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PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BELOW STATUTORY PROVISIONS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE IS TO BE HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, KING SQUARE, BARRY, CF63 4RW AND REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 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 (multilocation) and electronic publication of documents

This is a public meeting and any resident of Barry may attend in person or remotely; for remote access details, please contact info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

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)

   Vibrant Culture 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 Extraordinary Vibrant Culture Committee held on Wednesday 5 August 2026**

   (Pages 583 - 585)

6. **Budget Monitoring Report to 30 September 2026**

   (Pages 586 - 587)

7. **Family Fun Day Event Report 2026**

   (Pages 588 – 607)

8. **Halloween & Christmas Event 2026**

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9. **Barry Youth Council**

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10. **Grace Williams Festival Update**

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11. **Remembrance Sunday Event**

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12. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee is scheduled for Monday 23 November 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. **Heritage Centre Update**

Distribution

Electronic notification of summons and front page Agenda to all Committee members. Email notification of electronic papers to all Barry Town Councillors (22).

A full copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting (with the exception of confidential items) will be available at the Town Council Offices and on the Town Council Website – www.barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

This document is available in large print and other formats upon request/Cewch y ddogfen hon mewn pring bras a fformatiau eraill drwy holi.

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.

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026 AT 6PM

PRESENT: Councillors Ball, Brooks (Chair), S Hodges, N Hodges (Vice Chair), Iannucci-Williams, Thomas (ex-officio, joined at 6.15pm)

ALSO PRESENT:

Chris Mason – Head of Community Services & Facilities
Courtney Parker – Administrator
Councillor Clarke – Observer
Dr Jonathan Hicks – Observer
Diane Williams – Observer

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

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

Councillors N Hodges and S Hodges declared an interest in agenda item 8, but this was deemed to be neither personal nor prejudicial.

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

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

146. STANDING ORDER 3(O)

The use of cameras, camcorders and other recording devices in all Council, Communities 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.

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

147. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Vibrant Culture Committee held on 6 July 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

148. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Vibrant Culture Committee will be on Monday 5 October 2026.

149. 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, with the exception of Councillor Clarke, Dr Jonathan Hicks and Diane Williams who were granted approval to remain in attendance.

Councillor Thomas joined the meeting at 6.15pm.

150. THE GRACE WILLIAMS MUSIC FESTIVAL - MACK EVENTS PRESENTS LIMITED

The Head of Community Services & Facilities introduced the report and welcomed Dr Jonathan Hicks and Diane Williams to the meeting.

Dr Hicks provided Members with an overview of the proposed Grace Williams Music Festival, which would take place throughout February 2027 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Barry composer Grace Williams. The proposed programme would include performances of Grace Williams' music, contemporary music events, lectures, a heritage walk, family activities and educational projects.

Members were advised that the festival would seek to raise awareness of Grace Williams' contribution to Welsh and British musical culture, whilst celebrating Barry's cultural heritage and supporting local businesses through increased footfall.

Dr Jonathan Hicks and Diane Williams left the meeting at 6.24pm.

Members discussed the proposed event and expressed strong support for the festival. Members welcomed the opportunity to celebrate the life and achievements of a significant Barry composer and supported the emphasis on female musicians, performers and composers. Members also expressed confidence in the organisers and their ability to deliver a successful and high-quality festival.

Members supported the Council acting as a principal sponsor of the festival and welcomed opportunities for the Mayor and Council to be involved in the programme. Members also supported exploring the use of Council venues.

Members welcomed the opportunity for partnership working and agreed that officers should maintain contact with the organisers throughout the development of the festival to identify opportunities for Council support and involvement.

RESOLVED:

1. **That members agreed to award up to £5,000 to Mack Events Presents from the 2026/27 Corporate Projects/Arts, Culture and Entertainment budget expenditure heading, under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
2. **That the funding be provided on an "up to" basis, with any unspent funds being returned to the Council.**
3. **That Barry Town Council be recognised as a principal/headline sponsor of the festival, with appropriate branding and publicity to be agreed with the organisers.**
4. **That officers continue to work with the festival organisers to explore appropriate partnership and in-kind support, and support effective partnership working.**
5. **That the Mayor be invited to attend appropriate events forming part of the festival.**

Meeting closed at 6:46pm

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

VIBRANT CULTURE COMMITTEE	**13 OCTOBER 2026**	**AGENDA ITEM: 6**

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 30 SEP 2026

Report Author

Denise McCay – Finance Officer

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

Purpose of Report

To inform members about the Council's income and expenditure in the 2026/27 financial year as at the end of September 2026.

Background Information

On the following page is the budget monitoring report for
September 2026, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month six in the 2026/27 financial year.

In addition, the projected out turn for the current financial year is provided highlighting anticipated overspends and underspends on various budget headings - currently projecting to be on budget**.**

Recommendation

1. Members are requested to receive the budget monitoring report for September 2026, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month six in the 2026/27 financial year, noting that we are currently on budget.

Gross Expenditure									
Description	**Item No.**	**Budget 12 Months £**	**Expenditure 6 Month £**	**Committed Expenditure £**	**Balance £**		**Budget 12 Months £**	**Year End Projections £**	**Projected Variance £**
Vibrant Culture Committee									
Corporate Projects - Arts, Culture and Entertainment	1	40,000	40,000	0	0		40,000	40,000	0
Corporate Projects - Dementia Friendly Project	2	3,000	0	3,000	0		3,000	3,000	0
Corporate Projects - Barry Youth Action	3	3,000	59	2,941	0		3,000	3,000	0
Civic Hospitality - Remembrance Sunday	4	3,000	0	3,000	0		3,000	3,000	0
Total Expenditure		**49,000**	**40,059**	**8,941**	**0**		**49,000**	**49,000**	**0**

Net Expenditure									
Description	**Item No.**	**Budget 12 Months £**	**Expenditure 6 Month £**	**Committed Expenditure £**	**Balance £**		**Budget 12 Months £**	**Year End Projections £**	**Projected Variance £**
Total Net Expenditure		**49,000**	**40,059**	**8,941**	**0**		**49,000**	**49,000**	**0**

Our budget for the year is £49,000 with actual expenditure for the 6 months to 30 September 2026 of £40,059 with an amount committed of £8,941.

Our projected out-turn for the year is to be on budget.

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EVENT REPORT 2026

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Family Fun Day was held on Thursday 27 August 2026, in Central Park and King Square.

The event is aimed at providing a fun, affordable day out for the whole community. This year's theme was Fantasy, with a temporary name change to "Fantasy Fun Day".

King Square hosted a wide variety of traders. The range available included welshcakes, personalised gifts, candyfloss, artwork, hand-sewn items and more. We also had a gaming van on King Square.

Central Park hosted dragons, knights, archery, VR van, falconry, games, food, crafts and more!
The Barry Town Council corporate tent was also located in Central Park this year.

BUDGET

FAMILY FUN DAY BUDGET: £8,000

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN		
	IN	**OUT**
Archery		350
Gaming Bus		600
Falconry		750
Deck Chairs		212.5
Madness		4455
First Aid		615
Onstage Power		452
Crowd Barriers		200
Traders	545	
TOTALS		**7634.5**
Amount Left		365.5

ATTENDANCE

Facebook Event Page: 794 responded

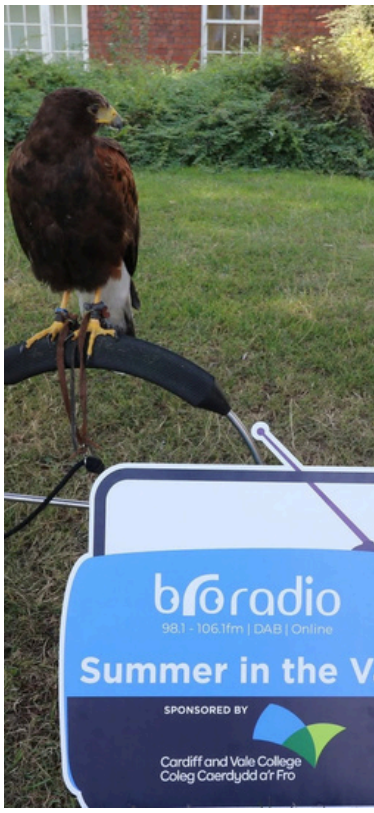
Anticipated Attendance: 4000

Estimated Attendance: 3000

COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT















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VIBRANT CULTURE	13 OCTOBER 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 8

Halloween & Christmas Event 2026

Report Author

Emma Thorne, Engagement & Events Officer

Purpose of Report

To update members on the 2026 Halloween Which Craft? And Christmas market and annual light switch on event.

Background Information

The Halloween Which Craft? Event will take place on Friday 30th October 2026 in Central Park. As the event is taking place on the Friday, the day before Halloween, the event times were extended to 10am until 3pm. The event falling in half term week will allow and encourage members of the community, of all ages, to come and enjoy.
The event will feature a reptile experience, archery, mini market, games, craft workshops and a history talk with Victorian Barry Experience.

The annual town centre Christmas event, “Barry Christmas Switch On” will take place on Saturday 21 November 2026. The event will feature a stage on King Square with live music, a Santa’s Grotto (organised with Barry Round Table’s support), Fun Fair rides along the pedestrianised area of Holton Road from Peacocks to Iceland, a Christmas market from Natwest to Peacocks on the pedestrianised area, street entertainment and a light switch on.
The event will be 10am until 7pm, with the light switch on taking place around 6:10pm.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note report.

VIBRANT CULTURE	13 OCTOBER 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 9

BARRY YOUTH COUNCIL

Report Author

Emma Thorne, Engagement and Events Officer

Purpose of Report

This report provides members with an update on Barry Youth Council.

Detailed Information

There will be a meeting of Barry Youth Council on Wednesday 7th October to discuss the upcoming Halloween Which Craft? Event and finalise the plans for how Barry Youth Council can be involved.

Barry Youth Council would like to attend the Halloween Which Craft? event on Friday 30 October with a craft tent. The ideas presented at the last meeting were cupcake decorating, fidget toy decorating, trick or treat bag designing and waffle cone smore making.

The members of Barry Youth Council wanted to put on more than one activity to try to raise as much money as possible for their chosen charities; Cancer Research and Amelia Trust Farm.

The recent meetings have been well attended with an average of 8 young people – with new faces and members inviting friends to attend. The meetings have returned to Cemetery Approach Community Centre on a Wednesday from 5pm – 6pm.

Recommendations

- That members receive and note the report.

VIBRANT CULTURE	13 OCTOBER 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 10

Grace Williams Festival Update

Report Author

Chris Mason, Head of Community Services & Facilities

Purpose of Report

To update members on progress with planning the Grace Williams Festival, for which Barry Town Council is the principal sponsor.

Background Information

At an extraordinary meeting of this committee on 5 August 2026, members resolved that Barry Town Council will financially support and, in turn, become principal sponsor for the Grace Williams Festival which is taking place at venues around Barry in February 2027.

Since that meeting, the Head of Community Services and Facilities has been regularly liaising with the festival's organisers as plans progress.

Currently, there are 25 events confirmed and scheduled to take place as part of the festival. These include music events, film screenings, talks, and heritage walks around the town. There are other provisional events which will likely be added to the calendar once the final details have been confirmed by the organisers. The fesival has recently launched its official website – www.gracewilliamsfestival.com – with more information on the individual events, and at which spaces for all of the events can be booked.

The Council Chamber will host some of the festival's events on 10, 12 and 19 February.

The Mayor will officially open the festival at an invitiation-only event on Tuesday 2 February 2027, with the final events taking place on Monday 1 March.

Organisers are also making plans for media coverage and promotion relating to the event before, and during, the festival.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note the report.

VIBRANT CULTURE	13 OCTOBER 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 11

Remembrance Sunday Event

Report Author

Chris Mason, Head of Community Services & Facilities

Purpose of Report

To provide members with an update on plans for Remembrance Sunday.

Background Information

This year's Remembrance Sunday events will take place on Sunday 8 November. Following positive feedback on last year's event, this year's event will follow the same format. The parade will depart King Square at 10:25am and process along Holton Road before pausing at the Civic Offices. Having laid wreaths at the memorial, the parade will continue to the Cenotaph on Gladstone Road for the Remembrance Sunday service.

Following an enforced change last year, it has been agreed that the service will again take place on the northern side of the Cenotaph, with the assembled guests gathered and seated on the grassed area between the Cenotaph and the roundabout. The Council's Cemeteries team will support this event by ensuring that suitable matting is laid on the ground that morning, with seating provided by the Memo Arts Centre.

A request to close the roads required to accommodate the parade has been submitted to VOGC. In previous years, South Wales Police have facilitated the operational aspects of the road closure, but they have informed council officers that they are unable to do so this year. Therefore, council officers have contracted a traffic management company to undertake this work, which will be done under the guidance and instruction of council officers.

A requirement of the road closure is that Barry Town Council, as the event's organiser, distribute letters to business and residents along the route. The Engagement & Events team will prepare and print the letter. Assistance from members both in and outside of this committee with distribution would be greatly appreciated. This can be arranged on a convenient date in the next few weeks. Members are requested to notify officers if they are willing and able to assist.

On 6 October 2025, a meeting was held at Town Hall including representatives from RBL Barry branch, and other key stakeholders in the delivery of this important event to confirm all necessary details.

Once again, this year, those wishing to join the parade are being requested to register in advanced, which will be administered through the Council's online ticketing partner

at no cost. This ensures that those registered are covered by public liability insurance in the unlikely event of an incident occurring.

Arrangements have been made for a suitable level of First Aid provision – including an ambulance that can convey patients to a hospital – and security officers to marshal the route have been booked. Water and light snacks will be available for those taking part as a measure to prevent the instances of ill-health experienced at previous events.

In addition to the parade and service on Remembrance Sunday, a schools' service will be held at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery on the morning of Friday 6 November.

Recommendation

1. That members receive and note report.