

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2015 AT THE SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.

Also in attendance –

Four members of the public.

Wayne Jones – Flintshire County Council

SYLVIA GARDNER – FORMER YOUTH LEADER – SEALAND YOUTH CENTRE

Members of Council were advised of the recent death of Sylvia Gardner who had for many years been the Youth Leader at the Sealand Youth Centre.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect to Sylvia.

14/190 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

All members of Council in attendance.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted,

14/191 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

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

14/192 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

14/193 CHAIR'S ACTION SINCE 15th DECEMBER 2014

The Chairman referred to the Christmas Carol Concert held at St. Bartholomew's Church on 18th December 2014 which was very well attended and suggested should be supported again by Council in 2015 and its next Chairman.

The Clerk advised that the Chairman accepted the quotation dated 6th January 2015 received from Mr D V Jones Street Lighting Team Leader, Flintshire County Council regarding the damaged street column 105 at Sandy Lane

Quotation – Call Out, Make Safe, Transfer, Removal and Installation of Street Lighting Column (RWO) – Sealand - Sandy Lane following collision by a vehicle.

Call Out to Make Safe (under taken)
Installation of Column and lantern as per SCC / FCC specification
Installation and connection to DNO cable network
Site clearance and removal as required
Electrical testing of installed system

Total - £1,477.59

The Clerk advised that the quotation had been referred to the Council's insurers Allianz Insurance. A payment via BACS £ 1,352.59 has been received. The claim had a £125 excess.

The Clerk advised that a further charge of about £900 will be incurred to have the light adopted.

RESOLVED – that the –

- a) Chairman's action be endorsed and the report noted.
- b) Council should support St. Bartholomew's 2015 Christmas Carol Service with the next Council Chairman taking the lead.

14/194 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 15th December 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

14/195 FLOOD AWARENESS – SEALAND

The Chairman advised that he has been informed by Huw Webb - Flood Incident Management – North Wales that the identity badges for the Sealand flood wardens is still an issue and agreement to produce them has not been made.

RESOLVED – that –

- a) that the report be noted.
- b) the Clerk should contact Huw Webb - Flood Incident Management – North Wales to advise that Council is concerned that the identify badges have not been produced and that the Sealand Flood Wardens require these before they are prepared to participate in any future flood alert.

14/196 COUNCIL'S CHAIN / BADGE OF OFFICE

The Clerk reminded Council that at the November 2014 meeting Council accepted the quotation submitted by Fattorini as detailed and the names of Chairman missing from the current chain should be engraved on the new Chain and for Fattorini to be asked to action this.

Delivery is expected in early February 2015.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

14/197 POLICE ISSUES

The Chairman invited PC Martin Price to the meeting.

Issues raised -

1. Problems with youths at Sandy Lane – Police to maintain visits. An active CCTV (Community Safety) is still positioned on a lighting column near to the Youth Centre.
2. CCTV – Sealand

Clerk advised by Paul Jarvis at Digital Surveillance Wrexham Limited that the CCTV is beyond economic repair and it would be more cost effective to replace.
Three separate quotations for our range of lamp post cameras.

The lowest cost option is the fixed low light camera. This offers a fixed 270 degree view but does not have pan/tilt/zoom capabilities are not able to see in complete darkness. £1,680 plus VAT - £366 – Total £2,106.00

The middle option would be for a HD 360 degree pan/tilt/zoom low light option, this can be moved and zoomed but doesn't have the ability to see in complete darkness. £2,922 plus VAT - £584.40 – Total £3,506.40

The plus model is also a HD 360 degree pan/tilt/zoom camera but with the addition of built in 100 metre infrared night vision for use in complete darkness £3,256 plus VAT - £651.20 – Total £3,907.20

Paul Jarvis advised that he believes that all of these cameras could work effectively at your location but the plus model would be most effective for viewing the areas of very low light. I must also point out that it is slightly more obvious which way the plus model is looking as there is no bubble covering the camera lens etc. This can sometimes be an issue in some locations.

Martin was asked whether the Police would contribute to the costs of a new CCTV - Martin advised that the Council needs to contact Community Safety.

Martin advised that there are two active CCTVs in Sealand.

Council needs to decide on the future use of the 5 other CCTVs

3. Police advised that the CCTV at Sandy Lane has assisted greatly with the Police with their enquires. The Police require the name(s) of the individuals involved.
4. Complaints about youths riding a motorcycle around Garden City and not wearing helmets. Police to action.
5. Complaints about parking on the footway on Farm Road / Sealand Primary School – Police to action. Cars currently parked on the footway.
6. Gypsies on the Kingsley Road site – site owned by the Clwyd Alyn Housing Association. Flintshire County Council, Police and Clwyd Alyn are working on this as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED – that –

- a) the reports be noted.
- b) consideration to decide to proceed to order a new replacement CCTV be deferred to late in the meeting.
- c) at the next meeting Council to decide on the locations for the 5 Council owned CCTVs.

14/198 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 again deferred pending receipt of the detailed planning application for this area that will include details of proposed routes for public rights of way.

- b) **Litter Bins – Sealand Manor Recreation Field**

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

- c) **Changes to Speed Limits – Seahill Road, Old Sealand Road and A548 Sealand Road**

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred pending the installation of the new speed limits.

- d) **Additional Waiting Restrictions – Farm Road and Foxes Lane**

The Clerk referred to the previous meeting of Council when he reported on correspondence with the County Council regarding Council's requests for additional waiting restrictions. These relate to Farm Road and Foxes Lane at their junctions with Welsh Road. These sites are now on the appropriate list for consideration.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

f) Fly Tipping – Green Lane East

RESOLVED - that Wayne Jones be asked to arrange for Richard Blake to provide additional No Tipping signs to be installed as well as ensuring that dumped rubbish is removed.

g) Need for overtaking lines to be installed on the Railway Bridge / Seahill Road.

The Clerk advised that at the previous meeting Council resolved to ask Ian Jones - Senior Engineer (Traffic) to provide details of the criteria that is required to be met in order that DWLs can be provided to Seahill Road on the section of the highway that runs up to and across the bridge over the MCR. A reply is still awaited.

It was reported that there had been another incident where a vehicle had almost collided with a cyclist on the approach to the bridge.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

h) Ferry Lane Bridge – Request for a Site Meeting

Following the previous meeting the Clerk contacted Martin Bishop – Flintshire County Council's Bridge Engineer requesting him to contact Peter Siddall to arrange a site meeting so that Peter can highlight the complaints received about the noise produced by the bridge when windy. Reminders have been sent but no reply received from Martin Bishop.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk should make further attempts to contact Martin Bishop to obtain a progress report.

i) Foxes Lane / Manor Road – Need for Gritting

RESOLVED - that Wayne Jones be asked to ensure that Foxes Lane / Manor Road is regularly gritted as there has been a recent accident on the corner by the entrance to the Shooting School.

j) Possible Pollution Tall Industrial Chimney at Sandycroft

RESOLVED – that the Clerk should contact Pollution Control to request details of the health risks that possible arise from the smoke and gases emitted from the tall industrial chimney at Sandycroft.

k) Sycamore Tree – Sealand Road / Traffic Lights

It was reported that a large sycamore had to be felled.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

Note - Councillor Mrs. Barbara Hinds left the meeting at 6.45pm.

14/199 LIGHTING MATTERS

a) Street Lighting Report

All lights 138 columns / 140 lights were working apart from Columns

- 129 at Cedar Close – the power connection is being investigated.

The Clerk advised that he has asked Mr D V Jones Street Lighting Team Leader to advise on whether columns 129 to 127 are required in view of the excellent highway lighting at this location. Column 126 was removed in 2010.

- 105 at Sandy Lane – hit by a vehicle – refer to Minute Ref 14/193. (RTA reference R196898.
- 30 and 55 at Manor Road

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Electrical Inspection –Street Columns

The Clerk advised that he has been informed Darell Jones that all lights have now been electrically tested and a report outlining work that is required to be undertaken including costs will be issued to Council shortly. All lights are required to be electrically tested every five years.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) Lighting Improvements – 2013/14 and 2014/15

The Clerk advised that all of the 2013/14 lighting works have been completed – the Council has now received for £13,200.

The Clerk reminded Council that he had asked the County Council to provide costings for the following columns that may feature in the Council’s 2015/16 lighting programme –

Top of Sealand Avenue – 96 -99 – 4 columns

Sealand Manor - 40 to 42 North Green and 38 & 54 – approach into the Greens 6 columns

Darrel Jones from Flintshire County Council has advised that Columns, 96 / 97 / 98 / 99 Sealand Ave will cost £5,600 plus commuted sum of £3,780 Total £9,380.

Columns 40 / 41 / 42 / 38 / 54 (Greens) Sealand Manor –will cost £7,000 plus commuted sum of £4,725 Total £11,725

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

d) Change of Street Lighting at High Grove Estate

The Clerk reported that the lighting works have been completed and that Council Columns 31 and 32 will shortly be removed. That leaves Columns 33 and 34 both located on the unadopted link to Station Cottages.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

e) Lighting Inventory

The Clerk advised that this has been updated to reflect the position at 1st April 2015 and emailed to members of Council and to Mr D V Jones Street Lighting Team Leader so that the lighting maintenance and energy billing for 2015/16 is based on the correct information

Total Columns 1st April 2015 – 126. Total light fittings - 128

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

14/200 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 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

Allocation for the 2014/15 financial year is £3000 awarded to date £1,697.96

Grants will be considered for payment at the May 2014, November 2014 and February 2015 meetings of Council.

An email of thanks has been received from St Bartholomew’s Church.

A grant request has been received from Sue Willder from Flintshire Disability Forum (FDF) is a local user-led charity (1086008) established in 1999 to provide free, impartial and

confidential services to people in Flintshire who live with a physical and/or sensory impairment, their families and carers. The Forum was originally set up by the Disability Association (National Charity) through a grant their development worker received from Comic Relief to set up four Disability Forums in four counties throughout North Wales.

Their current core funding received from Flintshire County Council (FCC) is facing a 30% reduction cut due to current and future budget restraints and we need your help to enable us to continue supporting our members

As you are currently in discussions with your councillors to set your annual budget, please can you request that the council consider including a donation or agree to giving a grant to FDF to support the services we deliver to our members,

Your councillors will know that there are many people living in your community who will be living with disabilities that use the service we offer and find it invaluable as it helps relieve their social isolation in offering social activities and outings including the transport for members whom cannot access public transport (supported by our team of volunteers)

Partner organisations share information with our members to keep them fully informed of all the support that is currently available, we also offer a wheelchair/walker hire service on a daily, weekly or longer basis to help get people out and about

Without our help many of your residents will be isolated and alone with no social interaction at all and we really need your help to ensure the charity can continue, please circulate this plea to your councillors, we will be grateful for any donation no matter how small even buying basic refreshments eroded the funding

If our request for inclusion in your 2015/16 budget would be granted that would be wonderful but if not possible dare we ask, have you a little left over from your 2014/15 budget that you could donate to FDF. Looking forward to hopefully a positive response.

A financial statement has been requested.

RESOLVED: - that the –

- a) report be noted.
- b) grant request received from Flintshire Disability Forum (FDF) to be considered on receipt of the their financial statement

14/201 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 15th December 2014.

052995 - Erection of dwelling (amendment to previously approved scheme ref: 047393) at 1A St Bartholomew's Court, Sealand, Flintshire, CH5 2QT

053078 - Formation of hardstanding and erection of fence at Unit 29, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NT

RESOLVED:-that all planning applications be noted and no objections raised.

14/202 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMISSIONS

The Clerk advised that the Head of Planning had advised that the following planning Applications have been approved –

052342 – Change of use of ground floor offices to use for the storage and display of fireplaces with ancillary sales – front building only (in retrospect) at Hyperion House, Deeside Lane, Sealand. CH1 6BP

052900 - Change of use to part office accommodation with a mezzanine floor level and insertion of windows at Concept Oils Ltd 18 Drome Road, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2NY

052923 – Removal and subsequent relocation of existing signage onto newly constructed extension wall at Units 105-106, Tenth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside. CH5 2UA

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

14/203 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code
002860	Flintshire County Council	Street Light works plus adoption costs – Council’s 2014/15 lighting project	£13,200.00		
002861	P. Richmond	Salary – January 2015	£575.92		
002862	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – January 2015	£190.00		
002863	Communi Group	Annual Subscription	£175.00		
002864	Richie Hayes & Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – November and December 2014	£487.55		

Total Spend			£14,628.47		
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14/204 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	£1.80
Flintshire County Council	Precept – Third payment	£17,666.67
Total		<u>£17,668.47</u>

RESOLVED - that the income be received.

14/205 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence –

Email from Glyn Evans, Area Manager, North & Mid Wales, Sustrans Cymru

Following our discussions last year we have arranged a work day on the 12th February to clear the waste in the Green Lane area, adjacent to the walking and cycling greenway.

Sustrans staff and volunteers will be working with Flintshire CC countryside service on the day and it would be great if some members of Sealand Community Council were also able to join us. Do you think you may be able to pull together a few volunteers from your end?

We haven't firmed up times as yet, but it is likely to be around 10.30 – 2.30pm on the 12th February (Thursday).

If you could get back to me then that would be great as we need to sort out the relevant equipment as required.

Letter from J.E. Davies and Son – Funeral Directors concerning the Erection of Crematorium with Associated Car Park, New Access, Landscaping and Garden of Rest, Tvdvvn Starkey, Starkey Lane, Northop. Application No: 053025

Request to support the planning application

RESOLVED – that the correspondence be received.

14/206 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

The Clerk outlined expenditure and income for the 2014/15 financial year up to cheque number 002863.

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Financial Year

Income

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
General Admin Inc. Precept / Payment from Welsh Audit office of £30	£53,030.00	£53,000.00	£30.00
Bank Interest	£16.03	£20.00	-£3.97
Insurance Claims / Refunds	£1,025.00	£0.00	£1,025.00
VAT Refund	£646.11	£750.00	-£103.89
Milk Claims	£0.00	£600.00	-£600.00
Total	£54,717.14	£54,370.00	£347.14

Expenditure

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Play Areas	£2,796.40	£9,200.00	£6,403.60
Staffing Costs	£6,584.30	£7,637.00	£1,052.70
General Admin Costs	£4,293.06	£5,760.00	£1,466.94
S137 Grants	£1,697.96	£3,000.00	£1,302.04
CCTV	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Street Lighting	£21,966.16	£25,100.00	£3,133.84
Notice Boards	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Insurances	£2,356.02	£2,500.00	£143.98
Milk	£1,674.59	£3,800.00	£2,125.41
Total	£41,368.49	£58,247.00	£16,878.51

**C u r r e n t
Summary**

Balance as at 31 March 2014	£40,623.37
Total Expenditure	£41,368.49
Total Income	£54,717.14
Balance	£13,348.65
Overall balance as at 19 th January 2015	£53,972.02

	VAT Costs for 2014/15 financial year	£333.10
End of Year Prediction	Balance as at 31 March 2014	£40,623.37
	Total Anticipated Expenditure	£58,247.00
	Total Anticipated Income	£54,370.00
	Anticipated Balance for the year	-£3,877.00
	Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31 March 2015	£36,746.37

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

14/207 SUMMARY ACCOUNTS – AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2014.

The Clerk advised that in line with the Council's new Financial Regulations he submits details of the Council's overall bank balances in respect of – as at 30th June, 30th September 2014, 31st December 2014 and 31st March 2015.

The position as at 31st December 2014 is –

Account - no – 0388217 - £ 7,471.42

Account - no – 7326098 - £ 60,823.85

Total - £68,295.27

Total bank Accounts - £68,295.27 less unpaid cheques of £79.38 – 002838 and £103.00 – 002850 – Total £182.33 leaves a balance of - **£68,112.94.**

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

14/208 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

At the previous meeting Council had a discussion with Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer Organisational Change and Ann Woods from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council

Ian outlined the revised Community Asset Transfer scheme that was launched a few weeks ago. Council has now been launched by Flintshire Local Voluntary Council and that you will have received the email below from them along with the guidance notes and expression of interest form.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) stage is only an idea stage and commits you to nothing apart from you showing an interest in specific assets. Expressions of interest should be sent to FLVC and will be considered monthly so the initial closing dates are the last day in

November and the last day in December. If the EOI does progress to the next stage we will provide a background pack of supporting documents at this stage including surveys and cost information to help you progress with the second stage.

Ian mentioned that this is long term approach to help solve the County Council's shortfall in funding. Councillors and the Clerk raised issues to do with the Council's very limited financial resources and the ongoing unfairness permutated by Flintshire County Council with regards to street lighting with the smaller Councils burdened with street lighting whereas the larger Town Councils (former Urban District Councils) have no lighting responsibilities.

Ian also mentioned the need for legal agreements should Council wish to take over County Council's assets.

Sealand Assets

Sealand Youth Centre

Four play Areas – Kingsley Road; Riverside Park; Sealand Manor and Welsh Road

Two playing fields – Welsh Road and Sealand Manor

RESOLVED – that Council should express an interest concerning the four play areas in Sealand and for Ian Bancroft to be advised accordingly.

14/209 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Photographs to be taken of the flood defence work and a news report to be added to the Council's web site.

14/210 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

14/211 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.

14/212 FINANCIAL REPORT –2014/15 and 2015/16 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 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.
- c) on details of anticipated income and expenditure for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.
- d) on his previous request that in line with his Contract of Employment dated 19th October 2009 that he can progress from Point 24 to Point 25 on the NJC Scale with effect from 1st April 2015. The Clerk is contracted for a normal working week of 10 hours. The full amount for Points 24 and 25 are £21,067 and £21,734. The amount based on 10 hours a week is £5693 and £5874. This was approved by Council at its December 2014 meeting and to take effect from 1st April 2015. Payment is net with the Council deducting income tax at 40% and making payment to the HMRC.
- e) that at the December 2014 meeting he advised that based on his time records he spends well in excess of 10 hours a week on Council work – the figure is averaging 15 hours a week. Travel time to and from Sealand is not included in the 15 hours. Council agreed that review of the Clerk's hours be undertaken at the Annual Finance Meeting. To assist Council he suggested an increase to 12 hours.
- f) 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 2014/15 is £ 2,000.00. Details of the payment are submitted on an annual basis to the HMRC. The Clerk advised that the payment should not be increased for the 2015/16 financial year.
- g) 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.
- h) the estimated income for the current 2014/15 financial year is £55,471 and estimated expenditure is £55,156. The opening balance at 1 April 2014 was £40,623. The estimated opening balance at 1 April 2015 is estimated at approx. £40,938 assuming all planned expenditure takes place which may not be the case.

RESOLVED:-that the report be noted.

14/213 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 -

- a) the Clerk's hours be increased from 10 to 12 with effect from 1st April 2015 and for his contract to be amended and resigned at the next meeting.
- b) the following be agreed for 2015/16 -

	£
• Chair's Allowance	800
• Clerk's Salary	7,049
• Clerk's Allowance	2,000 _____
Total	£9,849

14/214 PAYMENT OF GRANTS – FREE RESOURCE ACCOUNT

RESOLVED: - that –

- a) grant payments for the 2015/16 financial year be restricted to a maximum of £150.00 apart from Sealand Primary School who should receive up to a maximum of £1000.00.
- b) Free Resources Fund should be £2,000.00.

Total - £2,000.

14/215 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 £3,200.

Total - £3,200

14/216 PLAYLEADER SCHEME 2013 AND PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:- that the Council should –

- a) support both proposed Play Schemes – overall estimated cost £3,000
- b) advise the Head of Leisure Services of its decision.
- c) allocate £5000 for possible matched funding for play equipment.

Total - £8,000

14/217 STREET LIGHTING

RESOLVED:-that the following be allocated:-

	£
Energy	4,700
Repairs and Maintenance	6,000
New / Replacement Columns	16,000
(Phase 1 - Columns 40 / 41 / 42 / 38 / 54 (Greens) Sealand Manor –will	

cost £7,000 plus commuted sum of £4,725 Total £11,725) and Phase 2 to include replacement of 119 and 120 at Dee Road, Garden City)

Total **£26,700**

14/218 **OTHER AREAS OF EXPENDITURE**

RESOLVED:- that the following funds be allocated:-

	£
Printer Cartridges	700
Street Furniture Repairs -	500
CCTV Repairs / New Purchase	4,000
Insurances	2,500
Stationery	125
Annual Subscriptions	520
Audit Fees	650
Conferences	350
Council's Web Site	600
Postage / Mileage/Telephone	1,100
Engraving Chain of Office	50
Data Protection Registration	35
Total	£ 11,130

14/219 **PRECEPT 2015/16**

The Clerk advised that the Council had agreed to an indicated expenditure of £60,879. Estimated income excluding precept is £1,270. Estimated opening balance at 1 April 2015 is £40,938.

To achieve an estimated balance at 1st April 2016 of £41,000 a precept of £59,671 is required.

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 year's precept – 2014/15 - £53,000
Current Tax Base of equivalent Band D properties is £1,138.42
The current Band D charge is £46.56

The precept for 2015/16 - £57,000
Tax Base for 2015/16 of equivalent Band D properties is £1,141.28
The band D charge for 2015/16 will be £49.94
The increase in the Band D charge amount is £3.38

The percentage increase in the 2015/16 band D charge compared to the 2014/15 band D charge is 7.26%

RESOLVED:- that the –

- a) precept for 2015/16 be set at £57,000.00 and for Flintshire County Council to be advised accordingly and for the Clerk and Chairman to sign the required precept mandate.
- b) Clerk be thanked for his excellent and informative financial report.

14/220 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 9th FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED – that the meetings of Council for the period to July 2015 be held on the following Mondays –

9th February 2015; 16th March 2015; 20th April 2015; 18th May 2015 – Annual General Meeting; 15th June 2015 and 20th July.

14/221 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Chris Jones declared an interest with regards to Minute 14/200 and 14/208

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 8.25pm

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Signed 9th February 2015 – Chairman of Council