

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.

Barry Town Council meets this duty by publishing this information in the form of draft meeting minutes which will be displayed electronically within 7 working days after the meeting. It should be noted that these minutes are DRAFT and not agreed until the next meeting.

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2024 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillor Brooks (Chair) together with Councillors Clarke, Drake, E S Goodjohn (Vice Chairperson) and S Hodges.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims – Deputy Chief Officer
Rachel Williams – Finance Administrator
Councillor N Hodges

F125. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor McKinney, Payne and Johnson (Town Mayor Ex-Officio)

F126. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT**

RESOLVED: That no declaration of interest were received.

F127. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

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

F128. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2023**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 5 December 2023 be approved and signed as correct record.

F129. **TO RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2024**

Members were provided with the schedule of payments for January 2024 consisting of cheque number 002985, direct debits and BACS payments, in the amount of £48,068.96.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments for January 2023 consisting of cheque number 002985, direct debits and BACS payments in the amount of £48,068.96 be approved.

F130. **TO RECEIVE A BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Members were informed about the Council's income and expenditure in the 2023/24 financial year as at the end of December 2023.

RESOLVED: That the budget monitoring report for December 2023, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month nine in the 2023/24 financial year be received and noted.

F131. **TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Members received a recommendation from the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee held on 22 January 2024 in relation to the new Policy on Unauthorised Scatter of Ashes. Members agreed that the new policy was sensible and agreed to adopt and implement.

RESOLVED: That the New Policy on Unauthorised Scatter of Ashes be approved and adopted.

F132. **TO APPROVE A REVISED POLICY ON RESERVES**

Member's received a revised Policy on Reserves for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the revised policy on reserves be approved.

F133. **TO APPROVE A REVISED INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Members were provided with a revised Investment Strategy for consideration. Councillor E S Goodjohn requested the Deputy Chief Officer investigate how focused the investments are in relation to climate change considering the council's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

RESOLVED: That the revised Investment Strategy be approved.

F134. **GDPR UPDATE**

Members were provided with a GDPR update from the Deputy Chief Officer.

RESOLVED: That the GDPR update be received and noted.

F135. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 8 April 2024.

F136. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: THAT 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.

F137. **TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Members received a recommendation from the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee meeting held on 22 January 2024 in relation to the purchase of a new electric van. Members were in support of the purchase of a new electric van to be utilised by the engagement and events team as well as its primary use at the cemetery. Councillor Clarke requested an officer look into the option of leasing an electric vehicle due to his own personal concerns on the longevity of electric vehicles.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the recommendation from the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee that a new electric vehicle be purchased be agreed**
- ii. That a new budget expenditure heading MD Cemetery/New Electric Vehicle in the amount of £25,000 be created with a virement of £25,000 being reduced to the MD Cemetery/Salaries expenditure heading.**

Meeting closed at 7.19 pm.

Signed(Chairperson) Dated