

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PRESENT: Councillors: David Wisinger (Chairman), John Griffiths, Mrs. Barbara Hinds, Mrs Chris Jones (County Councillor), Alex Lewis, Mrs Mary Southall and Mike Walker (Vice Chairman).

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.
Also in attendance – three members of the public.

15/228 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. Gwyneth Bullock, John Dodd, Norman Jones, Wayne Morris and Mrs. Shelley Webber.

RESOLVED – that apologies be received and accepted

15/229 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.

15/230 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

15/231 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 18th JANUARY 2016

The Clerk advised that he had received a quotation from Richard Roberts at Flintshire County Council for the design and re-using the existing large stainless steel slide at the Sealand Manor Play Area and to install it on to the embankment at the Sealand Manor Play Area The aerial runway[zip line] and wooden play structure with the Slide are due to be removed because they are uneconomic to maintain due to age, however, the slide can be re-used and can be installed onto the embankment- design attached provided.

If there is an opportunity for a 2nd phase of investment next financial year a new aerial runway can be installed to replace the old aerial runway. This would be in the region of £9,000.

The quote for installing the slide onto the embankment with a new platform with safer surfacing is £8,576.17 additionally a stepped access way up the embankment with railway sleeper sized timbers will cost £1,500.00 making this project £10,076.17 – with £5,000 match funded by Sealand Community Council.

Copies of the quotations have been emailed to members of Council.

If this meets with approval the County Council will aim to complete this scheme before the end of March 2016.

The Clerk referred the project details to the Chair for his approval. The Chair approved the project and the County Council have been asked to commence the project.

The Clerk advised that the allocated Chairman's Fund payments so far in the 2015/16 financial year are -

- £120 - Cost of refreshments – Remembrance Sunday Service.
- £120 - Cost of refreshments – Christmas Carol Service.
- £50 - Waverton Handbells - Christmas Carol Service.
- £150 – St. Bartholomew's Church

Total - £440

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) Chairman's actions be endorsed.
- iii) Chairman's proposal to make the following payments from his fund is endorsed with payments being made at the next meeting of Council.

Garden City Pensioners Club - £120

Sealand Primary School - £120

Sealand Happy Group- £120

**15/232 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD 18th JANUARY 2016**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Annual Finance Meeting of Council held on 18th January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the deletion of Mrs. Shelley Webber being record as attending.

15/233 COUNCIL'S CHAIN / BADGE OF OFFICE

The Chairman said that he will enquire about having the chain engraved locally

Councillor John Dodd said he will bring the Council's original chain of office to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/234 POLICE ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed PC Martin Price 229 and CPO Debbie Devereux 2612 to the meeting.

1 – Patrols have been continuing in the area.

2 – Martin outlined his proposals for the use of the Sealand Youth Club during the summer holidays for 4 weeks Monday and Thursday evenings together with a possible go karting evening. Council requested a formal request and finalised costings.

3 – Community Speed Watch the Councillors who volunteered will shortly be contacted by Martin.

4- Concern about the fact some vehicles using the corner café are parking on Foxes Lane and preventing the bus from getting thorough to Sealand Manor. Martin has now investigated.

5 - Kingsley Road Play Area – Vandalism. Police will investigate.

6 – Car parked 2/3 days at S. Bartholomew’s Court. Police will investigate.

7 – Farm Road / Brookside – BMW estate with low suspension being driven at speed. Police will investigate.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

15/235 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Litter Bins and Benches – Sealand Manor Recreation Field

It was reported that the litter bins and benches will shortly be installed following completion of the redesign of the play area.

RESOLVED – that report be noted.

b) Additional Waiting Restrictions –Foxes Lane

The County Councillor advised that Ruth Cartwright has explained that the Civil Enforcement Officers can only enforce an area where traffic restrictions are in place. If the vehicles are causing an obstruction then North Wales Police should be contacted. Ruth has forwarded the request for an assessment to Darell Jones and Wayne Jones. They will liaise with the road safety team to find a solution.

The County Councillor also advised that she responded to Ruth saying that parking restrictions are required at this location and Sealand Community Council have requested them a while ago. The police are aware of the problems as residents often complain. The County Councillor further advised that she has asked the Clwyd Alyn Housing Association to develop a parking area on their land, at the rear of the properties along this road which would help the situation.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) Welsh Road Recreation Field - Gate(s)

It was reported that the gates on Welsh Road have been temporarily removed to enable work to take place on the field.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

d) Ferry Lane Foot Bridge – Remedial Repairs / Vibration Noise Levels

Wayne Jones advised that he is still chasing previous correspondence between the County Council and the supplier of the bridges' metal tubing.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

e) Sealand Manor - West Green Ditch

Wayne Jones advised that the work has been completed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

f) Bridleway - Green Lane East and West – Pot Holes

Wayne Jones has advised the Clerk by email that he has spoken to Steve Bartley and he was sending the public rights of way officer to inspect Green Lane East and West.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

g) Sealand Road / Cottage Garage – Mud on the Road / New Access onto Sealand Road

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

h) Sealand Road - Lights Off

The County Councillor advised that the Council's Lighting Engineer is fully aware of the lights that are not working and that all affected lights have been marked with tape to identify that they require attention.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

i) Garden City Drain – Bad Odours – Rear of the Hotel Leprechaun

Wayne Jones advised that the work has been completed. Due to excessive rainfall sewerage had leaked into the Garden City Drain.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

j) Concern about Ditches – Seahill Road

At the previous meeting it was resolved that Councillor Mike Walker should telephone Neil Parry / Ruiria Barry from the County Council to arrange to meet on site.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

k) Blocked Grids – Seahill Road

At the previous meeting it was resolved that Wayne Jones be asked to investigate.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

l) Near to Sandy Lane Cut-de- sac – Blocked Grids

At the previous meeting it was resolved that Wayne Jones be asked to investigate.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

m) Concern about Drainage – At Lagoon – Marsh Farm Road.

At the previous meeting it was resolved Councillor John Dodd should telephone Neil Parry / Ruiria Barry from the County Council to arrange to meet on site.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

n) Water Leaking from Walls – Foxes Lane Underpass

The Clerk advised that he has been informed by Wayne Jones that he had met Mark Middleton and Wyn Williams from NMWTRA who are responsible for the maintenance of the structure on Foxes lane on Wednesday 27th January 2016. Wyn has taken photos of the structure and the leaking walls and said that he will get back to Wayne when he gets the information as to what they can and will do to rectify the problem.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

o) Works to improve the Queensferry ASDA interchange

The Clerk referred to an email received from Flintshire County Council and copied to members of Council advising that work was due to start to improve the ASDA interchange on the 8th February 2016. They have a second drop in session on Thursday 28th January for local businesses and residents to come along and look at the plans. They will have representation from the Contractor carrying out the works and details of the traffic management arrangements.

A copy of the letter has been hand delivered to local residents and businesses informing them of the works and inviting them to the drop in session.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

q) Responsibility for the Maintenance of Ditches etc.

The Clerk advised that Wayne Jones had circulated the following information from Neil Parry which has been emailed to members of Council.

A Riparian Landowner – is responsible for maintaining any ditch, watercourse or culvert on their land but not a public sewer.

Should a Riparian Landowner fail to maintain any of the above could result in legal action against them if a third party suffers damage caused by any resulting flooding.

If only the Riparian Landowner is affected by any potential flooding then the Council is unlikely to take any action.

If there is a blockage or obstruction within a watercourse that could cause flooding – either internal or external to a third party land or property then the Council do have under the Land Drainage Act 1991 to serve notice on a Riparian Landowner to undertake remedial works. However, the Council does have to demonstrate that then owner has been given reasonable opportunity to undertake any necessary works and there is also the provision for a landowner to appeal against the notice should they consider the Council's requirements to be unreasonable. Failure to comply can result in the council undertaking any necessary works and recharging the Riparian Landowner for costs incurred.

Main rivers are usually maintained by the NRW but not always. Any obstruction on a main river should be referred to the NRW.

RESOLVED- that the report be noted.

r) Fly Tipping – Various Locations

The County Councillor advised that she has informed Ruth Cartwright at Flintshire County Council that Sealand is experiencing quite a lot of fly tipping. There are hotspots on Riverside Park garage site, Riverside Park play area, Foxes Lane, Green Lane East and West and at the rear of the Spar Shop (which is private land). Appropriate signage has been requested.

RESOLVED- that the report be noted.

15/236 LIGHTING MATTERS

a) Street Lighting Report

Of the 128 columns / 124 lights are working – 4 lights are not working – 91 and 92 at Sealand Avenue and 26 and 30 at Manor Road.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that should they see a light that needs attention to phone / text or email the Clerk straightaway or to contact Wayne Jones.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Lighting Improvements – 2016/17

RESOLVED – that Darell Jones – Flintshire County Council be asked to submit a quotation for the replacement and adoption of the following lights - Sealand Avenue Columns 91, 92 and 95 - Manor Road – 28, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 37.

c) Lighting Improvements – 2015/16

Council has now received an invoice from Flintshire County Council in respect of the replacement columns installed at Riverside Park – 158 and 159.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

d) Change of Street Lighting at High Grove Estate – Columns 31 and 32

At the July 2015 meeting Council agreed that Column 31 should be removed and that further consideration be given at the September 2015 meeting regarding the removal of column 32.

It was concluded that 32 should be retained and reviewed in six months.

The Clerk advised that he has been informed that Column 31 will shortly be removed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/237 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

Allocation for the 2015/16 financial year is £2000. £2,000 has been paid out.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted.

15/238 a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that no planning applications had been received electronically from Flintshire County Council since the meeting of Council held on 18th January 2016.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted.

b) NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMISSIONS

The Clerk advised that the Head of Planning had advised that the following planning applications have been considered –

054604- Cable Route to Support Planning Permission: 051772 at Deeside Solar Park - Land North of Weighbridge Road (A548), Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire. Land lying north of Weighbridge Road (A548), Deeside. Flintshire, CH5 2NN. Decision Type: Approved. Decision Date: 27 January 2016. Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

054694 - Construction of external staircase enclosure at Unit 112 Tenth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside. Flintshire, CH5 2UA. Decision Type: Approved. Decision Date: 3 February 2016. Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

054727 - Construction of Multi Use Games Area at Welsh Road Playing Fields, Welsh Road, Garden City. CH5 2HX Decision Type: Approved. Decision Date: 3 February 2016 Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

.RESOLVED – that the report be noted

15/239 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:- that –

- i) in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971 that the Council should award a grant of £150.00 to the Sealand Happy Group which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants

- ii) the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code
002945	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk November and December 2015	£626.85		
002946	One Voice Wales	Annual Subscription	£371.00		
002947	P. Richmond	Salary – February 2016	£604.72		
002948	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – February 2016	£234.80		
002949	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Charges Repairs, Maintenance and Energy January 2016	£614.40		
002950	Cheque Destroyed				
002951	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Charges Repairs, Maintenance and Energy December 2015 and replacement columns 158 and 159 inc	£4,614.40		

		adoption charges			
002952	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Charges Repairs, Maintenance and Energy November 2015	£945.15		
002953	Heswall Computers Ltd	3 boxes A4 paper	£64.80	£10.80	539439706
002953	Sealand Happy Group	Grant	£150.00		
Total Spend			£8226.12	£10.80	

15/240 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income – None

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

15/2 41 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

The Clerk advised that at the previous he reported that he had –

- i) requested and received from John Gray - FLVC the required forms for Council to proceed to Stage 2
- ii) requested Ian Bancroft – Flintshire County Council to provide Council with the required details and costings so that Council can make a Stage 2 submission in respect of the four Sealand play Areas – Kingsley Road; Riverside Park; Sealand Manor and Welsh Road.
Not received

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/242 COUNCIL'S MILK CLAIM – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2015

The Clerk advised that following milk claim has been submitted to Flintshire County Council for them to submit to Intervention Board.

Month	Days	Pupils	Cartons	Cost
September	21	70 x 6	1770	£352.23
		90 x 15		
October	16	80 x 3	1400	£278.60
		90 x 13		
November	21	90 x 21	1890	£376.11
December	14	90 x 14	1260	£250.74

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/243 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk outlined expenditure and income for the 2015/16 financial year up to cheque number 002952 - .

2015/16

Financial Year

Income

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
General Admin Inc. Precept.	£57,220.00	£57,000.00	£220.00
Bank Interest	£17.28	£20.00	-£2.72
Insurance Claims / Refunds	£37.65	£0.00	£37.65
VAT Refund	£904.08	£900.00	£4.08
Milk Claims	£490.07	£500.00	-£9.93
Total	£58,669.08	£58,420.00	£249.08

Expenditure

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Play Areas	£2,840.00	£8,000.00	£5,160.00
Staffing Costs	£8,294.55	£9,049.00	£754.45
General Admin Costs	£3,961.23	£4,130.00	£168.77
S137 Grants	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CCTV	£3,907.20	£4,000.00	£92.80
Street Lighting	£25,795.89	£26,700.00	£904.11
Street Furniture Repairs	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Insurances	£2,356.02	£2,500.00	£143.98
Milk	£2,358.15	£3,200.00	£841.85
Chairman's Fund	£440.00	£800.00	£360.00
Total	£51,953.04	£60,879.00	£8,925.96

Current Summary

Balance as at 31 March 2015	£42,772.74
Total Expenditure	£51,953.04
Total Income	£58,669.08
Balance	£6,716.04
Overall balance as at 8th February 2016	£49,488.98
VAT Costs for 2015/16 financial year	£879.67

End of Year Prediction

Balance as at 31 March 2015	£42,772.74
Total Anticipated Expenditure	£60,879.00
Total Anticipated Income	£58,420.00
Anticipated Balance for the year	-£2,459.00
Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31st March 2016	£40,313.74

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

15/244 SEALAND FLOOD PLAIN

The Clerk advised that at the January 2016 Council resolved that -

- i) Carl Sargeant be invited to attend a meeting of Council so that a full discussion can take place concerning the issues raised by Council concerning the impact of the flood defence improvement works.
- ii) Council should request Flintshire County Council's Chief Planning Officer to undertake a full review of the Sealand area in the light of the recently completed flood improvements works.
- iii) Council should request a site meeting with representatives from Flintshire County Council and Natural Resource Wales to enable a clear position to be understood about the impact of the flood defence improvement works to see if Garden City is no longer classed as a high risk flood area and to discuss potential flooding issues in Sealand.

The Clerk advised that he has received two letters from Carl Sargeant on 27th January 2016 which have been emailed to members of Council.

Letter 1 – CS is unable to attend either Council meetings – 8th February and 21st March as he is usually at Cardiff Monday to Thursday so a meeting at Sealand would have to be on a Friday. Clerk should contact Carl's constituency office to arrange a Friday meeting. Tim Jones – Director Operations North and Mid Wales to ask if a representative from Natural Resource Wales can contact the constituency office to start the process of agreeing dates and times for a site meeting.

Letter 2 – copy letter - Tim Jones – Director Operations North and Mid Wales.

The Clerk has requested on three occasions Carl Sargeant's availability on Fridays at 6pm.
No replies

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**15/245 VIBRANT AND VIABLE PLACES – LANDSCAPING SCHEME –
GARDEN CITY**

The County Councillor advised that work on the project is progressing well and that a new project is being formulated for the 2016/17 financial year.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

15/246 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that there was no correspondence to report.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/247 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- Perimeter fence still needs to be repaired - Sealand Manor (Wayne Jones has contacted the Shooting School).
- Councillor Mike Walker to repair the notice board at Ferry Lane.
- Issues at The Owl –alleged persons sleeping in caravans – Clerk awaiting progress report from the Planning Enforcement Officer.
- Issues at The Owl –alleged persons urinating into hedge - Clerk awaiting a progress report from the Planning Enforcement Officer.
- Issues at The Owl – large lorries turning into The Owl / cars obstructing their turning movement - Clerk awaiting a progress report from the Planning Enforcement Officer.

15/248 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised

15/249 DATE OF COUNCIL’S NEXT MEETING – 21st MARCH 2016 – start at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED – that the meetings of Council for 2016 be held on the following Mondays –21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November and 12th December.

15/ 250 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Member	Item	Minute Reference

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and closed at 7.50pm

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Signed 21st March 2016 – Chairman of Council