

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Annual Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

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Present: Councillor Naomi Marshallsea (Mayor), Councillors Anne Asbrey, Julie Aviet, Gareth Ball, Rhiannon Birch, Bronwen Brooks, Ian Buckley, Lis Burnett, Samantha Campbell, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Charles Champion, Janice Charles, Amelia Collins, Marianne Cowpe, Brandon Dodd, Pamela Drake, Vincent Driscoll, Anthony Ernest, Christopher Franks, Wendy Gilligan, Russell Godfrey, Emma Goodjohn, Ewan Goodjohn, Stephen Haines, Sally Hanks, William Hennessy, Nic Hodges, Catherine Iannucci-Williams, Gwyn John, Dr. Ian Johnson, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Julie Lynch-Wilson, Kevin Mahoney, Jayne Norman, Helen Payne, Elliot Penn, Sandra Perkes, Ian Perry, Joanna Protheroe, Ruba Sivagnanam, Neil Thomas, Rhys Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams, Mark Wilson and Nicholas Wood.

### 1. ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of business, the Mayor drew attention to a number of housekeeping issues and made the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Gillian Bruce and Carys Stallard.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### 4. [ELECTION OF MAYOR](#) –

It was moved by Councillor Protheroe and seconded by Councillor Iannucci-Williams that Councillor Carys Stallard be elected Mayor. To view speeches surrounding nominations, please click [here](#).

Following a vote it was

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor Carys Stallard be elected Mayor of the Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR –

It was moved by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Ewan Goodjohn that Councillor Belinda Loveluck-Edwards be elected Deputy Mayor.

To view full speeches surrounding nominations, please click [here](#).

Following a vote it was

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor Belinda Loveluck-Edwards be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

The newly appointed Deputy Mayor made and delivered to the Chief Executive the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Chain of Office and took the Chair.

#### 6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND RETIRING MAYOR'S ADDRESS –

In the Mayor's absence, the Deputy Mayor shared that they were proud to nominate Councillor Marshallsea last year, and they had made the Council proud in their work in supporting residents in bringing communities together by visiting various groups, local organisations and schools and thanked them for their year of office. They reflected that Councillor Marshallsea had acted with dignity and humour throughout the year in helping residents to feel valued and heard and cited the "Unsung Heroes" campaign as the Mayor's / biggest accomplishment during the year, raising awareness of individuals and small groups within communities who make a positive difference.

Councillor Marshallsea reflected that it was an honour to have served as Mayor, and there were several highlights, including meeting trainees at Vale Plus and Vision 2021, alongside working with Vale Plus. They reflected that they had endeavoured to bring diversity to events, such as VE day, with a member of Vale Youth Council as their consort, and High Street Primary School pupils singing and building intergenerational relations with veterans.

They further reflected upon their work in celebrating volunteers across the Vale and thanked those who had helped improved local communities, and shared examples such as Replant Rhoose, daily litter picking in Barry, meeting children who took food collections for the Food Pharmacy in Wick, and adults who ran the Food Pharmacy throughout the year

They closed by thanking parents and relatives for supporting with childcare during the year, alongside their husband for their support, and passed on thanks to officers within Democratic Services, including the Mayor's support, Charlotte, for their

support and embracing of new ideas to improve the work of the Mayor. They finally passed on their wishes to the incumbent Mayor and Deputy Mayor ahead of the upcoming year.

#### 7. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE –

The Deputy Mayor passed on their thanks to all of the Councillors who had stood during the recent Senedd Election and passed on their congratulations to former Member, Councillor Mark Hooper, upon their election to the Senedd.

The Leader advised that today the Council gave farewells to the last of the 58 Afghan families who were staying in the Holiday Express Inn, Rhoose, whilst they were resettled into permanent homes across the United Kingdom and wished them success for the future. The Leader noted that the hotel was due to return to public use shortly and thanked all who contributed to the positive outcome, including staff, schools, community organisations and the residents, reflecting that lasting connections had been formed as families engaged within the community, with a notable experience being how they were involved in the Armistice Day commemorations.

The Chief Executive thanked colleagues who had worked in supporting the election last week, noting the impact of new constituency boundaries and voting systems, with particular thanks to the Electoral Services team and other teams who were involved in the preparations for the election.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS – CABINET MEMBERSHIP AND PORTFOLIOS (CX) –

In presenting the report the Leader advised that the Cabinet Members and Portfolios would remain the same as the previous Municipal year.

#### RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T, as advised by the Leader, it be noted that Councillor B.E. Brooks would be Deputy Leader and the Members of the Cabinet, together with details of their portfolios as listed below and the designated “Champion” roles as set out in the Amended Appendix A to the report, be noted:

- Councillor L. Burnett – Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
- Councillor B.E. Brooks – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places
- Councillor R.M. Birch – Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language
- Councillor G. John – Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Well-being
- Councillor S. Sivagnanam – Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services

- Councillor S.D. Perkes – Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement
- Councillor E. Williams – Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health
- Councillor M.R. Wilson – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services.

(2) T H A T the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group and the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee continue to be designated the Council's Scrutiny and Member Development Champions respectively.

(3) T H A T the Council's payments of Senior Salaries for 2026/27 be as set out within paragraph 4.1 of the report be noted.

#### Reason for decisions

(1-3) In order to comply with the Council's Constitution.

#### 9. [SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ALLOCATION OF CHAIR POSITIONS \(CX\)](#) –

The Leader, in presenting the report, drew attention to the allocation of Chairs of Scrutiny Committees as advised by the Group Leaders and as noted in the Amended Supplementary Information that had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

#### RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Scrutiny Committees, together with their Membership and Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B and the Amended Supplementary Information to the report, be appointed for the ensuing Municipal year, with it being noted that:

- Councillor S. Campbell would be taking up the vacant position on the Resources Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor I. Perry would be taking up the vacant position on the Place Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor M.J.G. Morgan would take up a position on the Live Well Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor B. Dodd would take up a position on Start Well Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor N. Marshallsea would take up a position on Start Well Scrutiny Committee and not Live Well Scrutiny Committee as contained within the supplementary information
- Councillor E. Goodjohn would take up a position on Live Well Scrutiny Committee and not Start Well Scrutiny Committee as contained within the supplementary information
- There is a vacant position on Resources Scrutiny as a result of Plaid Cymru being required to give up a seat due to political balance.

(2) T H A T the allocation of specific Scrutiny Committee Chairs, as notified by the relevant Group Leaders as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 of the report and in the Amended Supplementary Information, as shown below be noted:

- Resources Scrutiny Committee – Councillor J. Protheroe.
- Place Scrutiny Committee – Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby
- Live Well Scrutiny Committee – Councillor A.M. Collins
- Start Well Scrutiny Committee – Councillor S.J. Haines.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) In order to comply with the relevant legislation.

10. [QUASI-JUDICIAL COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES: APPOINTMENT, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP \(CX\) –](#)

The report reminded Members of the need to pay particular regard to legislation which came into force on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 governing the size and composition of Planning Committees.

The Size and Composition of Local Planning Authorities Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017 brought into effect, and provided the detailed interpretation for, Section 39 of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, so far as it related to the size and composition of Committees discharging functions.

Following a vote, it was

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Quasi-Judicial Committees, Committees and Other Bodies, together with their Terms of Reference (Appendix B to the report) and Membership, as set out in the Amended Supplementary Information as circulated prior to the meeting and presented with the report, be appointed for the ensuing Municipal year.

(2) T H A T, having regard to the need to comply with the size and composition of Local Planning Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2017 in determining the size and composition of the Planning Committee, membership be agreed as outlined in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 of the report.

(3) T H A T the Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language be the representative on the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee.

(4) T H A T the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services and the Chair of the Public Protection Licensing Committee be appointed as the representatives on the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee, with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services and the Vice-Chair of the Public Protection Licensing Committee being appointed as substitutes.

(5) T H A T the Director of Corporate Resources and Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources would represent the Council as the Shareholder of the Company and who would be advised by a Shareholder Advisory Panel, consisting of Council Officers on the Local Authority Trading Company “The Big Fresh Catering Company”.

Reason for decisions

(1-5) In order to comply with the relevant legislation.

11. DATES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CX) –

RESOLVED – T H A T it be noted that ordinary meetings of the Council will be held on the following dates:

13<sup>th</sup> July, 2026  
 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2026  
 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2026  
 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2027  
 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2027.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES (CX) –

The Committees for which Chairs and Vice-Chairs were to be appointed at the Annual Meeting included all the bodies in the political balance table (which could be found in Agenda Items Nos. 7 and 8), with the exception of those set out in Agenda Item 10 where legislative provisions, or alternative, specific arrangements currently applied.

Following a series of votes, it was

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be appointed as set out below for the ensuing Municipal year:

<u>Appeals:</u>	Chair:	Councillor I.R. Buckley
	Vice-Chair:	Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby
<u>Community Liaison:</u>	Chair:	Councillor R.M. Birch
	Vice-Chair:	Councillor M.R. Wilson
<u>Democratic Services:</u>	Chair:	Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson
	Vice-Chair:	Councillor N.C. Thomas
<u>Discretionary Housing Payments:</u>	Chair:	Councillor H.M. Payne
	Vice-Chair:	Councillor J. Lynch-Wilson

ReviewEarly Retirement/  
Redundancy:

Chair: Councillor P. Drake  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor N.C. Thomas

Glamorgan Heritage  
Coast Advisory:

Chair: Councillor C. Stallard  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor Emma Goodjohn

Investigating:

Chair: Councillor H.M. Payne  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams

Planning:

Chair: Councillor N.C. Thomas  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor M.R. Wilson

Public Protection  
Licensing:

Chair: Councillor P. Drake  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor J.M. Norman

Statutory Licensing

Chair: Councillor P. Drake  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor J.M. Norman

Senior Management  
Appointment:

Chair: Leader (Councillor L. Burnett)  
 Vice-Chair: Deputy Leader (Councillor B.E. Brooks)

Trust:

Chair: Councillor E. Penn  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor M.R. Wilson

Voluntary Sector  
Joint Liaison:

Chair: Councillor R.M. Birch  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor I.R. Buckley

Honorary Vice-Chair  
 To be appointed from amongst the 7 representatives from the Voluntary and Health Sectors

Welsh Church  
Act Estate:

Chair: Councillor M.R. Wilson  
 Vice-Chair: Councillor P. Drake

(2) T H A T the remaining Committees and Sub-Committees be dealt with as set out within the report, subject to it being noted that the Equalities Consultative Forum was to be Chaired by the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) In order to comply with the specific arrangements that currently applied or relevant legislation.

13. [MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2026-27 \(CX\) –](#)

The report set out the Members' Schedule of Remuneration for 2026/27 (Amended Appendix A) in line with determinations of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC) Annual Remuneration Report 2026/27. The Council was required to published its Schedule of Remuneration on an annual basis and also share a copy of the Schedule with the DBCC.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the draft Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2026-27 (Amended Appendix A) be noted and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Democratic Services to finalise the draft Members' Schedule of Remuneration to reflect the appointments made at the Annual Council alongside being published to the Council's Website and shared with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC).

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Democratic Services to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration, to make any necessary amendments to the 2026-2027 Schedule from time to time during the Municipal year in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC).

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To comply with the legislation surrounding the remuneration of Members.