

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 THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Clarke) together with Councillors Aviet, Ball, Brooks, Collins, Davies-Powell, , Drake, EJ Goodjohn, ES Goodjohn, N Hodges, S Hodges, Iannucci-Williams, Johnson, McKinney, Payne, Perkes, Thomas, Wilkinson and Wiliam

ALSO PRESENT:

Rachel Honey-Jones	Chief Officer
Courtney Parker	Administrator
Gerwyn Watkins	Independent Standards Committee
Robert Bryn-Jones	Observer

676. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Deputy Chief Officer Mark Sims and Councillors Charles, Dancey and Hennessy.

677. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

None were received

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

RESOLVED: That the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be noted.

679. **STANDING ORDER 3(o)**

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 3(o) be received and noted.

680. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on Monday 15 December 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

681. **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor provided an update on the many events he has recently attended, noting that the Christmas period was particularly busy. He reported that the recent quiz night was very well attended, and that the Burns Night event hosted by the Social Sisters and the Rotary Club, which raised funds for the Memory Café, was a great success. He also attended two Art Central exhibitions and a very successful Mayor's Coffee Morning, which is now approaching his 95th event as Mayor.

RESOLVED: That communications from the Mayor be received and noted.

682. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 3 (e)**

None were received.

683. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 3 (F)**

None were received.

684. **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS**

None were received.

685. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2025**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Meeting held on 8 December 2025 be received and noted.

686. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PERSONNEL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2025**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Personnel Meeting held on 10 December 2025 be received and noted.

687. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2025, 13 JANUARY 2026 & 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16 December 2025, 13 January 2026 & 3 February 2026 be received and noted.

688. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor Iannucci-Williams advised that she had submitted her apologies for the meeting, however they were not recorded, and requested that this be amended.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Minutes of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee meeting held on 20 January 2026 be amended to reflect Councillor Iannucci-Williams Apologies.
2. That the Minutes of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee meeting held on 20 January 2026 be received and noted.

689. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Globally Responsible Committee meeting held on 26 January 2026 be received and noted.

690. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTE OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Vibrant Culture Committee meeting held on 2 February 2026 be received and noted.

691. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 February 2026 be received and noted.

692. **TO NOMINATE THE MAYOR ELECT FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27**

Members were requested to nominate the Mayor Elect for the Council Year 2026/27.

Councillor Payne nominated Councillor Thomas to be Mayor Elect for 2026/27.

There were no other nominations. Councillor E S Goodjohn seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Thomas be nominated as Mayor Elect for the Council Year 2026/27

693. **TO NOMINATE THE DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27**

Members were requested to nominate the Deputy Mayor Elect for the Council Year 2026/27.

Councillor S Hodges nominated Councillor Collins to be Deputy Mayor Elect for 2026/27

There were no other nominations. Councillor Johnson seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Collins be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the Council Year 2026/27

694. **COMMITTEE LEAD OFFICERS JANUARY 2026**

RESOLVED: That the Committee Lead Officers January 2026 report be received and noted.

695. **TO AGREE THE SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2026/27**

Members were provided with a revised Schedule of Meetings for 2026/27.

Councillor E S Goodjohn commented that some clashes are inevitable, as the Barry Town Council Globally Responsible Committee meetings often coincide with the Governance and Audit Committee meetings of The Vale of Glamorgan Council.

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Town Council meetings for 2026/27 be approved.

696. **TO RECEIVE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON 2026/27 BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Chief Officer provided a brief update on the report, recommending that the responsibilities of Barry Town Council and The Vale of Glamorgan be clearly distinguished on the Barry Town Council website.

Councillor S Hodges thanked staff for compiling all the information, noting that many positive comments had been received and that, overall, the feedback was very good and most likely the best received to date.

RESOLVED: That the results of the public consultation on 2026/27 budget proposals be received and noted.

697. **TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

Members were provided with the Schedule of Payments for December 2025 and January 2026 (Final) for approval, consisting of BACS payments, direct debits and cheque number 2992 in the amount of £60,634.95.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the salary payments for November, December 2025 and January 2026 inclusive, which has been certified and authorised by the appropriate officers in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 19(c), be received and noted.**
- 2. That the schedule of payments for December 2025 and January 2026 comprising of cheque number 2992, BACS payments and direct debits in the amount of £60,634.95 be approved, subject to the relevant papers being in order.**

698. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2026**

Members were provided with a report outlining the Council's income and expenditure in the 202/26 financial year as at the end of January 2026.

The Chief officer confirmed there are positive changes since the last report was received in December.

Councillor S Hodges thanked the Chief Officer, adding that earlier in the year the budget had not looked as healthy. However, by the end of the year, the situation had evened out, with not all of the budget being spent. Councillor S Hodges noted that the year had turned out better than expected and questioned whether any unspent funds should be carried over. Councillor S Hodges suggested that the money could be used to strengthen the Heritage Centre budget line from the outset.

Councillor Brooks stated that she would be conscious not to transfer the full £55,000 from the Acquisition Reserve at this time, but she would be happy to transfer £47,000 from the Acquisition Reserve. Councillor Brooks added that, if the opportunity arose, additional funds could potentially be transferred in the future, but for now was content with moving just the £47,000.

Both Councillors E S Goodjohn and S Hodges agreed with the compromise.

RESOLVED:

1. That the budget monitoring report for January 2026, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of January in the 2025/26 financial year, noting the projected underspend of £41,940 that will result in a net amount of £7,638 being transferred to reserves (surplus for the year) be received and noted.

2. That the movement of reserves during the year be received and noted, with the projected balances increasing by £7,638 to £779,239 at the year-end, 31 March 2026 with a revised amount of £47,000 being transferred from the Acquisition Reserve at the year-end 31 March 2026.

699.

TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2026/27 AND DETERMINE THE PRECEPT TO BE LEVIED ON THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL FOR 2026/27

Councillor Johnson said that Barry was one of the four town councils in the Vale and drew comparisons with neighbouring towns, noting that the proposed Band D precept would be around £10 less than Llantwit Major, £25 less than Penarth and £50 less than Cowbridge. He added that, as properties in Barry are typically in lower council tax bands than those in those towns, residents would therefore pay comparatively even less. Councillor Johnson added that the budget will bring the Council back in line with its ambitions, as steps have been taken to reduce headcount and Senior Leadership Team costs, and he hopes that people recognise the ambition reflected in the budget.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget for 2026/2027 that sets a precept requirement of £1,503,130 to be levied on the Vale of Glamorgan Council being an increase to a Band D tax payer of 10.0% compared to 2025/2026 is approved.

700. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will to be held on Monday 11 May 2026.

701. **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.

Gerwyn Watkins and Robert Bryn-Jones left the meeting at 7:43pm

702. **RESTRUCTURE**

The Chief Officer presented the report and answered questions from Councillors.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Chief Officer for providing clarity on the current situation.

The Chief Officer thanked all Councillors for their ongoing support, noting that she greatly appreciates it.

RESOLVED:

1. That members approved the proposed restructure.
2. That the restructure is reviewed at Personnel in 6 months time.

703. **CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE**

The Chief Officer gave a brief update on the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the corporate plan update be received and noted.
- 2) That community events, including possibility of a food festival and multicultural initiatives such as a cookbook, be promoted to encourage inclusivity and cultural engagement.

- 3) That the engagement and events officer contact schools and local clubs to encourage participation in the youth council, including inviting members to attend committee meetings and events.
- 4) That opportunities for youth involvement, such as work experience for a-level politics students explored.

704. **REPLACEMENT OF IT PROVIDER**

The Chief Officer gave a brief update on the report.

RESOLVED: That Replacement of IT Provider Obits IT is approved.

705. **SAFE CHECK REPORT**

The Chief Officer informed members that the latest health and safety audit identified three immediate actions. Two of these have already been completed today. The remaining action relates to mental health support for staff, and she was pleased to report that 11 staff members have expressed interest in becoming mental health first aiders.

RESOLVED: That the safe check report be received and noted.

706. **BARRY TOWN HALL – RENT REVIEW**

RESOLVED: That the Barry Town Hall Rent Review was accepted, with the revised rent agreed payable from 16 December 2024.

707. **BAD DEBT**

RESOLVED: That this item is deferred to the next meeting of full council on 11 May 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

**SignedDated.....
(Town Mayor)**