation to item 7 and from Councillor Davies-Powell in relation to item 9a and 9b.

F28. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

RESOLVED: That the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be received and noted.

F29. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2022**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee held on 19 July 2022 be approved and signed as correct record.

F30. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SHOP LOCAL BARRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JULY 2022 AND TO GIVE ANY CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Shop Local Barry Advisory Committee held on 19 July 2022 be received and noted.

F31. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE INNOVATION WORKING PARTY HELD ON 28 JULY 2022 AND TO CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (NOTING THAT MINUTE NUMBER 9(2) IS INCLUDED AS AGENDA ITEM 10 BELOW)**

Member received the minutes of the Innovation Working Party held on 28 July 2022 considered the recommendation contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the minutes of the Innovation Working Party held on 28 July 2022 be received and noted**
- 2. That the Engagement and Events Team Manager provide more information and financial implications of Barry Town Council becoming a Town of Sanctuary (further information contained within agenda item 11) and this aspiration be reflected in the Council's revised Corporate Plan if agreed.**

F32. **PRIDE 2022**

Members were advised that this report had since been superseded by an urgent action due to timescales.

RESOLVED: That members receive and note report and update provided.

F33. **TO RECEIVE A BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2022**

Members were provided with a report informing members of the Council's income and expenditure in the 2022/23 financial year as at the end of August 2022.

RESOLVED: That members receive the budget monitoring report for August 2022, indicating the actual income and expenditure up to the end of month five in the 2022/23 financial year, noting the

projected overspend of £133,374 that will result in a net amount of £175,227 being transferred from reserves rather than an amount of £41,853 in the revised budget for 2022/23.

F34.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2022/23

a. Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations

Members were requested to consider the applications under the Power of Wellbeing, Sections 1-5 of the Local Government Act 2000, Power to do anything to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the council's area or anyone in the area. An amount of £15,000 had been allocated within the Council's Budget for Grants for Community and Voluntary Organisations.

General Power of Competence, Section 24 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Community Organisation	Amount Awarded
372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps	£500
Barry Round Table	£ See Mark
Flying Start	£1,133.37
Soroptimist International Barry & District	£593.41
Tir A Mor Scout District	£1,097
Vale of Glamorgan Broadcasting BIC	£1,000
Total	<u>£ 4,323.78</u>

Section 145 Local Government Act 1972 **Sub-section 1(a)**

Community Organisation	Amount Awarded
Barry Male Voice Choir	£660
Vale Voices	£347.50
Total	<u>£1,007.50</u>

Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Sub-section 3(a)

Community Organisation	Amount Awarded
Barry Athletic Football Club	£1,279
YMCA Barry	£1,561.21 (green grant)
Total	<u>£2,840.21</u>

Councillor Davies-Powell left the meeting whilst the discussion regarding Barry Athletic Football Club's grant was discussed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members agree to award the various applications for financial assistance, under the various powers listed, from the**

Councils grants budget in 2021/22, in accordance with the Council's agreed criteria (copy attached to the report) and that the Committee determine the amount to be awarded in relation to each organisation giving consideration to the eligibility of each.

2. That Barry Town Council explore purchasing the item contained within the grant application on behalf of Barry Athletic Football Club.
3. That each organisation making an application be informed of the Committee's decision accordingly, in writing and that they be advised of a date for this year's ceremony.

b. Grants to Businesses in the Private Sector

Business Name	Amount Awarded
Dimensional Art	£963.99 (Green Grant)
Karry's Deli	£1,000
Speight Consultancy	£1,000
Vinylise Printing & Embroidery	£1,000

RESOLVED:

1. That members agree to award the various applications for financial assistance, under the 'General Power of Competence', Section 24 of the Local Government and elections (Wales) Act 2021 and that the Committee determine the amount to be awarded in relation to each organisation giving consideration to the eligibility of each of the applications accordingly.
2. That each organisation making an application be informed of the Committee's decision accordingly, in writing and that they be advised of a date for this year's ceremony.

F35.

GDPR UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Officer advised members that there was nothing to report in relation to GDPR however, staff will receive refresher training in GDPR.

RESOLVED: That members received and noted the GDPR update.

F36.

TOWN OF SANCTUARY

Members were provided with a report containing further information with regard to becoming a Council of Sanctuary and Town of Sanctuary.

The Engagement and Events Team Manager advised members that to begin with the Council may wish to consider becoming a Council of Sanctuary.

The Chair request a cost to action and asked if the resources are available. The Engagement and Events Team Manager advised that this would sit with the Well-Being Project Officer and currently the only cost would be for any training required.

Councillor S Hodges suggested that this should be on every committee agenda to enable each committee to look at the services to see if they meet the criteria.

Councillor Johnson felt that the examples on the Innovation Working Party agenda leant more toward the Unitary authority.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Barry Town Council begins the process to become a Council of Sanctuary.**
- 2. That all Committee's consider the impact of becoming a Council of Sanctuary at their relevant meetings and how the work of each Committee can support this aspiration.**
- 3. That a costings report is provided to ensure proper budgetary provision can be made.**

F37. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

F38. **TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Personnel Committee 5 September 2022

- a. Draft Fertility Journey Policy

Members were presented with a Draft Fertility Journey Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Draft Fertility Policy be adopted subject to approval from the Unions

- b. Financial Administrator

Members were provided with a request to make the Temporary Finance Administrator post permanent

RESOLVED: That the role of the Finance Administrator becomes permanent from 25 October 2022

c. Engagement and Events Team Increased Capacity

Members were provided with information in relation to the request to increase the capacity of the Engagement and Events Team.

RESOLVED: That members approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to increase the current staff members' hours (Wellbeing Projects Officer and Engagement and Events Administrator) and approve recruitment and associated year end costs of a full-time Engagement and Events officer role.

F39. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The date of the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 28 November 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed(Chairperson) Dated