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 MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2026 AT 7PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Thomas) together with Councillors Aviet, Ball, Brooks, Clarke, Charles, Collins, Davies-Powell, Drake, EJ Goodjohn, ES Goodjohn, Hennessy, N Hodges, S Hodges, Iannucci-Williams, Johnson, McKinney, Payne, Perkes, Wilkinson and Wiliam.

ALSO PRESENT:

Rachel Honey-Jones	Chief Officer
Mark Sims	Deputy Chief Officer
Chris Mason	Head of Community Services and Facilities
Thomas Thone	Cemetries Manager
Courtney Parker	Administrator

768. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dancey.

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

None received.

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

RESOLVED: That the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be noted.

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

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

772. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 11 AND 12 MAY 2026**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Full Council held on 11 and 12 May 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

773. **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported on events she had attended, including the Paralympic event organised by Motion Control at the YMCA, the opening of Choco Bliss on Holton Road, and the Windrush event. She highlighted the importance of future Mayors continuing to support and attend such community events. She concluded by stating that she had had a very enjoyable month.

774. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 3(E)**

No questions were received. However, Councillor Wiliam extended congratulations to Victorian Barry Experience on their nomination at the Bro Radio Community Awards.

775. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 3(F)**

None Received.

776. **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS**

None Received.

777. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Meeting held on 1 June 2026 be received and noted.

778. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 19 MAY 2026 AND 9 JUNE 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 19 May 2026 and 9 June 2026 be received and noted.

779. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING FOR BARRY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9 JUNE 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Planning for Barry Sub Committee meeting held on 9 June 2026 be received and noted

780. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JUNE 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor Perkes stated that an independent review had been undertaken by One Voice Wales and that the outcome had been considered.

RESOLVED:

1) **That the salary range for post holder 210 be amended to SCP 19-22 with the post holder placed on SCP 21 with effect 1 April 2026.**
2) **That the minutes of the of Personnel Committee meeting held on 15 June 2026 be received and noted.**

781. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2026 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Globally Responsible Committee meeting held on 23 June 2026 be received and noted.

782. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMEMORATIVE NAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 AND 25 NOVEMBER 2025 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Commemorative Naming Advisory Committee meetings held on 22 September 2025 and 25 November 2025 be received and noted.

783. **TO RECEIVE A BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 MAY 2026**

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report to 31 May 2026 be received and noted.

784. **TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 2026**

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

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Payments for June 2026 be approved.

785. **TO APPROVE THE DRAFT TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

RESOLVED: That the Draft Town Council Accounts and Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2026 be approved.

786. **TO ADOPT THE INTERNAL CONTROLS STATEMENT**

RESOLVED: That the information be received and the annual review of internal control be approved.

787. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Deputy Chief Officer gave a brief update on the report, advising that one Labour seat on the Wellbeing Working Party would need to be reallocated to the Plaid Cymru Group.

Councillor Brooks stated that she would be withdrawing from her seat on the Wellbeing Working Party.

Councillor S Hodges nominated Councillor Collins to take the Plaid Cymru seat.

RESOLVED:

1) **That the political balance percentages and the number of seats allocated to each political group, as set out in the report, be approved.**
2) **That the allocation of Councillors to each Committee for the period up to the Annual Meeting on 24 May 2027, as set out in the report, be approved.**
3) **That it be noted that Councillor Brooks has withdrawn from the Wellbeing Working Party, and that Councillor Collins be appointed to the Plaid Cymru seat following the reallocation of one Labour Group seat.**

788. **ONE VOICE WALES CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

The Deputy Chief Officer gave a brief update on the report, advising that Members are already aware of the Code of Conduct and that this item is simply to endorse it. He also confirmed that there is no additional cost to the Council.

Councillor S Hodges stated that she considered it an excellent idea, with no concerns, and suggested that it be discussed in more detail at the next Personnel Committee meeting.

The Chief Officer added that staff guidance is clear and that an update for both Councillors and the Council as a whole would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: That Council sign up to the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge, and that a further report be presented to the Personnel Committee meeting on 14 September 2026 for more detailed consideration.

789. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will be held on Monday 27 July 2026.

790. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND 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 be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

791. **CEMETERY UPDATE**

Members received an update on current operational pressures within the Cemetery, including staffing levels and their impact on grounds maintenance. It was noted that written complaints had been received.

The Cemetery Manager provided an update on ongoing challenges and actions being taken to maintain service delivery. Members thanked staff for their continued efforts.

The Committee discussed grounds maintenance arrangements, including grass cutting regimes and biodiversity considerations such as No Mow May, and agreed that these matters be considered further at a future meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding cemetery presentation, including weeds in certain areas and soil quality in some sections, with officers confirming that these issues were being addressed.

Members discussed public communication and the use of social media. It was noted that a review of relevant Council policies is underway.

The Chief Officer confirmed that staffing and training arrangements remain in place and that recruitment continues to focus on appropriate standards and values.

Members noted that a previous independent review would be further considered by a working group prior to any Extraordinary meetings being convened and reported back to Full Council in July.

Members thanked staff for their continued work during a period of increased pressure.

The Mayor also expressed thanks to the Council's Gardener for his phenomenal work in maintaining the Cemetery Approach Gardens.

RESOLVED:

1) **That the documentation relating to the previous independent review be circulated to all Members.**
2) **That a Working Group be established, comprising the Chair of the Personnel Committee, the Chair of the Halls and Cemeteries Committee, and the Leader of the Council, to review the documentation from the previous independent review following the comments raised above prior to any Extraordinary Committee meetings potentially being convened.**
3) **That a report be brought back to a meeting of the Full Council in July following the review of the documentation.**

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed ……..Dated……
(Town Mayor)