

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON
20th JANUARY 2014 AT THE SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Mary Southall (Chairman), Mrs Gwyneth Bullock, Mrs. Barbara Hinds, Mrs Chris Jones (County Councillor), Norman Jones, Alex Lewis, Mike Walker, Shelley Webber and David Wisinger.

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.

Also in attendance -

Five members of the public.

Wayne Jones from Streetscene – Flintshire County Council.

13/182 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

RESOLVED – that the following apologies be accepted – Councillors John Dodd, John Griffiths and Wayne Morris.

13/183 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor Barbara Hinds to her first meeting.

The Clerk advised that Barbara has signed the required copy of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which he has also signed. As a result all 12 members of Council have signed their acceptance forms.

The Clerk and Councillor Barbara Hinds also dealt with the signature forms required for completion by Lloyds Bank.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/184 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

RESOLVED – that it be noted that no declarations were made to Council at the beginning of the meeting.

13/185 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

13/186 CHAIR'S ACTION SINCE 16th DECEMBER 2013

The Chairman advised she attended the St Bartholomew's Christmas Service on 17th December 2013 which unfortunately was cancelled due to an electrical problem at the school.

The Chairman was also involved in the Flood Alert on 3rd and 4th January 2014.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman's action be noted.

13/187 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16th DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 16th December 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

13/188 FLOOD AWARENESS – SEALAND

Councillor Norman Jones gave a full and detailed report of the major flood incident that took place on 3rd and 4th January 2014. Flood levels were not as high as the previous event a few weeks earlier.

Norman thanked Councillors for their valued support. Norman also outlined his involvement with Dawn Kent in dealing with the occupiers at the OAP bungalows at Orchard Way and Stoneleigh Close. Norman will be having a meeting with Huw Webb at the Environmental Agency to discuss lessons learnt. Huw has now returned to work following a recent back injury.

Norman expressed concern about the condition of the embankment that runs from Burton Point to the River Dee.

RESOLVED – that –

- a) Councillor Norman Jones should arrange for Huw Webb to attend a future meeting of Council.
- b) Dawn Jones be thanked for her support.
- c) Steve Jones manager of StreetScene should be thanked for the excellent support services provide by his department during the flood scare at Sealand

13/189 COUNCIL'S CHAIN / BADGE OF OFFICE

The Clerk reminded Council that at the previous meeting for Council it agreed to give further consideration on how additional links should be attached to the chain of office and that it was agreed that the Council should seek quotations to add additional links across the front of the chain and to obtain a complete new chain identical to the current chain.

Councillor Mrs. S. Webber advised that she has contacted the service provider who is preparing a quotation for Council to consider.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/190 POLICE ISSUES

The Clerk advised that he was expecting PCSO Gareth Price to be at the meeting. A report has not been received.

The following is a summary of the police report submitted to Council by PCSO Gareth Price which had also been emailed to Councillors before the December 2013 meeting.

1. Cycle Path – There have been no further complaints.
2. Anti-Social Behaviour – Garden City ASB is on a slight increase any information would be gratefully received.
3. Youth Club – There have been no recent reports / complaints. It was reported that the problems are as bad as ever and there is a risk that there will be a proposal to close the youth club.
4. SPAR – There has been a recent report of one incident of shoplifting. It was reported that youths are still creating a nuisance outside SPAR.
5. OWL – Still a push for as many people signed up to owl as possible so residents are aware of what is going on in their area.
6. Parking Sealand CP – Patrols are continuing – can this removed? Transfer to County Council Matters.
7. Parking Foxes Lane – Patrols are continuing – can this removed? Transfer to County Council Matters.
8. Neighbourhood Police Meetings. A further meeting is to be arranged.
9. Problem with youths kicking balls onto cars – 5pm to 8pm – Refer to item 2 above.
10. Small motorbikes – Blacon via Manor Road to the River Dee cycleway. No further reports – can this removed?
11. Kingsley Road Play Area – Builders container left unlocked – children have taken paint and vandalised the slide. There is an order child that is acting as the ring leader. Patrols are continuing.
12. Sealand Happy Group. Members of the group parked their cars in a lay-by on Sealand Avenue as they were joining the coach trip to Shrewsbury. Local resident verbally abused these members and also followed them onto the coach and continuing with the abuse. Police

have spoken with the male in question and he has been warned that he has no legal rights regarding parking in the lay-by referred to above.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

13/191 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Need to clarify re-routing of public right of way in the area of the closed steel works offices

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred pending receipt of the detailed planning application for this area that will include details of proposed routes for public rights of way.

b) Green Lane East – Need for a CCTV – Dumping of Rubbish

RESOLVED - that a further email be sent to Gerwyn Davies - Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator asking if he has any news regarding the fitting of a CCTV on Green Lane East.

c) Speed Limit Review – Locations in Sealand

RESOLVED – that this matter be deferred.

d) Female Black Poplar Tree – St. Bartholomew’s Church

Mrs. R. Whittaker advised that she will shortly be arranging for the tree to be visited by a tree surgeon.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

e) Ferry Lane Footbridge - Noisy

The County Councillor reminded Council that at the December meeting 2013 she had informed Bridge Engineer, Martin Bishop who will arrange to have the bridge inspected again.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

f) Litter Bins – Sealand Manor Recreation Field

RESOLVED – that the provision of new litter bins should be deferred pending the completion of the landscaping work at the site of the former Community Centre.

g) Need for a 40mph speed limit on Seahill Road

The County Councillor re- confirmed that whilst the limit on the A548 is to going to be reduced, it is also proposed to reduce the speed limit on Seahill Road to 40 mph. She will update Council as soon as she has an implementation for the changeover to 40mph

RESOLVED – that the reported be noted.

h) Enforcement Hot Spots – Parking – Riverside Park, Foxes Lane, Farm Road junctions with Welsh Road.

The Clerk advised that following the December 2013 meeting he reported the parking hot spots to the County Council's Street Scene Call Centre on 01352- 701234.

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones who request a progress report for Council.

i) County Council's lighting not working

Wayne Jones advised that all County Council lights should now be working.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

j) Confusion over Road Signage Green Lane East and Old Marsh Farm Road

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones from Street Scene should inspect the report – the Old Marsh Farm Road sign needs to be moved to near to the bus shelter.

k) Change of street lighting at High Grove Estate

The Clerk reported on emails received from local residents and County Council concerning the County Council's plans to replace existing lighting at the locality so that they can be adopted. Residents from the estate are concerned regarding the County Council's plans to change the street lighting. In their opinion the lighting was designed and purchased to enhance the appearance of the estate. It was part of the original design which was put forward to residents when they decided to purchase their properties. The installation of standard aluminium lamp posts will not enhance, but detract from the original overall design concept and will spoil the appearance of the estate and , no doubt, reduce the saleability of our homes. Why does Flintshire County Council feel the need to waste money replacing perfectly good lamp posts? Surely, any issues concerning the depth of the cables can be resolved at far less cost and disruption.

The Clerk advised on his understanding from Council's experience with street lighting. The County Council has a required standard of lighting that meets adoption standards and this will be their justification to remove the existing lighting which is clearly not standard. Council has to have its non-adoptable lights replaced before the County Council will adopt. Already there are three County Council adopted lights on Seahill Road at the entrance to the estate.

The Clerk also advised that the Council has four lights at the estate which he hopes will also be replaced and adopted.

Councillors agreed that the new lighting provided by the County Council is excellent.

The County Councillor advised that she will email correspondence she has to the residents on the estate.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/192 LIGHTING MATTERS

a) Street Lighting Report

The Clerk reported that he had been advised prior to the meeting by the County Council that all lights 138 columns / 140 lights were working.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Electrical Inspection –Street Columns

The Clerk advised that as there is budget remaining in the Council's accounts for lighting for the 2013/14 financial year he has arranged for the remaining 60% of Council lights to be inspected by the Lighting Engineers at Flintshire County Council in February 2014. The inspection will be undertaken again in 2019.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) Lighting Improvements – 2013/14

At the September 2013 meeting Council agreed to upgrade the first three columns on Brookside Columns 75 to 73 from Farm Road, Garden City - Transfer of Service, Plant, Manpower, Installation of column, lantern and associated parts for a cost £1,350 per column be accepted together with the quotation of £969.70 per column to have the new column adopted by Flintshire County Council. Total cost - £6,959.10. Invoice is still awaited.

At the November 2013 meeting it was agreed that the three remaining non adopted lights at East Green Sealand Manor Columns 45, 46 and 49 should be upgraded and adopted by Flintshire County Council. The cost to replace these 3 columns and adoption after installation is £1,250 per column (installation), £965 per column to adopt. Total £6,645

The columns are now in place and works should be completed during the next week.

The Chairman advised that one column did not need to be replaced – it was fitted with a column extension. The Clerk will contact the County Council as this will reduce the cost.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/193 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1971

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

The Clerk advised that the Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the S137 Expenditure Limit for the purpose of Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the calculation of the Free Resource Base is based on the local population taken from the current electoral role of 1964 and £6.50 per head produces an upper limit of £12,766

Grants will be considered for payment at the May 2013, November 2013 and February 2014 meetings of Council.

Allocation for the 2013/14 financial year is £4000. Spent so far is £1,550.00

RESOLVED – that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971 that the Council should award a grant of £25 to Marie Curie Cancer Care which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

Payment to be made at the February 2014 meeting of Council.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/194 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised on the planning applications that had been received electronically from Flintshire County Council since the meeting of Council held on 16th December 2013.

051586 - Temporary installation of two portable buildings for approx 18 months. (Revision of planning permission ref: 051138) at Deeside Farm, Deeside Lane, Sealand, CH1 6BP.

051597 - Change of use from workshop to gym for personal training use at Unit 49, Evans Business Centre, Minerva Avenue, Sealand, Chester, Flintshire, CH1 4QL.

051617 - Erection of a prefabricated paint shop unit at Plot 1 Fourth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside.

051658 - Removal of existing flat roof and replacement with pitched roof including dormer windows and roof lights at Greenfields, Green Lane, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LH

RESOLVED:- that no objections be raised of the planning applications

13/195 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMISSIONS

The Clerk advised that the Head of Planning had advised that the following planning application has been approved –

051282 - Application for variation of condition 42 of planning permission (049320) to amend the timing for the submission of the land contamination information from 'Prior to the commencement of development' to 'Prior to the commencement of each phase being occupied' at RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2RD.

051383 - Erection of single storey extensions to provide rear orangery, boiler room and front porch (Works to garage covered under planning Permission 047250) at 50 Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2RJ.

051425 - Installation of ground mounted solar panels up to 3.804MWp (peak), power generation capacity and ancillary equipment including two substations and associated cabling at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Uk, Tenth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2TW

051432 - Demolition of church hall and removal of all arisings from the site at Church Hall, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RA

051498 - Erection of a single storey pitched roof rear extension at 2 Old Farm Cottages, Deeside Lane, Sealand, Chester, CH1 6BB

The Clerk advised that the Head of Planning had advised that the following planning application has been agreed under the Certificate of Conformity -

048387 – Application for the Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of buildings for storage of vehicles at the North Wales Shooting School, Manor Road, Sealand. Deeside. CH5 2SB

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

13/196 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:- that the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code
002777	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting Inspection and Maintenance April 2013	£457.43		

002778	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection and Maintenance/Energy July 2013	£358.80		
002779	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection and Maintenance/Energy August 2013	£902.41		
002780	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection and Maintenance/Energy November 2013	£998.26		
002781	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection and Maintenance/Energy October 2013	£781.76		
002782	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection and Maintenance/Energy September 2013	£711.76		
002783	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – October to December 2013	£682.57		
002784	P. Richmond	Salary – January 2014	£569.57		
002785	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – January 2014	£188.00		
002786	Communi Group	Annual Subscription	£100.00		
002787	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – September 2013	£358.20		
	Replacement Cheque for 002775				
Total Spend			£6,108.76		

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INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Flintshire County Council	Precept – Third instalment	£17,666.67
Flintshire County Council	Contribution towards cost of the Council's web site	£12.50
Lloyds Bank		£1.69
Total		£ 17680.86

RESOLVED - that the income be received.

13/198 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence –

- Head of Finance – Town / Community Council Precepts 2014/15
- Head of Culture and Leisure, Match Funding Scheme – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2014/15
- Post Office – Changes to Post Office – 35 Welsh Road, Garden City. CH5 2HU. Essential that all Councillors submit their comments.
- Head of Planning – Section 78 Appeal –Outline erection of 2 town houses, construction of means of access and associated works (revised scheme to that withdrawn under reference 049226)
- Head of Assets and Transportation - B5129 Deeside Corridor, Highway Works
Flintshire County Council has secured funding to improve, upgrade and synchronise all the traffic signal installations between Asda, Queensferry and Wepre Drive at Connah’s Quay to reduce traffic congestion along this traffic route and improve pedestrian facilities. The works will start on Monday 20th January, 2014 for a period of 16 weeks and are being funded by Welsh Government through a transport grant.
- Jennifer Watson – Church Watson, St. Bartholomew’s Church – World War 1 events – Refer to proposed meeting with Chair/Vice Chair/Clerk

RESOLVED - that the correspondence and required actions be noted.

**13/199 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY ACCOUNTS
2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk outlined overall estimated expenditure and income for the 2013/14 financial year up to cheque number 002787

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Financial Year

		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income	General Admin Inc. Precept / contribution towards Council’s web site.	£53,500.00	£53,000.00	£500.00
	Bank Interest	£16.14	£20.00	-£3.86
	Insurance Claims / Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0
	VAT Refund	£1,500.21	£1,500.00	£0.21
	Milk Claims	£0.00	£750.00	£0
	Total	£55,016.35	£55,270.00	-£253.65
		Actual	Anticipated	Difference

Expenditure	Play Areas	£4,187.50	£9,200.00	£5,012.50
	Staffing Costs	£6,280.50	£7,537.00	£1,256.50
	General Admin Costs	£4,430.08	£4,870.00	£439.92
	S137 Grants	£1,550.00	£4,000.00	£2,450.00
	CCTV	£0.00	£1,285.00	£0
	Street Lighting	£14,368.44	£25,800.00	£11,431.56
	Notice Boards	£0.00	£500.00	£0
	Insurances	£2,295.21	£5,600.00	£3,304.79
	Milk	£2,503.42	£4,700.00	£2,196.58
	Election Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0
	Total	£35,615.15	£63,492.00	£27,876.85
C u r r e n t Summary	Balance as at 31 March 2013	£41,708.04		
	Total Expenditure	£35,615.15		
	Total Income	£55,016.35		
	Balance	£19,401.20		
	Overall balance as at 20 2014	£61,109.24		
	VAT Costs for 2013/14 financial year	£549.61		
End of Year Prediction	Balance as at 31 March 2013.	£41,708.04		
	Total Anticipated Expenditure	£63,492.00		
	Total Anticipated Income	£55,270.00		
	Anticipated Balance for the year	-£8,222.00		
	Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31 March 2014	£33,586.04		

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

13/200 PROPOSED DEESIDE SOLAR PARK

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred until the planning application is received.

13/201 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reminded Council that at the December 2013 it resolved that –

- a) the 2014 Remembrance Sunday service should be held at St. Bartholomew’s Church.

- b) the Church Wardens of both churches be advised of Council's decision.
- c) Mrs. Jennifer Watson Warden of St. Bartholomew's Church should be invited to attend a future meeting of Council to formalise plans for the 2014 Remembrance Sunday Service

RESOLVED – that Chair, Vice – Chair and Clerk should arrange to meet with Mrs. Jennifer Watson .

13/202 SNOOKER HALL – SEALAND AVENUE

The County Councillor confirmed that building work should start at the site in March 2014.

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted.

13/203 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEB SITE.

The Clerk advised that the web test is now being tested and the beta site link has been sent on a number of occasions to the nine councillors on email to look at the site and to submit feedback.

The Clerk had resent a number of documents plus provided information for the Council's December news area. The County Councillor has also submitted two news items. The Clerk has also asked for an item to be included so that lights out can be reported and also a link to StreetScene needs to be provided.

The Clerk will also submit an item to explain about the River Dee tidal bore.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/204 STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk reminded Council that he had circulated copies of the NALC / One Voice Wales model Standing Orders. The Clerk had updated the new version from the previous Standing Orders. At the previous meeting it was agreed that members of Council should read through the Standing Orders and to bring back comments to January 2014 when Council will look at adopt

RESOLVED- that the updated Standing Orders be adopted and that they should be reviewed on an annual basis.

13/ 205 POLICY REVIEW

The Clerk advised that he had reviewed the current policies and procedures held by Council and proposed that the following should be considered by Council –

1. Complaints Procedure

2. Data Protection Policy
3. Records Management Policy
4. Information Security Policy

Copies were circulated to members of the Council and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

The Clerk was also requested to produce a draft policy for Health and Safety.

RESOLVED – that the policies be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

13/206 COUNCIL'S SCHOOL MILK CLAIM – AUTUMN TERM 2013

The Clerk advised that he had submitted the Council's Autumn Term 2013 Milk Claim to Flintshire County Council.

Month	Days	Pupils	Cartons	Cost
September	20	20x90	1800	£358.20
October	19	6x50 13x70	1210	£240.79
November	20 18x70	2x50	1360	£270.64
December	14	14x70	980	£195.02

Total 73

Term dates. 3rd September to 19th December 2013

The Clerk also advised that Council is still awaiting payment of all three claims for 2012 and two previous claims in 2013. Flintshire County Council have advised that the following payments have now been authorised –

- January 2012 – March 2012 - £186.21
- April 2012 to July 2012 - £197.21
- September 2012 to December 2012 - £230.36
- January 2013 to March 2013 - £157.46

Total - £771.26

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13/207 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Unauthorised advertising signs on the footway –

- o/s Car Wash on Welsh Road .
- Complaints about the state of the Kingsley Road Play Area – refer to Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.
- Concern about local residents not using Garden City Chemist.

13/208 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised

13/209 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 2014

RESOLVED – that the next meeting be held on Monday 17th February 2014 at 6.30pm.

**13/210 REQUEST FOR PUBLIC TO BE TEMPORARILY
EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

RESOLVED:- that in view of the special nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public is excluded.

**13/211 FINANCIAL REPORT –2013/14 and 2014/15
FINANCIAL YEARS**

The Clerk advised:-

- a) that a precept is an order to the charging authority – Flintshire County Council to pay a requested sum to the precept authority – Sealand Community Council and that that the schedule of payment from Flintshire County Council will be 3 equal instalments – on the last working days of April, August and December.
- b) that the Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the S137 Expenditure Limit for the purpose of Section137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the calculation of the Free Resource Base is based on the local population taken from the current electoral role of 1964 and £6.50 per head produces an upper limit of £12,766.
- c) on details of anticipated income and expenditure for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years
- d) that his salary for 2013/14 is £5637 – point 24 on the NJC scale. Payment is net with the Council deducting income tax at 40% and making payment to the HMRC.
- e) the allowance is paid to the Clerk for the use of his private telephone, computer and a contribution towards the cost of maintaining his residence in which a room is dedicated

as an office. The payment for 2013/14 is £ 1900.00. Details of the payment are submitted on an annual basis to the HMRC.

- f) that expenses incurred in carrying out his duties are also reimbursed. The expenditure being incurred on behalf of the Council as part of its administration and running cost, i.e., stamps, payphone for daytime calls, and travelling expenses. NJC rate for Casual Users being paid for car mileage within Sealand and as required mileage to venues outside Sealand – 47p per mile.
- g) the estimated income for the current 2013/14 financial year is £54,920 and estimated expenditure is £51,887. The opening balance at 1 April 2013 was £41,708. The estimated opening balance at 1 April 2014 is estimated at approx. £44,741 assuming all planned expenditure takes place which may not be the case.

The Clerk also reminded Council that it had agreed to review the Council's contract of employment at each Annual Finance Meeting. The Council approved and signed the Clerks contract of employment with the Council in 2009. The Contract placed the Clerk on NALC scale point 23 with annual increases to point 25

RESOLVED:-that –

- a) the report be noted.
- b) no changes be made to the Clerks Contract of Employment.
- c) it be noted that the Clerk's progress to Point 25 from Point 24 on the NJC Scale be deferred by mutual consent and to be reviewed at the Annual Finance Meeting to be held in January 2015.

13/212 ALLOWANCES AND SALARY

The Clerk reminded Council that the Internal Auditor had advised in July 2008 that Inland Revenue rules that payments to the Chair are subject to NI & Income Tax unless claimed as expenses and the Chairman should secure vouchers/supporting receipts for all expenditure and submit to Council. Any excess over the amount of total actual expenses could be potentially deemed taxable by HMRC unless repaid to the Council.

RESOLVED:- that the following be agreed for 2014/15 :-

	£
• Chair's Allowance	800
• Clerk's Salary	5,637
• Clerk's Allowance	2,000_____
Total	£8,437

13/213 PAYMENT OF GRANTS – FREE RESOURCE ACCOUNT

RESOLVED:- that –

- a) grant payments for the 2014/15 financial year be restricted to a maximum of £150.00 apart from Sealand Primary School who should receive £1000.00.
- b) Free Resources Fund should be £3000.00.

c) for the 2014/15 financial year grants will be considered for payment at the May 2014, November 2014 and February 2015 meetings of Council.

13/214 SCHOOL MILK

RESOLVED:-that the Council should continue to provide milk to the pupils of Sealand Primary School ages 7+ to 10+ - gross anticipated cost £3,800.

13/215 PLAYLEADER SCHEME 2013 AND PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:- that the Council –

a) should support both proposed Play Schemes – overall estimated cost £4,200

b) should advise the Head of Leisure Services of its decision.

c) should allocate £5000 for matched funding for play equipment.

Total - £9,200.

13/216 STREET LIGHTING

RESOLVED:-that the following be allocated:-

	£
Energy	4,800
Repairs and Maintenance	5,500
New / Replacement Columns	14,000
Electrical Testing	800
Total	£25,100

13/217 OTHER AREAS OF EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED:- that the following funds be allocated:-

	£
Printer Cartridges	380
Replacement Notice Board – Ferry Lane	1,000
CCTV Repairs	250
Insurances	2,500
Stationery	125
Annual Subscriptions	520
Audit Fees	650
Conferences	650
Council's Web Site	500

Postage / Mileage/Telephone	1,600
Repairs to Chain of Office / Links	500
Data Protection Registration	35
Total	£ 8,710

13/219 PRECEPT 2014/15

The Clerk advised that the Council had agreed to an indicated expenditure of £58,247. Estimated income excluding precept is £1,370. Estimated opening balance at 1 April 2014 is £44,741.

To achieve an estimated balance at 1 April 2014 of £41,000 (approx) a precept of £53,136 is required. This should be rounded to £53,000.

The Clerk advised that the County Council require a completion of a precept mandate form to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk outlined the form -

Current years precept – 2013/14 - £53,000
 Current Tax Base of equivalent Band D properties is £1,104.91
 The current Band D charge is £47.97

The precept for 2014/15 - £53,000
 Tax Base for 2014/15 of equivalent Band D properties is £1,138.42
 The band D charge for 2014/15 is £46.56
 The decrease in the Band D charge amount is £1.41
 The percentage decrease in the 2014/15 band D charge compared to the 2013/14 band D charge is 2.94%

- RESOLVED:- that –
- a) the precept for 2014/15 be set at £53,000.00 and for Flintshire County Council to be advised accordingly and for the Clerk and Chairman to sign the required precept mandate.
 - b) the Clerk be thanked for his excellent and informative financial report.

The meeting opened at 6.pm and closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed

Chair –Sealand Community Council) PR