

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Mike Walker (Chairman), Mrs. Barbara Hinds, Mrs. Gwyneth Bullock, Mrs Chris Jones (County Councillor, Mrs. Joan Keith, Alex Lewis (Vice Chairman). Mrs Mary Southall, and David Wisinger.

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.

Also in attendance – 3 members of the public.

Wayne Jones – Street Scene – Flintshire County Council

**16/179      APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor John Dodd, John Griffiths, Norman Jones and Shelley Webber.

RESOLVED – that apologies be received and accepted

**16/180      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.

**16/181      MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Concerns and objections were expressed regarding - 053203 - Extension to caravan park to provide for 88 touring caravans with associated landscaping and planting at Land adjacent to Fir Trees Holiday Park, Ferry Lane, Sealand, Flintshire, CH1 6QF.

Question regarding who is responsible for the Ferry Lane drainage ditches

RESOLVED- that the matters raised be actioned as appropriate.

**16/182      CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

The Chairman advised that he attended the Buckley Carol Concert

RESOLVED – that the Chairman's actions be noted.

**16/183      MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEEING OF COUNCIL HELD 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**16/184**            **POLICE ISSUES**

The Clerk advised that CBM Dave Huxley was unable to attend the meeting.

1. Patrols will continue in the area.
2. Community Speed Watch – Dave had advised by email that he has contacted the organiser seeking clarification about the level of welsh language that is required – a response is still awaited.
3. Speed Checks / Sealand Road will be maintained.
4. It was reported that cars are turning into Old Sealand Road at the traffic lights then doing a U-turn – 5 to 6pm – this will continue to be monitored.
5. Small motorbike – two/three youths- Sealand Manor Area and along the riverbank – no further complaints have been received by the police.
6. The County Councillor has asked the Clwyd Alyn Housing Association whether the alleyways on every road on the estate can be closed off. We are experiencing so much anti-social behaviour at the moment and motorbikes speeding around the estate and up the alleys. The County Councillor is awaiting further information from the Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.
7. Council's CCTV – Dave has previously advised that the Council's CCTV has been upgraded. Wrexham Digital have advised that a new laptop that works with the CCTV needs to be replaced. Dave will arrange for the Clerk to be provided with details of the required new laptop inc costs. Costs are still awaited

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/185**            **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

**a) Welsh Road Recreation Field / Deeside Lane – Dogs**

At the previous meeting, Council resolved that Ruth Cartwright at StreetScene – Flintshire County Council be asked if she can arrange for officers to be at the Welsh Road Recreation Field at around 7.30pm and to consider fining dog owners when they fail to clean up the dog mess. Wayne advised that he will contact Ruth Cartwright.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**b)        Bridleway - Green Lane East**

At the July 2016 meeting, it was resolved that the County Council be asked to advise on –

- i) the appropriateness of the traffic signage along Green Lane East (bridleway section) to display that cars are not to use the lane.

- ii) the legal position on the access of vehicles on a bridleway and is there a way that it could be access only for residents. When this is clarified, signs can be erected.
- i) whether a kissing gate could be installed at the end of lane.
- ii) on the rights of people that live along the bridleway section of Green Lane East and their rights to be able drive their cars in and out of the lane.

A reminder was sent after the September and October meetings to Steve Bartley – a reply has not been received.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**c) Water Leaking from Walls – Foxes Lane Underpass**

Wayne Jones had previously advised he has been trying to get an update to find out what's happening with the water leaking out of the wing walls and crossing the footway on the underpass. An update has not been provided to date.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**d) Parking problems – Provision of Double Yellow Lines - Foxes Lane**

The County Councillor advised that the county council have now had a response from North Wales Police regarding Foxes Lane and they have no objections to the proposals on Foxes Lane. Arrangements are in hand to get this ready for the advertisement and the consultation process.

The Clerk advised that he has been informed by the county council that they are aware that the Community Council are eager to get the yellow line down on Foxes Lane, Garden City. The adverts can be published in the relevant newspapers and on site for publication on Friday 16th December 2016. This date coincides with the Christmas Holidays, and the county council have been criticised for advertising waiting restriction proposals during school holidays when the restrictions are within the school area.

The council is being asked if it would you like Flintshire County Council to proceed in this circumstance or hold back till the New Year once the school's holidays are over.

RESOLVED – that the Council requests that the advertisement and the consultation process should be started as soon as possible and for the county council to be advised accordingly.

**e) Urgent changes need to be made to traffic lights on Sealand Road / Seahill Road**

It was reported that the County Council are talking to their traffic lights contractor to improve the traffic lights at this location.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**f) Vehicle Pollution**

The Clerk advised that he had been advised by Dave Jones, Pollution Control Officer that as

you are aware we regularly monitor air pollution across the whole county including Sealand and Garden City. The monitoring is carried out using NO2 diffusion tubes which are changed on a monthly basis. The results of the monitoring are then collated and reported every year by Flintshire to DEFRA. For council's information, I have attached last year's report. If you would like any other reports from previous years, please let me know. The Report for this year will be available shortly once it has been ratified by DEFRA.

The Clerk advised that he had emailed a copy of the report to members of Council and also held a copy.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**g) Hedges – Bridge – Seahill Road**

Wayne Jones has previously advised that he will investigate the report that the hedges next to the footway need to be cut back.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**h) Trees need cutting – Flyover Bridge and Green Lane East Roundabout**

Wayne Jones advised that the work will be undertaken at night during February 2017.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**i) Trees - Sealand Avenue**

The County Councillor advised that the work to lop the trees is currently being costed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**j) Speeding Traffic**

Wayne Jones outlined information gathered from a recent speeding survey in respect of Manor Road, Foxes Lane, Farm Road and Sealand Avenue.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/186 LIGHTING MATTERS**

**a) Street Lighting Report**

All lights are working apart from No 19 – Deeside Lane.

Council has 120 lights and this will reduce to 107 with the adoption of the 13 replacement lights at the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

The Clerk reminded Councillors again that should they see a light that needs attention to phone / text or email the Clerk straightaway or to contact Wayne Jones rather than leave to the next meeting of Council. This will ensure that lights can get fixed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**b) Lighting Improvements – 2016/17**

The Clerk reminded Council that it has accepted the quotation from Flintshire County Council agreed to replace and have adopted the following lights - Sealand Avenue Columns 91, 92 and 95 - Manor Road – 28, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 37. Work has still not been completed. Total cost - £18,000.

At the October meeting, it was resolved that Columns 87,88 and 89 at Sealand Avenue should be replaced and adopted in the 2016/17 financial year. (Cost being £1200 to replace a column and £800 per column for adoption). Work is on-going. Total cost - £6,000

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/187      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 £7.42 per head produces an upper limit of £14,572.00

Allocation for the 2016/17 financial year for grants is £3,500. £1,925.00 has been paid out so far this year.

The expenditure on free school milk comes under well-being (Local Government Act 2000, Sections (1-5) - this power is restricted by the S137 limit (£7.42 per elector in any given financial year). The school milk estimated expenditure for 2016/17 is £3,100.

Giving a total estimated expenditure of - £6,600

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/188      GRANT REQUESTS**

**a) St. Bartholomew’s Church and Sealand & Garden City Pensioners hursday Club.**

RESOLVED: -that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971 that the Council should award grants of £150.00 to St Bartholomew’s Church and to the Sealand & Garden City Pensioners Thursday Club which are in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

Councillor Mrs. B. Hinds declared an interest regarding St Bartholomew’s Church

**16/189            PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk advised that the following planning applications had been received electronically from Flintshire County Council.

053203 - Extension to caravan park to provide for 88 touring caravans with associated landscaping and planting at Land adjacent to Fir Trees Holiday Park, Ferry Lane, Sealand, Flintshire, CH1 6QF.

056150 - Enlargement of existing vehicular access way and lowering of kerb at Unit 2, Sixth Avenue, Sealand, CH5 2LB

056200 - Application for removal of condition No1 attached to planning permission ref: 4/8/6165 at Birchenfields Farm, Sealand Road, Chester

RESOLVED: - that -

- a) no objections be raised in respect of planning applications 056150 and 056200.
- b) objections be raised regarding 053203 -
  - a. The site in question is totally inadequate for this proposed development.
  - b. Council is very concerned that the development will lead to a major loss of privacy to existing properties on this site. These properties would also suffer from a risk of visual intrusion.
  - c. The access to the proposed site is totally inadequate for an increase in traffic flows onto Ferry Lane. Ferry Lane is well used by cyclists and as this section of Ferry Lane has no street lighting the traffic hazards will increase.
  - d. The access from Ferry Lane onto Sealand Road is already hazardous due to its location on a bad bend onto Sealand Road. Any increase in traffic will only make the hazard worse especially with regard to traffic coming from the west towards Chester and trying to turn right into Ferry Lane.
  - e. A major concern to Council for this site is that it sits within the River Dee flood plain. For mitigation purposes the whole site would need to be raised by over 2 metres to bring it level with the top of the flood defence at the riverbank at the end of Ferry Lane.
  - f. Ferry Lane has no mains sewerage. All properties have septic tanks except Fir Trees Caravan Park which has a mascerating system which pumps waste to the mains drain in Western Avenue, Blacon via a small (50mm.) pipe. I understand that this system is working at optimum capacity and has no reserve to cope with the extra waste from 88 extra caravans. At times of very heavy rainfall, this system has been flooded out and unable to cope. Tankers have had to be drafted in to remove excess sewerage to alleviate the problem and prevent pollution of the nearby Sealand Main Drain



The Clerk reminded Council that Alan Roberts has confirmed that he has logged council's submission for 2016/17 and will advise further in the new year if successful - invoices will be sent by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for payment.

The County Councillor advised that work has almost been completed at the Kingsley Road Play Area.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/194            LAND DRAINAGE ISSUES**

Neil Parry has now advised of the details of the issues discussed at the November meeting of Council: -

- 1) At the rear of Deeside Crescent, Sealand the tenant farmer has this week advised Neil that the open watercourse has now been reinstated. Neil has not had an opportunity to undertake an inspection but will do so shortly.
- 2) An instruction has been issued for the Highway Drain flowing beneath Sealand Road through to the Old Sealand Road adjacent to Councillor David Wisinger's property to be desilted.
- 3) At the Texaco Garage Wayne Jones, did undertake some excavation works to locate a drain but this was not successful. Further investigations at this location will continue with the intention of resolving the flooding on either side of Sealand Road.
- 4) Neil will contact Councillor John Dodd to arrange a meeting to inspect the fields either side of Sealand Road at its junction with the roundabout near to Andy's Plants.
- 5) The tree stump in the ditch to the rear of the Texaco Garage has now been removed.
- 6) At the end of Green Lane adjacent to the A550 flows in the watercourses will be monitored over the Winter period.
- 7) Neil has previously provided details on how to access N.R.W.s Main River Maps. Should you experience any difficulties please contact Neil.
- 8) Neil will arrange to meet with Mrs Whittaker from Green Lane East to discuss her concerns during rainfall events.
- 9) The Watercourse adjacent to Station Cottages is a Main River and flows towards Saughall according to an old map. Should council receive any further complaints from residents they should be referred to Neil.
- 10) Neil has sent an email to his Legal Department regarding the ditches either side of Ferry Lane – he is still awaiting a response.

Note - With regards to the request for a Main River Map these maps can be found relatively straightforwardly on Google. If you search Natural Resources Wales Maps and click on Flood Risk Map this will bring up a map of Wales indicating all Main Rivers. If you then zoom into the map using the + icon on the left-hand side of the page all Main Rivers within the Community Council's boundary can be viewed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/195            CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from –

- a) Dementia Cafe – Email thanks for the Council grant of £150.00 and Chairman's Fund payment of £25.00.
- b) St. Bartholomew's Church – letter of thanks for the payment of £390.00 from the Chairman's Fund
- c) Calendar Girls Bingo - thanks for the payment of £25.00 from the Chairman's Fund.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/196            COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred.

**16/197            SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS -  
2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk outlined the finalised expenditure and income for the 2016/17 financial year up to cheque number 003026 -

**2016/17**

Financial Year

**Income**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Admin Inc. Precept.	£38,000.00	£57,000.00	-£19,000.00
Bank Interest	£15.76	£20.00	-£4.24
Insurance Claims / Refunds	£118.30	£0.00	£118.30
VAT Refund	£890.47	£1,100.00	-£209.53
Milk Claims	£210.56	£750.00	-£539.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>£39,236.09</b>	<b>£58,870.00</b>	<b>-£19,634.91</b>

**Expenditure**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Play Areas	£2,840.00	£11,000.00	£8,160.00
Staffing Costs	£6,956.67	£9,049.00	£2,092.33
General Admin Costs	£4,414.44	£4,005.00	-£409.44
S137 Grants	£2,375.00	£3,500.00	£1,125.00
Bank Charges	£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00
Street Lighting	£4,740.80	£25,850.00	£21,109.20
Highways	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Insurances	£1,099.65	£2,500.00	£1,400.35
Milk – Section 137	£2,381.02	£3,100.00	£718.98
Chairman’s Fund	£800.00	£800.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,627.58</b>	<b>£60,304.00</b>	<b>£34,676.42</b>

**Current  
Summary**

Balance as at 31 March 2016	£42,277.72
Total Expenditure	£25,627.58
Total Income	£39,235.09
Balance	£13,607.51
<b>Overall balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>£55,885.23</b>
VAT Costs for 2016/17 financial year	£359.11

**End of Year  
Prediction**

Balance as at 31 March 2016	£42,777.72
Total Anticipated Expenditure	£60,304.00
Total Anticipated Income	£58,870.00
Anticipated Balance for the year	-£1,434.00
<b>Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>	<b>£40,843.72</b>

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

**16/198            REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 2016**

At the previous meeting, it was agreed that standard, carrying halter and gauntlets should be held in store at St. Bartholomew's Church – this will allow the standard to put on open display.

The Clerk wrote to Councillor John Griffiths requesting him to contact Councillor Barbara Hinds to arrange for them to be taken to the church.

Councillor John Griffiths contacted Councillor Barbara Hinds but did not want to pass the above to St. Bartholomew's Church.

RESOLVED – that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

**16/199            ST. BARTHOLOMEW' S CHURCH**

The Clerk reminded Council that the St Bart's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 7.30pm. This year we will be accompanied by Deva Brass. Jennifer Watson will forward a poster in due course.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/200            MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

None

**16/201            MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**16/202            COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS**

The Clerk advised that Council is required to review on annual basis and then endorse the Council's Standing Orders - Financial Regulations – Internal Financial Controls – Annual Investment Strategy – Risk Assessment Processes, Freedom of Information Access Arrangements, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection Policy, Records Management Policy, Information Security Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Press Media Policy, Public Participation Protocol, Retention of Documents Policy Copies have previously been provided to members of Council and are all currently available on the Council's web site.

The Clerk advised that the following had been updated – Internal Financial Controls – Annual Investment Strategy and Risk Assessment processes.

A master set was held by the Clerk at the meeting for scrutiny. Copies of all are available on the council's web site.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the report be noted.
- b) consideration of the Clerk’s Risk Assessment Reports be accepted as the formal risk assessment for 2016 and that this is again be undertaken in December 2017.
- c) in relation to the key risks, these be identified as relating to the Council’s assets, bank accounts, internal controls and insurance cover for statutory and other purposes.
- d) the arrangements highlighted in the Risk Assessment Report items 1a) to 1d) and 3a) to 3l) of the report be accepted as having taken all the appropriate steps to minimise risks in conjunction with the documented Internal Financial Controls.
- c) JDH Business Services Ltd be reappointed as the Council’s internal auditor and for a letter of engagement to be issued for the 2017/18 financial year.
- d) the changes to the Internal Financial Controls and Annual Investment Strategy be noted.
- f) the following be endorsed – Standing Orders - Financial Regulations – Internal Financial Controls – Annual Investment Strategy – Risk Assessment Processes, Freedom of Information Access Arrangements, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection Policy, Records Management Policy, Information Security Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Press Media Policy, Public Participation Protocol, Retention of Documents Policy.

16/203

**COUNCIL’S ASSET REGISTER**

Assets	Value – Purchase Price	Insurance Cover
Chairs of Office	£6,059.90	£6,933.56
Notice Boards	£2,451.52	£5,556.46
Office Equipment	£855.00	£937.02
Public Seats	£2,085.00	£6,829.77
Street Lighting	£150,000 – proxy value see note below	£150,000
Digital Recorder Cameras	£4,326.00	£5,269.02
Total	£165,777.42	£175,525.83

The Clerk advised that a copy of the updated Asset Register has been added to the Council’s web site dated September 2016 and a copy then was emailed to members of Council.

Note - External Auditor - Local Council Audit Team have advised that where a cost value is unknown a proxy value must be given to the value of the asset. This proxy value can be the insurance value, however, once this proxy value is set, the value must not change. There should not be movements for revaluations, changes in insurance value, depreciation, impairment etc.

RESOLVED – that the asset register be noted.

**16/204      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.

**16/205      FINANCIAL REPORT – 2016/17 and 2017/18**

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 the schedule of payment from Flintshire County Council will be 3 equal instalments – on the last working days of April, August and December.
- b) 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 £7.42 per head produces an upper limit of £14,572.00
- c) on details of anticipated income and expenditure for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.
- d) the Clerk is contracted for a working week of 12 hours. Payment is net with the Council deducting income tax at 40% and making payment to the HMRC. The Clerk advised that he works well in excess of 12 hours a week.
- 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 2016/17 is £ 2,000.00. Details of the payment are submitted on an annual basis to the HMRC. The Clerk requested that the payment should not be increased for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 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 2016/17 financial year is £58,530 and estimated expenditure is £59,415. The opening balance at 1 April 2016 was £42,278. The estimated opening balance at 1 April 2017 is estimated at approx. £39,168 assuming all planned expenditure takes place which may not be the case.

RESOLVED: -that the report be noted.

**16/206      ALLOWANCES AND SALARY**

RESOLVED: - that the following be agreed for 2017/18 -	£
• Chair’s Fund	800
• Clerk’s Salary	7,276

- Clerk's Allowance 2,000
- Total £10,076**

**16/207 PAYMENT OF GRANTS – FREE RESOURCE ACCOUNT**

RESOLVED: - that –

- i) grant payments for the 2017/18 financial year be restricted to a maximum of £150 apart from Sealand Primary School who should receive up to a maximum of £1000.
- ii) Free Resources Fund should be £2,500 - **Total - £2,500**

**16/208 SCHOOL MILK**

RESOLVED: -that 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**

**16/209 PLAYLEADER SCHEMES 2017 AND PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS**

RESOLVED: - that Council should –

- i) support both proposed Play Schemes – overall estimated cost £3,100
- ii) advise the Head of Leisure Services of its decision.
- iii) allocate £5000 for possible matched funding for play equipment.

**Total - £8,100**

**16/210 STREET LIGHTING**

RESOLVED: -that the following be allocated and for members of council to determine at the January 2017 meeting which 9 lights should be replaced and adopted in the 2017/18 financial year.

	£
Energy	2,400
Repairs and Maintenance	3,000
New / Replacement Columns	18,000 (9 lights)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,400</b>

**16/211 OTHER AREAS OF EXPENDITURE**

RESOLVED: - that the following funds be allocated: -

	£
Election Costs	4,500
Bank Charges	60
Printer Cartridges	400
Street Furniture Repairs -	700
CCTV Repairs / New computer	1,000
Insurances	1,200
Stationery	50
Annual Subscriptions	520
Audit Fees	930
Conferences	250
Council's Web Site	600

Postage / Mileage	1,000
Engraving Chain of Office	10
Data Protection Registration	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,255</b>

**16/212      PRECEPT 2017/18**

The Clerk advised that the Council had agreed to an indicated expenditure of £58,531

Estimated income excluding precept is £1,024. Estimated opening balance at 1 April 2017 is £39,168. To achieve an estimated balance at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 of £40,000 a precept of £58,339 is required. The Clerk advised that the County Council require the completion of a precept mandate form to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk outlined the form -

Current year's precept – 2016/17 - £57,000  
 Current Tax Base of equivalent Band D properties is £1,133.04  
 The current Band D charge is £50.31

The precept for 2017/18 - £57,000  
 Tax Base for 2017/18 of equivalent Band D properties is £1,155.47  
 The band D charge for 2017/18 will be £49.33  
 The decrease in the Band D charge amount is £0.98  
 The percentage decrease in the 2017/18 Band D charge compared to the 2016/17 Band D charge is 1.95

- RESOLVED:- that the –
- i) precept for 2017/18 be set at £57,000 and for Flintshire County Council to be advised accordingly and for the Clerk and Chairman to sign the required precept mandate.
  - ii) Clerk be thanked for his usual excellent and informative financial report.

**16/213      DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**  
**Precept)**

RESOLVED – that the meetings of Council for 2017 be held on the following Mondays 16<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> September., 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**16/214      IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference
Councillor Mrs Barbara Hinds	Grant Request -St. Bartholomew's Church	16/188(a)

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 8.25pm

..... Signed      16<sup>th</sup> January 2017