



**BARRY TOWN COUNCIL
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PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BELOW STATUTORY PROVISIONS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE IS TO BE HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, KING SQUARE, BARRY, CF63 4RW AND REMOTELY ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTING THE BUSINESS SHOWN IN THE AGENDA SET OUT BELOW.

From 1 May 2021, The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 makes provision for meetings to take place through a variety of arrangements, including multi-location meetings where all individuals are attending virtually and hybrid meetings where a number of individuals are attending in person at a designated location and others are attending virtually from a range of other locations. The Act makes permanent provision for remote meetings (multilocation) and electronic publication of documents

This is a public meeting and any resident of Barry may attend in person or remotely; for remote access details, please contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Brooks', written in a cursive style.

Councillor B Brooks
Chair

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct**
(Note: Members seeking advice on this item are requested to contact the Monitoring Officer at least 72 hours before the meeting)
3. **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**
(To note)

*Vibrant Culture Committee members will note that this Act sets out the requirement for a public body to act in a manner which seeks to ensure **that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.***

4. **Standing Order 3(o)** **(To Note)**

The use of cameras, camcorders and other recording devices in all Council, Committee 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.

5. **To approve and sign the minutes of the Vibrant Culture Committee held on Monday 2 February 2026**
(Pages 436 - 441)

6. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee is scheduled for Monday 13 April 2026

7. **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

8. **Placemaking** **(Pages 442)**

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Electronic notification of summons and front page Agenda to all Committee members. Email notification of electronic papers to all Barry Town Councillors (22).

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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillors Brooks (Chairperson), together with Councillors Aviet, Ball, S Hodges, N Hodges (Vice Chair).

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Mason – Head of Community Services & Facilities
Kathryn Thomas - Office Manager

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Davies-Powell

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

None Received

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

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

96. STANDING ORDER 3(O)

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

97. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee held on 24 November 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

98. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO DECEMBER 2025

Members were presented with the report December 2025, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month nine in the 2025/26 financial year.

The projected out turn for the current financial year anticipates overspends and underspends on various budget headings currently projecting a net underspend of £500

RESOLVED:

That the Budget Monitoring Report to December 2025, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month nine noting the projected underspend of £500 be received and noted.

99. E-NEWSLETTER DRAFT – 1ST EDITION

Following on from the meeting held on 2 December 2025 for the Working Party set up to discuss the e-newsletter, members were updated on progress, with a draft having been presented to the Globally Responsible Barry Committee at their meeting on 26 January 2026.

Feedback was given to the Future Generations Project Officer including making the e-Newsletter shorter.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities confirmed they had been working on the feedback. If the newsletter is to be a little shorter, then consideration is being given to increasing the frequency from a 3 monthly basis.

Councillor Brooks asked how we are going to encourage people to sign up to our newsletter.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities said that this will be done at all our events throughout the year

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

100. HERITAGE CENTRE PROJECT OFFICER - COMMUNICATON

RESOLVED: That this agenda item be moved to Part 2 of the meeting.

101. ST DAVIDS DAY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Members were presented with an update on the upcoming St Davids Day Festival Weekend.

This will be a 2-day festival with which take place on King Square and in Central Park on 28 February 2026, and the Daffodil Dash on 1st March at Barry Island.

The festival will run from 10am-3pm which will include bilingual live music and entertainment plus a selection of local traders selling craft and food

items on King Square and in Central Park, there will be a range of activities including South Wales Police and the Barry & District Rotary Club. There will also be an opportunity to meet Dexter the Dragon.

The Daffodil Dash will be on 1st March over Barry Island. There will be the 2k fun run where participants are encouraged to wear their best Welsh-themed outfit to run, walk, jog or stroll our 2km route.

We will provide some daffodil merchandise for the runners and this year we are going to have craft traders, live music and choirs to try and encourage people to stay, rather than leaving as soon as the run is over.

Registration opens at 10.00am with a warm up from 10.45. The run will start at 11.00am.

RESOLVED: That members receive the report

102. UK TOWN OF CULTURE 2028

Members were asked to agree for officers to prepare and submit an Expression of Interest in Barry becoming a UK Town of Culture 2028.

The Head of Community Services and Facilities updated members on the process of submitting an Expression of Interest.

Three finalists – one small, one medium and one large town will be chosen. The winner will be crowned UK Town of Culture 2028 and receive a £3million prize. The two runners up will each receive £250,000 to deliver elements of their bid. Barry would fall into the medium town category.

The deadline is 31 March 2026, with the shortlist of towns expected to be announced this Spring. Shortlisted towns will receive £60,000 to help deliver their full bids for the competition.

The Future Generations Project Officer would prepare the document and has agreed to work additional hours in respect of this work. The cost of these additional hours is available in the Council's salaries budget, which has already been agreed with the Deputy Chief Officer/Responsible Finance Officer

Councillors Brooks and S Hodges both agreed that we should go with it.

Councillor Brooks said we have a unique aspect being bilingual – that should go in our favour. We are proud of our Welsh Culture.

RESOLVED:

1. That members receive and note the UK Town of Culture 2028 report

2. **That members approve the request for Barry Town Council to submit an Expression of Interest for the UK Town of Culture 2028.**

103. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 13 April 2026.

104. **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.

105. **CHRISTMAS TREE ON KING SQUARE**

Members were provided with a report on the town centre Christmas Tree in 2025 and asked to consider whether the Town Council would again fund the town's Christmas Tree in 2026.

Councillor Brooks noted it was a fantastic tree last year, and we had no issues. It's in the perfect spot with the backdrop of the Town Hall behind it.

RESOLVED:

1. **That members receive and note the Christmas Tree Report**
2. **That members agree that Barry Town Council will organise and fund a Christmas tree on King Square in 2026.**

106. **HERITAGE CENTRE PROJECT OFFICER - COMMUNICATONS**

Members discussed the report presented to them and agreed a structure for communication to ensure that members remain informed of progress with this workstream, with suitable opportunities to input and steer the direction of progress.

RESOLVED:

1. **That members receive and note the Heritage Centre Project report**
2. **That the Heritage Centre Working Party will meet online only on a monthly basis, comprised of members of the Vibrant Culture committee.**

3. That an executive summary of progress be presented to each meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee.

Meeting closed at 7:41pm

Signed (Chairperson)

Dated

FOR INFORMATION ONLY				
ACTION SHEET - VIBRANT CULTURE - 2 FEBRUARY 2026				
MINUTE NO.	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY	DATE ACTION TO BE CARRIED OUT	PROGRESS
102	That members receive and note the UK Town of Culture 2028 report	E&ETL	31.03.26	ONGOING
102	That members approve the request for Barry Town Council to submit an Expression of Interest for the UK Town of Culture 2028	E&ETL	31.03.26	ONGOING
105	That members agree that Barry Town Council will organise and fund a Christmas tree on King Square in 2026	E&ETL		Completed
106	That the Heritage Centre Working Party will meet online only on a monthly basis, comprised of members of the Vibrant Culture committee.	E&ETL		ONGOING
106	That an executive summary of progress be presented to each meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee	E&ETL		ONGOING