

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DGSB

Title: Barry Garden Suburb Ltd records

Creation date(s): 1914-1974

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.15 cubic metres (33 volumes, 1 paper, 1 file, 2 plans, 31 photographs and postcards, 1 printed booklet)

Name of creator(s): Barry Garden Suburb Limited

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: Barry Garden Suburb is a housing area on the western periphery of Barry (Glamorgan), on a high plateau overlooking the beach of Cold Knap, and the Bristol Channel. The large-scale development of the area was begun in 1915, by Barry Garden Suburb Ltd, a public utility housing society established with the support of the Welsh Town Planning and Housing Trust Ltd, registered under the *Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1914*. The main objective of the society was the provision of modern houses in pleasant and healthy surroundings. The society was managed by a committee, elected by its members. Prospective members (not necessarily tenants) were admitted on the condition that each should hold at least one £1 share in the society. Applications for tenancy were accepted from members who held a minimum share of £50. The first section of the society's development, comprising 52 houses, was undertaken in 1915. A further 52 houses were built in 1922, and 108 semi-detached dwellings in 1925. Each house was supplied with water, gas for cooking and lighting, a boiler, a water storage tank and a dustbin. Fences and hedges were erected and paths were laid. The houses were sold in 1969, and the Barry Garden Suburb Ltd was dissolved in 1974.

CONTENT

Scope and content/abstract: Minutes, 1914-1974 (including meetings of the Board of Directors, 1914-1920); certified copies of annual reports of the board of directors, 1915-1971; general ledgers, 1918-1949; journals, 1915-1974; investment ledger, 1921-1974; plan of the development of Barry Garden Suburb at Castle Farm, 1924; description of the society and its constitution, 1925; and various photographs and postcards, [c. 1930].

ACCESS AND USE

Language/scripts of material: English

System of arrangement: Arranged as follows: minutes, reports and registers; financial records; plans; photographs; and miscellaneous papers.

Conditions governing access: Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy.

Conditions governing reproduction: Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Physical characteristics: Good to fair condition

Finding aids: A hard copy of the catalogue is available at the Glamorgan Record Office.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information: All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Archival history:

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited by a private individual, November-December 1976; converted to donation, 7 March 1985.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: Records of similar bodies held at the Glamorgan Record Office: DGSC 1-16, Great Western (Caerphilly) Garden Village Society Limited; DGSR 1-53, Rhiwbina Garden Village Limited, DNWHP 1-4, National Welsh Housing Pioneers Limited; and DPPUS 1, Penarth Public Utility (Housing) Society Limited.

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Note: Title supplied from contents of fonds.

Archivist's note: Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following source was used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue of records for the Barry Garden Suburb Ltd.

Rules or conventions: This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2, and LCSH

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