

## **SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

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

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.

Also in attendance – 4 members of the public.

Wayne Jones – Street Scene – Flintshire County Council

#### **16/242      APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors - Mrs. Barbara Hinds and Shelley Webber.

RESOLVED – that apologies be received and accepted

#### **16/243      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.

#### **16/244      MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

a) Alan Williams – Garden City resident outlined the details of his recent accident when he was cycling along Brookside and was hit by a vehicle at the junction with Sealand Avenue. The vehicle was heading from the industrial units towards Welsh Road. Alan suffered both facial injuries and a broken finger and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance. The police were informed and a reply is awaited.

The driver of the vehicle clearly had ignored the Give Way traffic signs.

Clearly the outcome of the incident could have potentially been far worse had a child been struck by the offending vehicle.

Alan wanted to bring this incident to the attention of Council and the attending County Councillor.

Street Scene have asked to ensure the appropriateness of the Give way signage and to consider possible traffic calming.

RESOLVED – that –

- a) Alan Williams be thanked for his report.
- b) Wayne Jones should report on the appropriateness of the Give way signage at this location and to consider possible traffic calming facilities.
- c) the Clerk should request the police to report on the details of the accident.

b) Dr. Mikhael Khan – resident from Seahill Road outlined his concerns about the speeding traffic along Seahill Road and the need to lower the speed limit to 30 mph / introduce traffic calming for the 300-metre section of the highway as marked in their correspondence and the need to ensure that the current speed limit is enforced.

It was reported that Council-

a) has been involved over the years with numerous requests to lower the speed limit along Seahill Road. These discussions finally concluded in a reduction in the speed limit by Welsh Government from 60 to 40 mph. The police carry out regular speed checks and Council is keen to start a Community Speed Watch Campaign. Perhaps Dr. Mikhael Khan would be interested in joining this campaign.

b) understands that the County Council are looking to consider if the Seahill Road footpath can be widened.

c) Council has asked the County Council to provide additional highway signage on either side of the approach to the railway bridge together with solid white line going up and broken white line going down the bridge.

RESOLVED – that –

a) Dr. Mikhael Khan be thanked for his report.

b) Wayne Jones to arrange for a speed assessment for Seahill Road as there is a lot of concern over the cars travelling towards the bridge from both directions trying to get airborne over the bridge.

#### **16/245            CHAIR’S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

The Chairman advised that he had no report.

#### **16/246            MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEEING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

#### **16/247            POLICE ISSUES**

The Clerk advised that both CBM Dave Huxley and PC Martin Price had not advised whether they were attending the meeting.

Previous items to remain on the minutes.

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 / Garden City 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 Replacement laptop for the Council's CCTV has been ordered

RESOLVED – that the above matters be deferred to the next meeting.

## **16/248      FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

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

RESOLVED – that as soon as the new orders have been approved that details be obtained from the County council and added to the Council's web site.

### **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 advised that he is still trying to get an update to find out what's causing water to leak out of the wing walls.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**d) Tree Preservation Order on land opposite St. Bartholomew’s Church**

It was reported that an officer of the County Council attended a site meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to meet with the new site owners to advise that the trees are not be cut down apart from one and that the current site fencing has to be retained.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**e) Underpass- Foxes Lane**

Wayne Jones advised that he understands that it is proposed to install new lighting at the underpass.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/249 LIGHTING MATTERS**

**a) Street Lighting Report**

All lights are working.

Council has 121 lights and this will reduce to 108 with the adoption of the 13 replacement lights at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. This will further reduce at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 by 9 lights leaving the Council’s stock at 99.

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 accepted the quotation from Flintshire County Council agreed to replace and have adopted the following lights as on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 - Sealand Avenue Columns 87,88,89, 91, 92 and 95 - Manor Road – 28, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 37. Work has been completed.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**c) Lighting Improvements – 2017/18**

The Clerk reminded Council that it allocated £18,000 for lighting improvements and adoption for the 2017/18 financial year. Cost per light being £2000. At the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Council agreed to replaced and have adopted 96 to 99 at Sealand Avenue and 55 to 59 at Manor Road. The County Council have been advised of Council’s decision.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/250            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. £2,525.00 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.

**16/251            GRANT REQUESTS**

The Clerk advised that there were no requests to consider.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/252            PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

056318 - Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling at Land adjacent to Crofters Cottage, Deeside Lane, Sealand, Chester, CH1 6BB

056436 - Erection of two storey and single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Church Cottages, Sealand Road, Sealand, Chester, CH1 6BR

056450 - Display of new signage (partly in retrospect) at Road Range Limited, Second Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2NX

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

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: - that –

- i) the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) it be noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the period as previously notified to Council –for the period 10<sup>th</sup> December to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - £10 will be deducted on or after 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003035	Connect Security Ltd	Upgrade and Repairs Council's CCTV	£180.00	£30.00	863151140	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 Section 31 (1)
003036	P. Richmond	Salary – February 2017	£628.40			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003037	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – February 2017	£242.40			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003038	Wales Audit Office	External Audit Fee for 2015/16	£216.00			Ancillary Power, Local Government Act 1972, (S111)
003039	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Maintenance and Energy December 2016.  Replacement Lights and Adoption –Sealand Avenue Columns 87,88 and 89	£6,714.40			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003039	One Voice Wales	Annual Subscription	£381.00			Miscellaneous Powers LGA Act 1972(S111)
003040	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – January 2017	£304.00			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137))
<b>Total Spend</b>			<b>£8,666.20</b>			

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**INCOME**

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank – Interest	£2.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.30</b>

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

**16/255**            **PLAY AREAS - SEALAND**

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.

Councillor Norman Jones expressed his thanks for the new play equipment that had recently been installed at the Kingsley Road Play Area.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**16/256**            **LAND DRAINAGE ISSUES**

It was reported that Neil Parry had asked if he could attend the March meeting rather than the February meeting as he will have more to report at the March meeting.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry – Flintshire County Council should be invited to attend the next meeting of Council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6pm.

**16/257**            **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change  
Flintshire Local Town and Community Councils – Partnership funding for Summer Playscheme Programme, 2017.

The Clerk advised that he had already emailed the communication to members of Council.

Following Cabinet approval, on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 the local authority has agreed to contribute £40K to assist local councils, to maintain summer playscheme provision for 2017.

Based on a three-week scheme, this funding will limit the increase to £1,309 per playscheme setting. We will also be able to provide additional weeks in communities, at a cost of £355 per playscheme setting, per week. Costs re Sealand are -

COUNCIL	SITE	T&CC Proposed Costs 2017	Additional costs weeks 4&5	TOTAL
Sealand Community Council	Sealand Manor	£1,309.00	£ 710.00	£2,019
	Garden City Welsh Rd	£1,309.00	£ 710.00	£2,019
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£4,038</b>

Can you please confirm your participation and contribution for this summer, as a matter of urgency? Recruitment for the summer team will commence, based on those responses.

Thank you for your continued support for this much valued and unique service for children and young people across the county.

RESOLVED – that -

- a) the report be noted.
- b) it be noted that under reference 16/235 at the meeting of council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 council resolved that the County Council be advised that the Council will cover the indicated costs of £4,030 to provide the 2017 summer playscheme at the two Sealand sites. Confirmation has been provided.
- c) it be noted that the cost has increased from £4,030 to £4,038.

b) Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change  
Play Area Grant Scheme 2016/17

The Clerk advised that he had already emailed the content of the communication to members of Council.

At the Cabinet Meeting Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 this Council's application for match funding was approved – as follows

Match Funding Contribution £5,000 for the Sealand Manor Play Area.

The Play Unit will be in touch to set out draft proposals.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) County Forum Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 630pm at Mold Town Council's offices.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

**16/258            COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred.

**16/259            SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS -  
2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2016/17 financial year up to cheque number 003041 -

**2016/17**

Financial Year

**Income**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Admin Inc. Precept.	£57,000.00	£57,000.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£17.61	£20.00	-£2.39
Insurance Claims / Refunds	£118.30	£0.00	£118.30
VAT Refund	£890.47	£1,100.00	-£209.53
Milk Claims	£570.27	£750.00	-£179.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>£58,596.65</b>	<b>£58,870.00</b>	<b>-£273.35</b>

**Expenditure**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Play Areas	£2,840.00	£11,000.00	£8,160.00
Staffing Costs	£8,502.27	£9,049.00	£546.73
General Admin Costs	£5,349.85	£4,005.00	-£1,344.85
S137 Grants	£2,525.00	£3,500.00	£975.00
Bank Charges	£30.00	£0.00	-£30.00
Street Lighting inc CCTV repairs	£31,001.50	£25,850.00	£5,151.50
Highways	£1,500.00	£500.00	-£1,000.00
Insurances	£1,099.65	£2,500.00	£1,400.35
Milk – Section 137	£3,427.92	£3,100.00	-£327.92
Chairman’s Fund	£800.00	£800.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£57,076.19</b>	<b>£60,304.00</b>	<b>£3,227.81</b>

**Current  
Summary**

Balance as at 31 March 2016	£42,277.72
Total Expenditure	£57,076.19
Total Income	£58,596.65
Balance	£1,520.46
<b>Overall balance as at 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>£43,798.18</b>
VAT Costs for 2016/17 financial year	£389.11

**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.

**16/260            MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Invite Niall Williams to the April 2017 meeting to outline the County Council's 30 year plan

**16/261            MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No matters were raised.

**16/262            DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

RESOLVED – that the meetings of Council for 2017 be held on the following Mondays 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10<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.

**16/263            IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S  
CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and closed at 7.45pm

..... Signed      20<sup>th</sup> March 2017