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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillor Brooks (Chair) together with Councillors Clarke, Drake, S Hodges and McKinney.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims – Deputy Chief Officer
Courtney Parker – Administrator
Councillor N Hodges - Observer

F266. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor E S Goodjohn.

F267. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT**

None received.

F268. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

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

F269. **STANDING ORDER 3(o)**

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

F270. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2026**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 09 February 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

F271. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That Members receive the aforementioned information and approve the amended minutes for the Committee meeting held on 8 December 2025.

F272. **TO RECEIVE A BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2026**

The Deputy Chief Officer provided a brief update on the report.

RESOLVED: That the budget monitoring report for March 2026 (Interim), detailing actual income and expenditure to the end of month twelve of the 2025/26 financial year, be received and noted, and that the projected underspend of £74,368 resulting in a net transfer of £40,066 to reserves (surplus for the year) be approved.

F273. **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2026**

RESOLVED: That members approve the Schedule of Payments for March and April 2026, consisting of cheque number 002993, direct debits, and BACS payments in the amount of £99,664.17.

F274. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025-26**

Members were provided with the internal auditor's report (Interim) for 2025/26.

The Deputy Chief Officer provided a brief breakdown of the report, highlighting the summary of actions to be implemented.

The Chair noted that there were eight recommendations, most of which were minor.

Councillor Hodges asked whether the Committee would be provided with an updated version of the regulations.

The Deputy Chief Officer confirmed that an updated version of the regulations would be made available.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That members receive and note the Internal Audit Report (Interim) for 2025/26.
- 2) That members endorse the actions / responses to the suggested recommendations within the report.

F275. **GDPR UPDATE**

There was no GDPR update.

RESOLVED: Members noted that there was no GDPR update

F276. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next meeting of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee will be scheduled at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2026.

F277. **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.

F278. **TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Members received a recommendation from the Planning Committee, held on 17 March 2026, relating to entering into a contract for planning consultancy support for Barry Town Council.

1) RESOLVED:

- a) Members receive and note this report.**
- b) Members approve entering into a contract for planning consultancy support.**
- c) Members note that the expenditure for this support will be met from the planning / other professional fees budget.**

Members received a recommendation from the Globally Responsible Committee, held on 30 March 2026, relating to the introduction of an Electric Vehicle (EV) salary sacrifice scheme for employees.

2) RESOLVED:

- a) Members receive and note the report.**
- b) Members approve the introduction of an employee EV salary sacrifice scheme.**
- c) Members delegate authority to the Chief Officer to procure a suitable scheme provider.**
- d) Members agree that the Globally Responsible Committee receive an annual report on uptake, costs, and carbon reduction outcomes.**

Meeting closed at 7.14 pm.

Signed(Chairperson) Dated