

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2016

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

Peter Richmond - the Clerk and Financial Officer.

Also in attendance – 3 members of the public.

16/153 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillor John Griffiths

RESOLVED – that apologies be received and accepted

16/154 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.

16/155 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

- Need to tarmac over the stoned area on the riverbank bank side of the cycleway between the blue bridge and the railway bridge.
- When are council meetings held? – details available on the council's web site.

RESOLVED- that the matters raised be actioned as appropriate.

16/156 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 17th OCTOBER 2016

The Chairman advised that he attended the Remembrance Sunday Service, Festive Market and the community transport hub meeting.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman's actions be noted.

16/157 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEEING OF COUNCIL HELD 17th OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17th October 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

16/158 POLICE ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed CBM Dave Huxley to the meeting.

1. Patrols will continue in the area.
2. Community Speed Watch – Dave reminded members of Council they should visit the Force’s website <http://www.north-wales.police.uk/recruitment/volunteers/community-speed-watch.aspx> where they will find an application form as well as details of the scheme.

Dave will contact the Clerk to provide an update.
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 - this will continue to be monitored.
6. The County Councillor had requested a police/resident meeting to be organised. The meeting will be held at the school on 28th November 2016 4pm to 6pm.
7. 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.
8. Vandalism at St. Bartholomew’s Church - Portaloo was pushed over.
9. Council’s CCTV – Dave advised that the Council’s CCTYV 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.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

16/159 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Additional Waiting Restrictions –Farm Road

The County Councillor advised that the criteria required to provide parking permit arrangements has not been met as the highway is too narrow.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Welsh Road Recreation Field / Deeside Lane – Dogs

Wayne Jones previously advised that he will ask Leisure Services again for additional signs that ask dog owners to keep their dogs on leads and to clean up after them.

It was reported that the popular time for dog walking is around 7.30pm

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.

c) 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.

The Council Councillor advised that the County Council’s Legal Department are dealing with this

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones be asked if he could ascertain which organisation is responsible for maintaining the former railway bridge on Green Lane East.

e) Blocked Gullies - Near to 32 Sandy Lane

Wayne Jones had previously advised he will check the gullies at this location.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

f) 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 Clerk should request a site meeting with NMWTRA.

g) Planning Enforcement Issues at the Owl – Manor Road

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred.

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

The County Councillor advised that the legal process has started to action the project.

The Clerk advised that the Council's contribution to the project will be £1600. Council can contribute to any expenses incurred or to be incurred in constructing, removing or maintaining the yellow line scheme, in accordance with section 274A of the Highways Act 1980

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

i) 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.

j) Vehicle Pollution

The County Councillor advised vehicle pollution is being monitored across Sealand.

RESOLVED – that David L. Jones at Public Protection be asked to provide details of the information gathered from the vehicle pollution monitoring across Sealand.

k) 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.

The Chairman will check.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

RESOLVED – that this be referred to Wayne Jones for attention.

16/160 LIGHTING MATTERS

a) Street Lighting Report

Lights not working – 56 and 59 Manor Road.

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.

Total cost - £18,000

Work has still not been completed.

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.

16/161 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1971
PAYMENT OF GRANTS

The Clerk advised that the Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the S137 Expenditure Limit for the purpose of Section137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the calculation of the Free Resource Base is based on the local population taken from the current electoral role of 1964 and £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.

16/162 GRANT REQUESTS

- a) **Dementia Cafe**
- b) **Leprechaun Monday Club**

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

Councillors Mrs. Chris Jones, Alex Lewis and David Wisinger declared an interest with regards to 16/162 a)

16/163 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

056075 - Listed Building application for the demolition of 2no. buildings (Laboratory/Office and Garage/Workshop) at Former Corus Office Shotton Point, Shotton, Deeside, CH5 1PY

056142 - display of 5no. fascia signs on new warehouse, 1no. post sign and 1no. totem sign at Land side of (east) Unit 47 Site D First Avenue, Deeside Industrial Estate, Deeside, CH5 2NU.

056159 - Display of site marketing 'billboard' hoarding at RAF Sealand Support Unit, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2RD

056162 - Construction of additional car parking on land adjacent to Unit 18 Drome Road at land side of 18-19 Drome Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NY

RESOLVED: - that -

- a) no objections be raised in respect of the above planning application 056142, 056159 and 056162.
- b) objections be raised regarding 056075 on the grounds that that there is a preservation order on the existing buildings – the buildings are part of the Sealand heritage.

16/164 PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNCIL WEB SITE

The Clerk reminded Council that at the previous meeting Council agreed to request JOLORA to make improvements to the Council's web site. The quotation from JOLORA for £640 was accepted and that £320 be authorised for payment before the work is started.

The Clerk advised that the work will be completed by 30th November 2016.

RESOLVED -

16/165 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 10th October to 9th November £10 will be deducted on or after 9th December 2016.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003010	St. Bartholomew's Church	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£390.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003011	Sealand Primary School	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£120.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003012	Garden City Pensioners Club	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£120.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003013	Sealand Happy Group	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£120.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003014	Calendar Girls Bingo	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£25.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003015	Dementia Cafe	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£25.00			Ancillary Power' Local Government Act 1972 Section 11
003016	P. Richmond	Salary – October 2016	£630.98			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003017	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – October 2016	£242.80			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003018	Leprechaun Monday Club	Grant	£150.00			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137)
003019	Dementia Cafe	Grant	£150.00			Local Govt Act 1971 (S137)
Total Spend			£1,973.78			

16/166 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank – Interest	£2.38
Zurich Insurance – Premium Refund	£118.30
Total	£120.68

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

16/167 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 1st 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.

16/168 LAND DRAINAGE ISSUES

Neil Parry gave a detailed update of the Sealand drainage issues. Neil advised that he will be sending an update to Council which will be circulated to members of council.

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.

16/169 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from –

- a) Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding the Town and Community Council Elections 2017

Estimated costs for Sealand for a contested election is £4500 and this will need to be included in the precept calculation for the 2017/18 financial year.

- b) Sealand Happy Group – Letter of thanks for the Council grant of £150.00

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

16/170 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 003017 -

2016/17

Financial Year

Income

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
General Admin Inc. Precept.	£38,000.00	£57,000.00	-£19,000.00
Bank Interest	£13.58	£20.00	-£6.42
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
Total	£39,232.91	£58,870.00	-£19,637.09

Expenditure

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Play Areas	£2,840.00	£11,000.00	£8,160.00
Staffing Costs	£6,183.72	£9,049.00	£2,865.28
General Admin Costs	£3,886.58	£4,005.00	£118.42
S137 Grants	£1,925.00	£3,500.00	£1,575.00
Bank Charges	£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00
Street Lighting	£4,151.40	£25,850.00	£21,698.60
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
Total	£23,287.37	£60,304.00	£37,016.53

Current
Summary

Balance as at 31 March 2016	£42,277.72
Total Expenditure	£23,287.37
Total Income	£39,232.91
Balance	£15,945.54
Overall balance as at 21st November 2016	£58,223.26
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
Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31st March 2017	£40,843.72

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

16/171 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Chair and Councillor Joan Keith advised on the recent meeting held at Sealand. Further information is now awaited.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

16/172 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – 2016

It was agreed that the service was well attended and very well organised.

RESOLVED – that it be agreed that the 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 to contact Councillor John Griffiths requesting him to contact Councillor Barbara Hinds to arrange for them to be taken to the church.

16/173 ST. BARTHOLOMEW’ S CHURCH

The Clerk reminded Council that the St Bart's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 20th 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.

16/174 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- Perimeter fence still needs to be repaired - Sealand Manor (Wayne Jones has contacted the Shooting School).
- Clarification that for the 2017 community council elections the two wards have been ended and that there will be 13 councillors.

16/175 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Need for progress regarding the noise levels produced by the Ferry Lane Footbridge.

Need for a section of Perspex to be fitted to the Ferry Lane Notice Board

Need for the Ferry Lane ditches to be cleaned.

16/176 DISTRBUTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND MINUTES

RESOLVED – that agenda be posted to members of Council and emailed to members of Council and leads for Sealand Resident Association’s only and not members of the public. The later can obtain these from the Council’s web site.

16/177 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 12th DECEMBER 2016 – start at 6pm. (to include the calculation of the 2017/18 Annual Precept)

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

16/178 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Member	Item	Minute Reference
Councillor Mrs Chris Jones	Grant Request -Dementia Cafe	16/162(a)
Councillor Alex Lewis	Grant Request -Dementia Cafe	16/162(a)
Councillor David Wisinger	Grant Request -Dementia Cafe	16/162(a)

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and closed at 8.25pm

..... Signed 12th December 2016