



**BARRY TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF Y BARRI**

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BELOW STATUTORY PROVISIONS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE IS TO BE HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, KING SQUARE, BARRY, CF63 4RW AND REMOTELY ON MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.00 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 (multi-location) and electronic publication of documents

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Yours faithfully

Rachel Honey-Jones
Chief Officer

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)

*Globally Responsible 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 Globally Responsible Committee held on Monday 26 January 2026**
(Pages 247 - 256)
6. **Budget Monitoring Report to 28 February 2026** **(Pages 257 - 258)**
7. **Fairtrade 2026** **(Pages 259 - 261)**
8. **School's Biodiversity Programme** **(Pages 262 - 264)**
9. **Town of Sanctuary Update** **(Pages 265 - 266)**
10. **eNewsletter** **(Verbal)**
11. **KWT Litter Pick Hub** **(Pages 267 - 268)**
12. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Globally Responsible Committee will be confirmed at the annual meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2026.

13. 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

14. EV Salary Sacrifice Scheme (Pages 269 - 273)

15. Auditel Contract (Pages 274 - 275)

Distribution

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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 GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillors Clarke (ex-officio), Dancey, Drake, S Hodges, Iannucci-Williams (Vice Chair), Johnson (Chair), Payne & Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Mason - Head of Community Services & Facilities
Amanda Webb - Future Generations Project Officer
Kathryn Thomas - Office Manager & Executive Support
Councillor N Hodges - (Observing)

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor E.S Goodjohn

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

None Received.

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

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

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

92. STANDING ORDER 3(O)

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

93. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2025

Councillor Johnson asked for the previous minutes to be amended. Councillor S Thomas was not part of the committee at that stage but was an observer.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Globally Responsible Committee held on 17 November 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment above.

94. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO DECEMBER 2025

Members were provided with a summary of the budget monitoring report indicating actual expenditure up to the end of month nine in the 2025/26 financial year.

There is confirmed and committed spend for the next few months including Auditel, Fairtrade and Litter Picking. The Balance to date is £4,951.01

Councillor Johnson queried why Mailchimp and Fairtrade Biscuits are on the same line.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities explained they had both likely been assigned incorrectly within the Council's accounts but had now been journaled correctly.

Councillor Johnson asked for it to be summarised as members did not need to receive this level of detail.

Councillor S Hodges agreed it would be better at summary level going forward.

Councillor Johnson said it should be grouped by the committee's workstreams and this is something for the Finance team to adjust.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Budget Monitoring Report for December 2025 be received and noted.**
- 2. That members agreed that the Finance Team provide the budget monitoring report grouped by the Committee's workstreams.**

95. FAIRTRADE UPDATE 2026

The Future Generations Project Officer gave members an update on Fairtrade 2026.

Fairtrade Fortnight will commence on Monday 21 September and will run through until Sunday 4 October 2026.

The Future Generations Project Officer informed members of an idea to hold a Fairtrade Market on King Square on Saturday 26 September as part of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Members agreed this was a good idea. The Future Generations Project Officer will put together a list of potential traders.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, there will be many social media posts plus advertising at all our events leading up to it.

Wednesday 28 January is the Big Barry Fairtrade Quiz which has sold out. It is being held at Craft Republic and winners will receive Fairtrade Hampers, Fairtrade wine, tea and coffee and other interesting samples.

Councillor S Hodges asked if the market would be indoors or outdoors.

Officers confirmed that the Market will be outside and will be similar to the traders market at our St David's Day event.

Councillor S Thomas commented that it's a fantastic idea and good to increase recognition of Fairtrade, which she feels has declined.

Councillor Johnson requested for more information on the plans to be presented at the March meeting and asked when our Fairtrade Town Certificate expires.

The Future Generations Project Officer advised it expires in July 2026

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members received and noted the report.**
- 2. Members noted the dates for future events and agreed to inform the Future Generations Project officer if they are available to attend or book tickets where appropriate.**
- 3. That members agreed in principle to the Fairtrade Market and await more information at the March meeting.**

96. NET ZERO COMMITMENTS / AUDITEL'S CONTRACTS

Members were updated progress on this stream of work.

The Future Generations Project Officer confirmed that the current contract with Auditel runs through until 31 October 2026 and the data for the 2024/25 financial year is continuing to be inputted by the officer to

the Auditel portal with a view that, once completed, the second report will be available during the first quarter of 2026.

Members were asked to decide where they would like to take the contract from 1 November 2026.

The options are:

- Having discussions with Auditel around a further contract, possibly on a rolling contract, and continue the working partnership that we have now
- Work with Auditel to come to a less expensive contract, which will still provide evidence of New Zero Changes.
- Allow the contract to come to an end with Auditel and look at monitoring Net Zero internally, however there will be no evidence to show any changes
- Go back out to tender but with slight differences to the contract
- Any other suggestions from members.

Councillor Thomas said that Auditel were a good firm however far too expensive. She suggests to go out to tender and discuss exactly what we want.

Councillor Iannucci-Williams asked what the feedback is from the staff. She noted that she would be interested to hear officers' views on how helpful it is.

The Future Generations Project Officer said the data input is easy, however, she doesn't have the knowledge to continue the analysis work without external support. The Head of Community Services & Facilities agreed.

Although £465.00 per month is a lot of money, consultants' fees are usually high and this represents a fair price for the information we receive.

Councillor Johnson said we have a good starting point; we know our level and direction of travel and we need external validation. Barry Town Council Staff should not have to undertake this work.

We would like to continue with someone guiding us but a full tender process is not preferred as it is unlikely to yield significant savings.

If we want to continue with Auditel, we need to discuss with them to see if they want to continue with us, and the future costs for that.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities confirmed we will continue with this work. External support is important and to continue with Auditel is the preferred option for himself and the Future Generations Project Officer.

Councillor Johnson thinks we haven't been able to extract the best from Auditel due to internal issues, and there is a sense that we are lagging behind as a result.

Councillor Johnson is keen to have the balance sheet about what we are achieving both in terms of our carbon reduction efforts, but also reflecting the positive impact of managing a large green space, litter picking, and other positive initiatives.

Councillor Clarke has concerns that we have been in contract with Auditel now for 2.5 years but we don't seem to know what they envisage the outcome for us to be, for example whether they feel we could potentially achieve Net Zero, and how we progress in the future.

Councillor Johnson confirmed we will know more when we get the second report in March. We have until October to decide with regards to the continuation of the contract so we have time.

Councillor S Hodges said we don't want to abandon this as its morally right but we do need more information.

Councillor Johnson confirmed that the Head of Community Services & Facilities should initiate discussions with Auditel with regards to the potential continuation of the contract beyond its current expiry and update members on options and costs at a future meeting.

Following on from the staff's first Carbon Footprint Group Meeting on Tuesday 11th November 2025, work has begun by the officer on investigating changing suppliers to more local suppliers, starting with office supplies and sundries. Additionally, officers are auditing all regular suppliers and, where possible, the Council will make changes to the best Net Zero option, including looking at the distance products travel and cost by end of financial year.

Another project popular with staff is to investigate the possibility of placing solar panels on our buildings where possible – e.g. the Cemetery Workshop roof, and if there are any grants that can be used to complete this work.

Councillor Johnson said that he is a member of a community centre which has been successful in getting grant funding which will bring costs down. The name of the grant is the Strong Community Grant and Councillor Johnson advised the officer to look into this funding stream.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members received and noted the report.**
- 2. The Head of Community Services & Facilities to discuss contract extension options with Auditel.**

3. The Future Generations Project Officer to contact Strong Community Grants.

97. BIODIVERSITY DRAFT S6 REPORT

Members were updated on the progress of the S6 – Biodiversity Report for Welsh Government.

In addition to the formal submission, a more user-friendly report has been produced for public distribution. This was sent through to the correct unit in One Voice Wales ahead of the December 2025 deadline, and we now have confirmation that the report has been received. The user-friendly version was published on Council's website on the same day to ensure compliance.

The next report is due in 3 years (2028) and the Future Generations Project Officer will keep members updated. Additionally, a section focussing on biodiversity will be added to the Council's Annual Report to provide interim updates on developments and improvements made.

Councillors S Hodges and Johnson said a lot of work had been put into this and they would like to thank all staff involved for their hard work.

RESOLVED: That members received and noted the report.

98. BIODIVERSITY FUNDING REQUEST

Members were presented with a funding request to purchase a Greenhouse and ancillary tools to support biodiversity and Community Gardening.

The gardener at the Cemetery has been growing seeds in his house as we do not currently have suitable facilities to do this. The greenhouse will provide a controlled environment for growing a wider variety of plants, including native species and pollinator-friendly flowers.

The Future Generations Project Officer requested that members agree to fund this equipment from the Globally Responsible Budget.

Councillor S Hodges said that the gardener asked for a greenhouse years ago and he was given a small plastic one that is no longer in working order.

Councillor Payne said this was a brilliant idea which fits in with the ethics of this committee. The Gardener should be commended for his efforts.

Councillor Johnson asked for a show of hands if in agreement to purchase the greenhouse.

The result was a unanimous Yes

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members received and noted the report**
- 2. Members agreed to the purchase of a new Greenhouse and ancillary equipment.**
- 3. Thanks should be given to the Gardener for the work undertaken on biodiversity.**

99. E-NEWSLETTER

Following the meeting of Working Party for the e-newsletter, a 1st draft was distributed to members for review. Topics included a Christmas Events round up, Upcoming Events, Hall hire etc.

Following feedback from members of this committee, a further e-newsletter draft will be presented to Full Council on 16 February 2026 for approval and once approved, the e-newsletter will be sent out to residents who have signed up to receive the e-newsletter and will also be placed on our social platforms and website.

Councillor Johnson said the formatting didn't seem quite right on the PDF version received by members.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities confirmed that this was due to a technical challenge and the formatting was correct in the email form that would be distributed to residents.

Councillor Johnson suggested the shortening of some of the content, as he feels that its currently too long.

Councillor Iannucci-Williams said it looks broadly in line with what was discussed at the Working Party. With regards to the Community Halls, she suggested possibly including a link for direct bookings.

Councillor Payne said it looked good however she has an issue with white text on a dark background as this can be challenging for those with a visual impairment.

Councillor Clarke was also concerned about the formatting and the position of text and photos on the header. He also asked if it will be accessible to all.

Councillor Johnson confirmed it would be once officers have made the changes.

Councillor S Hodges said it was a good first draft.

RESOLVED:

1. That members received and noted the report.
2. Members agreed to the submission of the e-newsletter to Full Council 16 February 2026 for approval and distribution.

100. KEEP WALES TIDY - LITTER PICK HUB REPORT

Members were updated on the progress of the Litter Picking hub.

Provisional dates for Barry Town Council's organised Litter Picks during 2026:

- 10 April Pencoedtre Park, 2pm-3pm
- 26 April Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am
- 7 June Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am
- 28 June Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am
- 14 August Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am
- 14 August Pencoedtre Park, 2pm-3pm
- 27 September Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am
- 18 October Bendricks Beach, 10.30am-11.30am

Councillor Johnson noted about a previous query regarding Barry Town Council responsibility and Vale of Glamorgan responsibility. He asked if we are doing litter picking where the Vale should be?

The Future Generations Project Officer confirmed that Bendricks Beach was not covered by the Vale of Glamorgan, however Pencoedtre Park is covered by them. The Vale of Glamorgan litter pick in the mornings at Pencoedtre Park but we litter pick in the afternoon.

Cemetery Approach was suggested as another potential location and the Future Generations Project Officer will look at changing some dates for us to litter pick there.

Councillor S Hodges said a lot of employers have staff team days and do the litter picking, querying where we are able to work with businesses in this way.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities confirmed that 80%-90% of users of the litter picking hub are from companies like Admiral. They enjoy going over Barry Island as they can go for a coffee after the litter pick. We do try and encourage other places, however they like Barry Island.

Councillor Johnson asked if whether most litter picks are on Sundays to accommodate volunteer availability.

The Future Generations Project Officer confirmed the people that do work in the week so difficult for them, however we can certainly try week days.

The Head of Community Services & Facilities confirmed they will take members feedback, and noted the intention to try and do some work with the schools as well.

Councillor S Hodges asked if we communicate with GVS who offer volunteering opportunities.

The Future Generations Project Officer will look into that.

Councillor Thomas said that Keep Wales Tidy are fantastic. White Farm and the orchard could be possible alternatives.

Keep Wales Tidy Spring clean event is 22 March and we will try and work with them on this day and keep members updated.

RESOLVED: That members received and noted the report.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Globally Responsible Committee will be 30 March 2026

Meeting closed at 19:52

Signed (Chairperson) Dated

ACTION SHEET - GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE BARRY COMMITTEE - 26 January 2026

MINUTE NO.	Re	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	DATE ACTION TO BE CARRIED OUT	PROGRESS
93	An amendment of the previous minutes of Globally Responsible on 17th November be rectified - Clr Thomas was an observer and not a member of the committee at that time	OM	27.01.26	Completed
94	That the report goes to Finance to group under headings separately.	RFO	09.02.26	Ongoing
96	The Future Generations Project Officer to contact Strong Community Grants	FGPO	01/03/2026	Ongoing - the Grant application is currently closed, but FGPO will continue to monitor the funding stream to see if it reopens in the next financial year (https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/working/Business-Support/Strong-Communities-Grant.aspx)
97	The Head of Community Services & Facilities to discuss contract extension options with Auditel.	HCS&F	Mar-26	Meeting & Report completed, ready to present at meeting 30/03/2026
100	Members agreed to the submission of the e-newsletter to Full Council 16 February 2026 for approval and distribution	FGPO	16/02/2026	Pushed back due to staffing - 1st edition to go out May 2026 & include copy From Feb and include Past & New Mayor information - report to Follow for 30 March 2026 meeting

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

Report Author

Mark Sims, Deputy Chief Officer.

Attached: A. Budget Monitoring Report February 2026 (1 page)

Purpose of Report

To provide members with the Committee's expenditure in the 2025/26 financial year as at the end of February 2026.

Background Information

On the following page is the budget monitoring report to 28 February 2026, indicating actual expenditure up to the end of month eleven in the 2025/26 financial year.

In addition, the projected out turn for the current financial year is provided highlighting any anticipated overspends and under-spends on various budget headings, currently projecting a net underspend of £4,908.

Recommendation

Members are requested to receive the budget monitoring report for February 2026 noting the projected out-turn for the year is to be underspent by £4,908.

Globally Responsible Committee - Budget Monitoring Report to 28 February 2026.

<u>Gross Expenditure</u>									
Description	Item No.	Budget 12 Months £	Expenditure 11 Months £	Committed Expenditure £	Balance £		Budget 12 Months £	Year End Projections £	Projected Variance £
<u>Workstreams / Projects</u>									
Carbon Reduction Management Plan	1	7,000	5,115	465	1,420		7,000	5,580	1,420
Fairtrade	2	2,000	571	0	1,429		2,000	571	1,429
Biodiversity and Other	3	2,000	301	740	959		2,000	1,041	959
Town Planters	4	8,000	0	6,900	1,100		8,000	6,900	1,100
Total Expenditure		19,000	5,987	8,105	4,908		19,000	14,092	4,908

The budget for the year is £19,000 with actual expenditure for the 11 months to 28 February 2026 of £5,987 and committed expenditure of £8,105 noting a projected underspend of £4,908.

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Fairtrade Update March 2026

Report Author

Amanda Webb – Future Generations Project Officer

Purpose of Report

To update members on the Fairtrade activities to date during 2026

Detailed Information

Fairtrade through 2026

During the 2026 Daffodil Dash, approximately 110 bananas were distributed to runners taking part in the Fun Run.

Fairtrade Fortnight will commence on Monday 21 September and will run through until Sunday 4 October 2026.

FGPO is looking into the possibility of holding a Fairtrade Market during the middle weekend of Fairtrade Fortnight – currently planned for Saturday 26 September. This will be a market with Fairtrade suppliers and a request that Fairtrade Wales attend. The Engagement and Events Officer will help to plan the market

As well as a call out to all local traders, a Fairtrade Brands & Suppliers in the UK list has been compiled from Fairtrade.net and all companies to be contacted to see if they would be interested in attending the Market. These include the list below. An email has gone out to these companies, and update on responses will be given at the next meeting

- Cafédirect,
- Clipper Teas,
- Divine Chocolate, Green & Black's,
- Liberation Foods (nuts),
- Zaytoun (Palestinian produce),
- Tate & Lyle Sugars,
- Cocoa Loco,
- Brewgooder,
- Karma Cola,
- Steenergs (spices).
- Akoma International UK Limited,
- Bafts, Fairtrade network UK
- Ben & Jerry's,
- BIDBI,
- Cafea UK,
- Coffee Plant,
- Cottsbury Limited,
- DRWakefield,
- English Tea Shop UK Ltd,
- Fairtrade Warehouse,
- Finlays,
- Flamingo Flowers,
- Greggs,
- Guylian,
- Harriet Kelsall Bespoke Jewellery,
- Koolskools,
- Lemonaid Beverages Ltd,
- Liberation Foods CIC,
- Little Green Radicals,
- Matthew Algie,
- Neutral,
- New Juice,
- Notes Coffee,
- Permcrest,
- South Devon Roasters Ltd trading as Owens Organic Coffee,
- The Meaningful Chocolate Company Ltd,

- True Origin Foods,
- Turtle Bags,
- Wish4Fairtrade,
- Y.O.U Underwear,
- Yes Friends,
- Co-op,
- M&S,
- Sainsbury's,
- Tesco,
- Waitrose,
- Aldi,
- Lidl,

All future events that Barry Town Council attend in person will include advertising Barry Town's Fairtrade status and as such will continue to include:

- Information on Barry Town's Fairtrade status
- Tastings and sampling opportunities.

Renewal of Barry Town's Fairtrade Status

- The renewal date for Fairtrade status is 25 July 2026
- FGPO will ensure that the application will be in to Fairtrade Wales by 15 July 2026

The application process for Fairtrade status is a relatively easy procedure, and will require evidence that the town still meets the following:

- **Local Council Support:** The local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade and commits to serving Fairtrade products (e.g., tea/coffee at meetings) while continuing to have a Steering Group in place to coordinate the campaign.
- **Engage Local Partners:** Involve local councils, schools, businesses, and faith groups.
- **Product Availability:** A wide range of Fairtrade products is available in local shops and catering outlets.
- **Media and Campaigning:** There is media coverage of the campaign and public events (e.g., Fairtrade events).
- **Shift from Awareness to Action:** Fair Trade Wales and local committees are encouraging a shift in focus within the locality:
- **Practical Action:** Focus on changing behaviours, such as encouraging local businesses and residents to stock Fairtrade products.
- **Fairtrade Fortnight:** Use this time to host events and engage the community.
- **Sustainability Focus:** Incorporate Fairtrade into broader community sustainability and ethical trading goals.

Submitting the Renewal Application is done through the following procedures:

- **Online Application:** The renewal process usually involves completing an online form through the Fairtrade Foundation or Fair Trade Wales.
- **Documentation:** Compile a report showcasing activities from the previous renewal period to the present, including any postponed projects due to circumstances like Covid-19.

Update Following Fairtrade Quiz

The Fairtrade Quiz held on the 26 February 2026 was sold out. A total of £500 was raised for the Mayor's Charities. A number of Fairtrade hampers and raffle prizes were won by the attendees.

Fairtrade Road Signs

All Fairtrade road signs need to be repaired or replaced (Photographs to follow). FGPO requests that a number of signage companies be contacted to ask for quotes, including AskFrank, who have previously repaired Penarth's Fairtrade Signs. The eventual cost for this work would be paid for from the Committee's budget.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note the report
2. That members agree to tendering for repair quotes for the Fairtrade road signs

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School Biodiversity Programme

Report Author

Amanda Webb – Future Generations Projects Officer

Purpose of Report

To update members of progress on the development of Biodiversity Education Programme at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery & Cemetery Approach Gardens.

To recommend the development of a short, curriculum-aligned outdoor learning programme at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Gardens.

To request members agree engaging a specialist consultant to design and support its implementation.

Detailed Information

Following on from previous discussions regarding creating a biodiversity interactive course for schools, the FGPO has researched the current curriculum (using Welsh Government curriculum guidance via Hwb/official documents). Biodiversity is not always named as a single topic—but it is clearly taught through science and geography, especially under themes like interdependence of organisms, habitats, *and* the sustainable Earth.

Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and the surrounding gardens are established Green Flag Award sites, recognised for high standards in environmental management, biodiversity, and community value. The sites contain a range of habitats including wildflower areas, mature trees, and pollinator-friendly planting, making them highly suitable for educational use.

The Curriculum for Wales emphasises:

- Understanding ecosystems and biodiversity
- Human interaction with the natural environment
- Sustainability and ethical decision-making

These priorities align directly with the features and management of the Cemetery.

Officers recommend that the Council commissions a suitably qualified consultant to:

- Develop a short, structured outdoor learning curriculum
- Design sessions suitable for 1–2 hour school visits
- Ensure alignment with the Curriculum for Wales, particularly:
 - Science & Technology (interdependence, ecosystems)
 - Humanities (sustainability, human impact)
- The programme will include:
 - Fieldwork activities (habitat surveys, species identification)
 - Practical biodiversity learning (food chains, pollinators)
 - Exploration of conservation and Green Flag principles

Based on comparable education consultancy work, it is estimated that:

- Consultant fees: £2,500 – £5,000

This cost would typically cover site visits and ecological familiarisation, Curriculum design and lesson planning, production of teacher and pupil resources, FGPO is hoping that we will be able to secure this for the lower end of the estimation.

Staff training session(s)

This represents a one-off development cost, with ongoing delivery undertaken by trained staff.

It is proposed that a cohort of Council staff is identified and trained to deliver sessions and that training is delivered by the appointed consultant and this ensures:

- Long-term sustainability
- Cost-effective delivery
- Consistency in quality

A proposed Timeline for the project is:

April 2026

- Commission consultant
- Initial site visits and planning discussions

April – May 2026 (before May half term)

- Development of curriculum materials
- Creation of lesson plans and resources
- Staff training delivered

June – July 2026 (final 4 weeks of term)

- Pilot phase with 1–3 local schools
- Deliver trial sessions at the cemetery
- Gather feedback from teachers and pupils
- Refine programme based on evaluation

September 2026 (Academic Year 2026/27)

- Full rollout of programme
- Offer sessions to all local schools
- Establish booking and delivery model

The benefits of the proposed programme will be:

- Support schools in delivering the Curriculum for Wales
- Promote biodiversity awareness and environmental responsibility
- Increase educational use of council-managed green spaces
- Strengthen community engagement
- Enhance the value and visibility of the site's Green Flag status

Conclusion

Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and Cemetery Approach Gardens present a valuable opportunity to deliver high-quality, place-based environmental education. Commissioning a consultant to develop a concise, curriculum-aligned programme—combined with training staff to deliver it—will create a sustainable, cost-effective, and impactful educational offer for local schools, with rollout achievable within the current academic year and full implementation from 2026/27.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note the report
2. That members note the dates for the project and agree to the timeline

3. That members agree to the engagement of an educational consultant and the cost included in the report

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Town of Sanctuary – moving forward

Report Author

Amanda Webb – Future Generations Projects Officer

Purpose of Report

To ask members to discuss how they wish to progress Barry Town Council's work towards becoming a Town of Sanctuary

Update Information

The “Sanctuary” framework is linked to the UK-wide City of Sanctuary movement, promoting welcoming environments for refugees and asylum seekers. The work involved includes:

- tackling discrimination and negative perceptions
- equal access to opportunities

Previous council material confirms these aims explicitly, including:

- improving outcomes for refugees and asylum seekers
- promoting inclusion and equality
- embedding anti-discrimination principles across services

The issue sits within the Council's “Globally Responsible Barry” / Wellbeing agenda, as such discussion points should include the consideration of Sanctuary status and any activity members want moving forward.

Any work needs to align with wider Vale-level work as strategic leadership is held by The Vale Council as the lead authority for:

- Sanctuary accreditation (e.g. “County of Sanctuary”)
- policy, funding, and service delivery

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has already committed to providing a welcoming environment, equality of opportunity and an anti-discrimination frameworks

Scope of the Sanctuary programme includes support for:

- refugees
- asylum seekers
- wider vulnerable groups
- integration across services:
 - housing
 - education
 - community safety

- social services

Vale of Glamorgan Council Partnership model states that delivery is multi-agency, involving town/community councils (including Barry Town Council), voluntary sector organisations and community groups with outcomes focused on improving social inclusion, wellbeing, access to services while addressing discrimination, social isolation and inequality

It is believed that the local role and function of the Town Council is at the community-level providing leadership and advocacy, not statutory delivery. This can be done supporting:

- awareness campaigns
- community cohesion initiatives
- partnership working with county council and third sector
- align with a broader remit as a representative body for local residents

Ideas Council can look at using can include:

- events / communications (e.g. newsletters, campaigns)
- partnerships with local organisations
- emphasis on inclusive community messaging
- use our relationship with Vale of Glamorgan Council, working to be including in their activities within this area as Town Council does not lead accreditation but instead supports the county-level Sanctuary ambition and acts as a local delivery partner

Comparison of the Two Councils

Area	Barry Town Council (16 Feb)	Vale of Glamorgan Council (11 Mar)
Role	Local/community	Strategic/lead authority
Focus	Endorsement, awareness, local engagement	Policy, accreditation, service delivery
Powers	Limited (non-statutory)	Full service responsibilities
Delivery	Events, partnerships, communications	Cross-service implementation
Relationship	Supports county approach	Coordinates whole programme

The Vale of Glamorgan Council leads on Sanctuary accreditation and service delivery, whilst Barry Town Council plays a supporting role focusing on community engagement, advocacy for residents and refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable groups using local initiatives.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note report.
2. That members discuss how they would like to proceed with the Town of Sanctuary workstream.

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Keep Wales Tidy Litter Pick Hub Report

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Purpose of Report

To update members on the progress of the Litter Picking hub

Update Information

Following on from members comments at the last meeting with regards to the frequency and locations of Community Litter Picks, the officer revisited the calendar for 2026.

The new Litter Pick dates are as follows, with several changes to places the litter picks are taking place.

NEW DATES AND PLACES:

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| • 10 April | Pencoedtre Park | 2pm to 3pm |
| • 26 April | Bendricks Beach | 10:30am to 11:30am |
| • 7 June | Cemetery Approach | 10:30am to 11:30am |
| • 28 June | Bendricks Beach | 10:30am to 11:30am |
| • 14 August | Cemetery Approach | 10:30am to 11:30am |
| • 14 August | Pencoedtre Park | 2pm to 3pm |
| • 27 September | Bendricks Beach | 10:30am to 11:30am |
| • 18 October | Cemetery Approach | 10:30am to 11:30am |

Please sign up on Barry Town Council Website

<https://www.barrytowncouncil.gov.uk/signature/community-litter-picks/>

Spring Clean Cymru

On Saturday 21st March, staff worked alongside Keep Wales Tidy taking part in KWT 2026 Spring Clean Cymru campaign. The event was held at Cemetery Approach Community Centre, and the Litter Pick took place in the surrounding area, including the gardens and alongside Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

A total of 18 volunteers, including 5 youngsters, gave their time and collected 15 bags of rubbish along with a pile of larger items that were too big to go into bags.

We made the morning a special litter pick as we offered refreshments and colouring for the children.

All of the attending volunteers have either signed up for, or noted, the dates for the litter picks that are coming up through the year.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note report.