

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.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SHOP LOCAL BARRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 AT 6PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Aviet, Collins, S Hodges and Johnson (Acting Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Mason – Head of Community Services & Facilities  
Courtney Parker – Administrator

**SL120. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Councillor S Hodges proposed that, in the absence of Councillor Payne, Councillor Johnson chair the committee meeting. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Collins.

**RESOLVED: that Councillor Johnson is elected as the Chairperson for the duration of this meeting.**

**SL121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Payne.

**SL122. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

None received.

**SL123. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

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

Councillor Aviet joined the meeting at 6:02pm

**SL124. STANDING ORDER 3(o)**

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

**SL125. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2025/26 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

No traders were present at the meeting. As a result, the committee was unable to elect a Vice Chairperson.

**SL126. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SHOP LOCAL BARRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Shop Local Barry Advisory Committee held on 30 September 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**SL127. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED:** That members receive and note the report.

**SL128. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Shop Local Barry Advisory Committee will be considered at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2026.

**SL129. 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.**

**SL130. COMMITTEE PLANS 2026/27**

The Head of Community Services & Facilities provided an overview of the report, including updates on recent committee activity and engagement levels.

Members discussed the ongoing delivery of the Shop Local initiative, reflecting on its previous success and considering current levels of participation.

The Committee considered whether existing resources are being utilised in the most effective way and explored alternative approaches to achieving the aims of the initiative. This included general discussion around potential future uses of the available budget to support shop local aims.

Members acknowledged the work undertaken to date and agreed that further consideration should be given to how best to align resources with the overall objectives of the Shop Local policies.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. To the Annual Meeting of the Council on 12 May 2026, that the Shop Local Advisory Committee be dissolved from the start of the 2026/27 municipal year.**
  
- 2. That members of the Finance Committee discuss the most effective use of the Shop Local 2026/27 budget to meet the overarching aims of the Shop Local Policy. This may include supporting events in local shopping areas that benefit traders, offering or extending grants available to local businesses, and sponsoring initiatives that support and promote local traders.**

The meeting closed at 6.26pm

Signed ..... Dated .....  
(Chairperson)