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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.

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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillors Dancey, S Hodges, and Johnson (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Mason - Head of Community Services & Facilities
Manda Webb - Future Generations Project Officer
Tesni Owens – Engagement & Events Support Officer
Lyndsey Thomas - Administrator
Councillor Drake - Observer

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors Iannucci-Williams, Payne and Thomas

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

None Received.

104. 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.

105. STANDING ORDER 3(O) (To note)

The use of cameras, camcorders and other recording devices in all Council, Committee a 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 Standing Order 3(o) be received and noted.

106. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Globally Responsible Committee held on 26 January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record

107. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO FEBRUARY 2026

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

The Chair noted the current projected underspend of £4,908 but reminded the Committee that next year there was to be an agreed £2,000 reduction in expenditure.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report to the end of February 2026 be received and noted.

108. FAIRTRADE 2026

The Future Generations Project Officer presented the report.

The Chair informed the Committee that the British Association for Fair Trade Shops will be holding their AGM in Cardiff on 17th and 18th May.

The Future Generations Project Officer asked if members were happy for her to continue planning a Fair Trade market during Fair Trade Fortnight in September.

Members confirmed that they support the plans.

Members discussed how many Fair Trade signs are around the town, finding that there are four but there are five routes into Barry.

The Chair suggested that quotes were sought to fix any damaged signs and to purchase one for the remaining road into Barry.

He recommended that delegated powers were given to the Future Generations Project Officer to complete the application for Fair Trade Town status.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That members agreed to seek repair quotes for the Fair Trade road signs and the purchase of an additional sign.**
- 3. That the Future Generations Project Officer be given delegated powers to complete the Fair Trade Town application.**

109. SCHOOL'S BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME

The Future Generations Project Officer presented the report to members.

Councillor Dancey asked if Officers had anyone in mind such as consultants to provide training. She went on to add that she knew of a few organisations for consideration which she could share.

Councillor S Hodges commented that it was a great idea to engage with schools in a meaningful way.

The Chair said that it had been a long term ambition to utilise the Cemetery in this way and it was nice to have the project making progress.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be received and noted.**
- 2) That members noted the dates for the project and agreed to the timeline.**
- 3) That members agreed to the engagement of an educational consultant and the cost included in the report.**

110. TOWN OF SANCTUARY UPDATE

The Future Generations Project Officer presented the report and asked the Committee how they wanted to proceed.

The Chair noted that the original concept for the project was for Barry to become a Town of Sanctuary and then to become a Council of Sanctuary. He informed members that the awarding body has since changed the method to gain the title and as such the Vale of Glamorgan Council has not achieved it yet.

Councillor S Hodges commented that the Committee don't want to duplicate things as the Vale of Glamorgan Council are better placed to know the statistics on what facilities are needed.

The Chair told members that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have had recent meetings about the statistics regarding asylum seekers and that the majority are not currently placed in Barry.

Members suggested that Barry Town Council Officers speak directly with Officers at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to decide the best way to proceed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That Officers contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council to discuss next steps.**

111. E-NEWSLETTER

The Head of Community Services & Facilities informed members that the eNewsletter was set to launch in mid-May, following the Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.

112. KWT Litter Pick Hub

The Future Generations Project Officer updated members on the upcoming dates for Litter Picks. The Future Generations Project Officer also informed members that she was contacting the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding The Big Barry Clean.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

113. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Globally Responsible Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2026

114. 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.

The Chair chose to bring forward the Auditel Contract report.

115. AUDITEL CONTRACT

The Head of Community Services & Facilities presented the report to members.

Members discussed how happy they were with the current progress made and they felt it was important to continue.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That members agreed to continue the current contract for a period of two years.**

116. EV SALARY SACRIFICE SCHEME

The Head of Community Services & Facilities presented the report to members.

Members expressed that they thought the scheme was a practical way to support environmental issues.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer to procure a suitable scheme provider**

RECOMMENDATION TO THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

- 3. That the introduction of an employee EV salary sacrifice scheme be approved.**
- 4. That an annual report on uptake, costs, and carbon reduction outcomes be provided.**

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

Signed (Chairperson) Dated