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(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 EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026 AT 6PM

PRESENT: Councillors Brooks (Chairperson), together with Councillors Aviet, Ball, Clarke (Town Mayor – ex officio), S Hodges, N Hodges (Vice Chair), Perkes.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Mason – Head of Community Services & Facilities
Lyndsey Thomas – Administrator

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Davies-Powell

108. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor Brooks noted that she has been granted dispensation to speak and vote on matters relating to Placemaking.

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

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

110. STANDING ORDER 3(O)

The use of cameras, camcorders and other recording devices in all Council, Communities and Sub-Committee meetings is expressly forbidden, with the exception of any formal recording of proceedings in accordance with the Council's policy, should the council instigate such a policy.

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

111. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee held on 2 February 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

112. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee will be agreed at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2026.

113. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

114. PLACEMAKING

Members discussed the report presented to them and a SWOT Analysis provided by officers at Vale of Glamorgan Council, giving consideration to any changes, amendments or updates which are required to this document.

Members noted that previous feedback from Barry Town Council had been reflected in the most recent draft of the Placemaking Plan for Barry.

Members also discussed comments received from the Planning Committee with regards to the Placemaking Plan. Councillor S Hodges noted that 'Town Centre First' is a policy which already exists in legislation and, therefore, it should be given more emphasis in the Plan. Councillor S Hodges also noted that Barry has two main town centres, in Holton Road and High Street, which should be treated equitably.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members receive and note the report**
- 2. That members accept the comments of the Planning Committee**

RECOMMENDATION to the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council being held on 18 March 2026:

- 3. That the SWOT Analysis be accepted subject to the following additions:**

- a. **Holm View Centre also be noted as a significant Opportunity**
 - b. **An active travel route linking the East and West of the town be added as an Opportunity**
4. **That the emphasis on a 'Town Centre First' approach be increased within the Placemaking Plan for Barry, with Holton Road and High Street treated equitably.**
5. **That an increased emphasis be placed on environmental issues, such as biodiversity and climate resilience, within the Placemaking Plan for Barry.**

Meeting closed at 6:34pm

Signed (Chairperson)

Dated