

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Alex Lewis (Chair), Jean Fairbrother, Barbara Hinds, Chris Jones (County Councillor and Vice Chairman, Mikhael Khan, Mary Southall, Mike Walker, Shelley Webber, Rhondda Whittaker and David Wisinger.

Peter Richmond: Clerk and Financial Officer.  
Wayne Jones – StreetScene – Flintshire County Council  
One member of the public.

**17/209      APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Norman Jones, Joan Keith and Sarah Wilson.

RESOLVED – that the apologies as submitted be received and accepted

**17/210      CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No Declarations were submitted.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/211      BANK MANDATE – LLOYDS BANK**

Councillors Jean Fairbrother, Mikhael Khan and Rhondda Whittaker have completed the required signature forms have all provided the Clerk with a signed copy of either their passport or driving licence as proof of identity.

Councillor Sarah Wilson is still needs to complete the signature form.

The Clerk advised that he now has on line access to the Council's bank accounts with Lloyds Bank.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/212      MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

No matters were raised.

**17/213**      **CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AND CHAIR'S FUND 2017/18**

The Chair advised that he attended the Council's Christmas Carol Concert on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Allocation of the Chair's Fund is £800 – amount already spent is £300. Amount remaining to be allocated £500.

The Chairman proposed that the remaining funds be allocated equally to the Sealand Primary School and St. Bartholomew's Church.

The Clerk advised that the Chair had approved the matched funded project with Flintshire County Council provide three new play items anew seesaw and new springers on safer surfacing at the Sealand Manor Play Area. Refer to minute 17/226

RESOLVED – that the -

- i) Chair's action be endorsed regarding the joint matched funded project at Sealand Manor.
- ii) proposed use of the Chairman's Fund – a payment of £250 to both Sealand Primary School and St. Bartholomew's Church be endorsed.

**17/214**      **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OF COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**17/215**      **POLICE ISSUES**

The Clerk advised that both PCSO Christopher Phillips and CMB Craig Williams had advised that they were unable to attend the meeting.

1. Riverbank cycle path - Shotton to Chester.  
Previously advised that covert patrols are being undertaken.
2. Community Speed Watch - Councillor Mike Walker advised the members of the Sealand Community Speed Watch will shortly be able to start speed checking as soon as the appropriate police clearance checks have been completed.
3. Concerns were previously raised about the amount of speeding traffic along Seahill Road in particular in the vicinity of the former railway bridge.

This potentially will be monitored as part of the Community Speed Watch – see 2)

above.

4. Cars doing U-turns – traffic lights Sealand Road/ Seahill Road – various times of the day.  
CMB Craig Williams has previously advised that he will investigate.
5. Green Lane East – concern about through traffic and speeding traffic - Need for improved signage.  
Refer to Minute 17/216g

RESOLVED – that Inspector Andrew Griffiths be asked if he can ensure that members of his staff attend future meetings of Council.

**17/216      FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

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

Wayne Jones had copied an email from Nic Wight - Principal Structures Manager (North) at North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent.

This is to confirm the discussion points from the site meeting on site held on 19th December 2017.

1. There are four retaining wall structures adjacent to Foxes Lane on the approach to the underpass which carries the A494 over Foxes Lane.
2. The integrity of all four retaining wall structures is good.
3. The transverse movement joints in the retaining walls are leaking. In particular, one joint on each side of Foxes lane on the North side of the A494 are leaking. At the North-East side there is a persistent flow of water through the joint. The discharge is being effectively collected by the cross footway drain recently installed by FCC. The cross-footway drain is discharging into the road side channel. The highway drainage consists of a single gully on each side of the carriageway. This is proving to be partially effective in collecting the discharge from the leaking joints.
4. The works required to rectify the leaking joint would be significant. This would require the removal of fill from behind the wall and the likely modification or replacement of the seal. The existing seal is (likely) cast into the wall ends and cannot be replaced.

I have serious concerns about the consequences of repairing the leaking joints. It is normal for there to be very little issuance from joints such as these usually because there is very little sub-surface water trapped behind them. Most sub-surface water will normally find its way down (and around) any sub-surface obstruction and leak into the sub-grade under gravity. If the leaking joints were to be re-sealed the significant sub-surface flow could cause

a head of sub-surface water to build up and/or the water could flow laterally to areas of the sub-surface which had been previously free draining or dry. The unforeseeable consequences of a change to the sub-surface flow could be significant and very damaging. E.g. erosion of new sub-surface water routes causing localised collapse, weakening of fill and subgrade material due to increased pore water pressure, issuance from previously dry joints.

If at all possible, in these circumstances, it is best to address the symptoms rather than to attempt a cure. As discussed FCC propose to install an additional gully on each side of the carriageway. NMWTRA will replace the polysulphide sealant at all joints as this has previously been incorrectly installed (this will be a largely cosmetic improvement but it will help to confine the leakage to the bottom of the joint ).

The outcome of the above minor works will be monitored before any further action (if any) is considered.

Also provided was a photo of the North-West side retaining wall joint seal. A copy of the draft report on Asset Management responsibilities at SRN/MHA crossings that was referred to during our site meeting. The report is a draft (might not be the latest) and falls short of discussing and recommending liabilities at sites such as these (in Nic's opinion).

Wayne Jones advised that Flintshire County Council have asked NMWTRA to confirm that they will fund the cost of the above works.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) Nic Wight - Principal Structures Manager (North) at North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent be advised that council is very concerned with the outcome of the site meeting as the proposed solution will not rectify the problem and that a permanent solution needs to be actioned.
- iii) Nic Wright should be invited to the next meeting of council at 6pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**b) Underpass- Foxes Lane and Green Lane West**

Wayne Jones advised that he understands that it is still proposed to install new lighting at these two underpasses subject to funding being provided by NMWTRA.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**c) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance**

Following the previous meeting Stephen O. Jones at Flintshire County Council was advised

that Wayne Jones has attended many meetings of Council and he is fully aware of council's concerns about the noise that this bridge produces when the wind is in certain directions.

There have been inspections made to the bridge and some minor remedial work has been undertaken but still the noise is produced. It's so bad local residents keep complaining about it.

The issue has been referred to Mark Middleton and council is still awaiting a report to outline what can be done to the structure to prevent this problem from continuing.

Can council refer this matter to you and hopefully it can be progressed as soon as possible.

A reply is awaited.

The County Councillor advised that Sam Tully has taken over responsibility for the bridge

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**d) Car Sales – Sealand Road / St. Bartholomew's Court**

Following the previous meeting Robert. M. Harris at Flintshire County Council was informed that County Councillor Chris Jones has advised council that following a site visit the County Council have requested that the external lights be lowered and re angled to reduce the nuisance for local residents. This has not been actioned by the proprietors of the car sales site and as a result complaints are still being made by local residents.

Council has also been advised that the planning application will not be considered until the complaints regarding the lights have been actioned.

Can council refer this matter to you and hopefully it can be progressed as soon as possible.

A reply is awaited.

It was reported that the lights have been repositioned but are still not acceptable to local residents.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**e) The Owl Industrial Estate – Manor Road**

Following the previous meeting Alison Dean and Mandy Lewis at Flintshire County Council were informed that over the past few years the council has raised its concerns about business activities at this site. County Councillor Chris Jones has advised that this site is part of an ongoing enforcement investigation. Council asks that it be provided with an issue report about this site and an update on the enforcement investigation.

Can council refer this matter to yourselves and hopefully it can be progressed as soon as possible.

The Clerk advised that he had been informed that a report will shortly be provided.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**f) Land opposite St. Bartholomew's Church**

It was reported that rubble has been dumped by the site assumed owner however it's likely that fly tipping will take place at the location. The owner of the said site has been advised that the council is concerned that the existence of the dumped rubble will attract fly tipping and would it be possible to have the rubble removed.

A reply is awaited.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) a further letter be sent to the land owner.

**g) New Signage – Green Lane East**

Wayne Jones advised that the Green Lane East signs are being checked to see if they are correct with the legal wording before being ordered.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**h) Pot Holes – Bridleway – Green Lane East**

RESOLVED – that Steve Bartley at Flintshire County Council be asked whether the potholes along the bridleway can be filled in please, as they are causing a danger to cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians.

**i) Old Sealand Road – Moss on the Pavement**

RESOLVED – that the matter be referred to Wayne Jones to action.

**j) Chimney Emissions – Knauf – Sandycroft**

Following the previous meeting Andrew Farrow at Flintshire County Council was advised that further complaints have been received. This week there has been acrid, yellow clouds of 'smoke' being emitted from this chimney and obviously a health hazard for the people living in surrounding communities, such as Sealand, Pentre, Sandycroft and Queensferry. The 'smoke' leaves traces of particles on vehicles and if breathed in burns your throat and nasal passages. It used to be worse at night but now it is happening during the day.

Something needs to be done to check these emissions, to see what is being poured out into the atmosphere by this chimney.

A reply is awaited.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) matter be referred to Natural Resources Wales.

**Notes:**

a) It was subsequently agreed by the Chair that a representative from NRW should be invited to attend the March 2018 meeting of Council. The meeting will be with Elizabeth Voice an NRW Regulatory Officer.

b) If anyone notices the plume from the main stack is grounding and is causing an odour issue please report it on our 24-hour incident hotline 03000 65 3000. It would be useful to include exactly where the plume is grounding, a description of the odour, weather conditions and wind direction if possible. These complaints will get forwarded to Elizabeth Voice the Regulating Pfficer for Knauf, and to the operator. Details can be kept private from Knauf.

**17/217      LIGHTING MATTERS**

All lights are working.

Council has 108 lights this will further reduced at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 by 9 lights leaving the Council's stock at 99.

At the Annual Finance Meeting in December 2017 council agreed to replace and have adopted by Flintshire County Council an additional 9 lights in the 2018/19 financial year. The lights being along Foxes Lane 60 to 65 (6) and Sealand Avenue 93 to 94 and 115 (3). This will reduce the lighting stock to 90. The County Council have been asked to arrange for this work to be undertaken.

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.

**17/218      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 2017/18 financial year for grants is £2,500. Allocated so far is £2,150

Giving a total estimated expenditure of - £5,700

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/218      GRANT REQUESTS**

**a)      Sealand Rainbows**

At the previous meeting council received a grant requested from the new Sealand Rainbows and resolved that a grant payment of £150.00 will be made to the Sealand Rainbows as soon as they have set up a bank account.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**b)      Leprechaun Monday Club**

The Clerk reminded Council that at the previous meeting it resolved that the Monday Club be thanked for their grant request and to be advised that council will be consider on receiving an original copy of their most recent bank statement. The required bank statements have now been received.

RESOLVED: -that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971 that the Council should award a grant of £150.00 to the Leprechaun Monday Club which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**c)      Garden City Pensioners Club**

RESOLVED: -that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971 that the Council should award a grant of £150.00 to the Garden City Pensioners Club which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants subject to a current bank statement being provided that states in full Garden City Pensioners Club.

**17/219      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk advised that no planning applications had been received from Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/220      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 –£5 per month.

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Vat Code</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
003110	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – November 2017	£226.10			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137))
003111	Leprechaun Monday Club	Grant	£150.00			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137))
003112	P. Richmond	Salary etc – January 2018	£668.94			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003113	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – January 2018	£262.80			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003114	JOLORA	Web Site Maintenance Monthly Retainer January 2018	£160.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003115	CommuniCorp	Annual Subscription	£100.00			Miscellaneous Powers LGA Act 1972(S111
003116	St. Bartholomew's Church	Room Hire for the December 2017 meeting of Council	£80.00			Miscellaneous Powers LGA Act 1972(S111

003117	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Maintenance – Repairs and Energy November 2017	£552.48			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003118	Richie Hayes and Sons Dairy Ltd	School Milk – December 2017	£172.90			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137))
003119	Garden City Pensioners Club	Grant	£150.00			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137))
<b>Total Spend</b>			<b>£2,523.22</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		

#### **17/221**      **INCOME**

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest	£1.28
Flintshire County Council	Precept – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Final Payment	£19,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,001.28</b>

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

#### **17/222**      **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **a) Independent Members of the Standards Committee**

The Clerk advised that he had received an email from Gareth Owens - Chief Officer (Governance) advising that Council will be aware Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee has a remit not only to promote good conduct at the County Council but also at Town and Community Councils.

As a part of their role, the Independent Members of the Committee (who are not Councillors and who have been co-opted by the Council following open advert) are keen to visit every Town and Community Council within Flintshire. Their purpose will be to observe how the meetings are conducted in order to understand the issues facing your Council and how the Members' Code of Conduct is being applied when considering them. They will attend the meeting on their own and between them will ensure that every town/community is visited over the course of the coming 12 months. They will not interrupt or intervene in your meeting and will simply be present to observe rather than to offer advice.

As the meetings of your Council are open to the public, the Independent Members could, of course, simply attend whenever they chose. However, in the interests of transparency, the County Council will notify your Clerk of when a visit is planned and who will be attending.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) **Wheelabrator Parc Adfer Community Liaison Group (CLG).**

The Clerk advised that the Chairman has been invited to the next meeting of the Wheelabrator Parc Adfer Community Liaison Group (CLG). This will be held between 18.30 and 20.30 on Wednesday 31 January at the Wheelabrator Parc Adfer site office.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) **St. Bartholomew's Church**

The Clerk advised that he had received an email from the St. Bartholomew's Church Council expressing their sincere thanks to Sealand Community Council for their generous donation towards the Christmas Concert and for their generosity to the Waverton Handbell Ringers. The Council thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk who so generously donated raffle prizes for the event. Everyone who attended the concert seemed to enjoy the evening and meeting and catching up with old friends and neighbours.

The Church Council also thanked the Council for their recent generous grant towards the reordering of the church it was greatly appreciated. The congregation at St. Bartholomew's Church greatly appreciate the support and generosity of the Council.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/223      COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROJECT**

The County Councillor advised that consideration is being given as part of the Flintshire Bus Services Review to withdraw the No 8 service that goes to Sealand Manor. The County Councillor has requested details about the number of passengers using the service and the cost and suggested that consideration be given for a possible community transport service in line with the pilot scheme at Northop Hall.

The County Councillor also mentioned the need to make reference to the Safer Route to School initiative.

RESOLVED – that -

- i) the report be noted
- ii) Kate Wilby – Community Transport be advised council understands that consideration is being given as part of the Flintshire Bus Services Review to withdraw the No 8 service that goes to Sealand Manor. The County Councillor has requested details about the number of passengers using the service and the cost in running the service. In the meantime, council requests that consideration,

be given for a possible community transport service to be provided for Sealand Manor in line with the pilot scheme at Northop Hall.

**17/224      THE AIRFIELDS DEVELOPMENT**

There was no further action or information to report on.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/225      PARKING PROBLEMS  
PROVISION OF YELLOW LINES – RIVERSIDE PARK**

The County Councillor advised that the proposal is now out for public consultation.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/226      MATCHED FUNDING SCHEME  
IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS 2017/18**

The Clerk advised that he had been informed by Flintshire County Council that its submission for matched funding has been approved for additional / replacement play equipment at Sealand Manor. However, as there have been a number of expressions of interest the County Council's contribution will be 50% and not 100% - meaning £2,500.

Aura Leisure and Libraries Ltd will be delivering the match funding scheme in partnership with FCC and Richard Roberts will shortly be advising on draft proposals for council's consideration.

Richard Roberts had provided a quote which is about a year old but is still applicable, with the 2nd image showing three new play items a new seesaw and new springers on safer surfacing, it does not include for the removal of old existing play items, this would be in the region of £350.00, if this meets with your approval Orders can be placed upon confirmation from your Community council to proceed.

Richard had confirmed that on the Seesaw and Springers option all the costs will be covered for £7250.00 any extra will be picked up by FCC.

The Chair approved this proposal on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and Richard Roberts was immediately advised to proceed.

Richard also included for future consideration a proposal which is mainly to make council aware that there it will be a need to replace the Toddlers play structure within the next 1 to 2 years was also provided. Total cost £17,064.11 exl VAT. It would be appropriate for a local community at Sealand Manor to submit a funding request to Wheelabrator's community fund.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) Council’s earmarked amount of £5,000 for new / replacement play equipment in the 2018/19 financial year be allocated towards the cost to replace the toddlers play structure at Sealand Manor.

**17/227            SEALAND FLOOD WARDENS**

RESOLVED – that Councillor Norman Jones be asked to submit to the February 2018 meeting of Council an outline of how the flood warden arrangements in Sealand will operate.

**17/228            MILK CLAIM – AUTUMN TERM 2017**

The Clerk advised that he had submitted the following claim to Flintshire County Council September to December 2017 for them to administer with the Intervention Board.

Month	Days	Pupils	Cartons	Cost
September	20	80 x 11 65 x 9		£278.35
October	19	65 x 19		£234.65
November	19	65 x 16 50x3	1190	£226.10
December	13	65x13	910	£172.90

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/229            SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS - 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2017/18 financial year up to cheque number 003114.

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
<b>Income</b>			
General Admin Inc. Precept	£57,000.00	£57,000.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£14.63	£24.00	-£9.37
Insurance Claims / Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refund	£389.11	£500.00	-£110.89
Milk Claims	£405.04	£500.00	-£94.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>£57,808.78</b>	<b>£58,024.00</b>	<b>-£215.22</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Bank Charges	£50.00	£60.00	£10.00
Chairman's Fund	£300.00	£800.00	£500.00
Staffing Costs	£8,234.80	£9,276.00	£1,041.20
General Admin Costs	£3,273.47	£3,795.00	521.53
Insurances	£893.98	£1,200.00	£306.02
Election Costs	£249.91	£4,500.00	£4,250.09
Play Areas	£4,038.00	£8,100.00	£4,062.00
Highways	£0.00	£700.00	£700.00
Street Lighting	£23,441.28	£23,400.00	-£41.28
CCTV Maintenance	£660.00	£1,000.00	£340.00
Grants – Section 137	£2,150.00	£2,500.00	£350.00
School Milk – Section 137	£2,130.85	£3,200.00	£1,069.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£45,249.39</b>	<b>£58,531.00</b>	<b>£13,281.61</b>

Current Summary	Balance as at 31 March 2017 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£36,987.43
	Total Expenditure	£45,422.29
	Total Income	£57,808.78
	Balance	£12,386.49
	<b>Overall balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>£49,373.92</b>
	VAT Costs for 2017/18 financial year	£173.80
End of Year Prediction	Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	£36,987.43
	Total Anticipated Expenditure	£58,531.00
	Total Anticipated Income	£58,024.00
	Anticipated Balance for the year	-£507.00
	<b>Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>£36,480.43</b>

**17/230**      **SUMMARY ACCOUNTS 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR – AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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

Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Account - no – 0388217 - £ 6,987.98

Account - no – 7326098 - £ 46,138.39 - Total – £53,036.37

Copies of the two bank account accounts were circulated at the meeting.

Less unpaid cheques –

003091 - £278.35

003100 - £234.65

003104 - £115.00

003106 - £160.00

003109 - £496.23

Total = £1,284.23

Total bank Accounts - £53,036.37 less unpaid cheques of £1,284.23 leaves a balance of £51,752.14.

The Clerk detailed a summary of accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 that detailed a net balance of £51,752.14

The Vice Chair authorised the reconciliation calculations as being a correct record.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

**17/231**      **SUMMER PLAYSCHMES – 2018**

The Clerk advised that he had received an update from Flintshire County Council regarding the summer play scheme programme for 2018.

Whilst Councils were informed last year that there would be no element of matched funding from the County Council for play schemes in 2017, some money was found to support this provision at the last minute. However, with the level of financial challenge that the County Council is facing this year, there will be no element of matched funding for summer play schemes across the county in the summer of 2018.

This means that we would be reliant on local Town and Community councils to fund the schemes and are looking for ways in which to work with you to achieve some continuity of this much valued provision.

Each scheme would comprise:

2 x Community Play Team Members x 2 hours per session x 5 sessions x 3 weeks (Monday to Friday)

Supervision

Access to a bank of reserves (if number and ratios increased)

Kit/Equipment/Mobile phones

All training

Buddy scheme for children with disabilities to play out in their own community with support

Estimated costs for next year's scheme would be in the region of £1,309 – this is the basic costs for a standard 3 week scheme (5 x 2 hours AM or PM) per setting. There is also the potential to extend the scheme for a fourth and fifth week for an additional £355 per week. I am aware that some Councils have more than one scheme and that some make their own more substantial arrangements. Total costs for Sealand would be £4,038.00

Town and Community Councils are, therefore, potentially faced with a number of choices:

- a) Make their own arrangements to run the play schemes locally taking full responsibility for the terms and conditions of staff/ training/registrations/DBS checks/ meeting National Minimum standards etc.
- b) Commission the Local Authority to organise the play scheme on the Town/Community Council's behalf as it has the expertise in the recruitment of suitable staff within all appropriate requirements/registrations and experience in the organisation of the programme.
- c) Not provide a play scheme at all.

Flintshire County Council has just received notification of a small amount of funding through the Welsh Government's Play Opportunities Grant (£31k) which we are proposing to pass onto Town and Community Councils for the sole purpose of making a contribution to the provision of the play schemes, either through the commissioned arrangement with the LA or to contribute to the costs of running their own play scheme. The amount per council would be £911 for those councils who make a commitment to provide a play scheme in the summer. This money would then be transferred to councils in February.

The summer play scheme programme is highly valued by children, families and communities and we are keen to work with you to protect this offer wherever possible. I would be grateful if you could give this matter your urgent consideration as you undertake your

budget setting procedures early in the New Year and confirm back to me your Council's decision with regard to the provision of a summer play scheme.

The Clerk advised that council had set aside funds of £4,400 – which will cover the cost of £4,038 as a result he had confirmed to Flintshire County Council that it will support the scheme at both sites for 5 weeks. It was noted that the council will receive payment of £911

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**17/232      MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

No matters were raised

**17/233      MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No matters were raised.

**17/234      DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

RESOLVED – that the meetings of Council for 2018 be held on the following, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 (AGM), 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Annual Finance Meeting).

**17/235      IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference
No interests were declared		

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and closed at 8.20pm

..... Signed      19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.  
Chairman of the Council.