SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st MARCH 2016 AT THE SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

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

15/251 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Wayne Morris and Mrs. Shelley Webber.

RESOLVED – that apologies be received and accepted

15/252 <u>CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION</u>

RESOLVED – that it be noted that no declarations were made to Council at the beginning of the meeting in respect of the agenda.

15/253 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

15/254 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 8th FEBRUARY 2016

The Chairman advised that he had attended the County Council's Chairman's Ball at the Beaufort Hotel on Friday 18th March 2016.

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

- £120 Cost of refreshments Remembrance Sunday Service.
- £120 Cost of refreshments Christmas Carol Service.
- £50 Waverton Handbells Christmas Carol Service.
- £150 St. Bartholomew's Church
- £120 Garden City Pensioners Club
- £120 Sealand Primary School
- £120 Sealand Happy Group

Total - £800

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

15/255 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 8th FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 8th February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

15/256 <u>COUNCIL'S CHAIN / BADGE OF OFFICE</u>

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

Councillor John Dodd brought the Council's original chain of office to the meeting. The chain had been placed into a wooden display cabinet made by former Councillor Jack Harty.

RESOLVED - that the -

- i) report be noted.
- ii) original chain be put on display at the Sealand Primary School.

15/257 POLICE ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed PC Martin Price 229 and CPO Dave Huxley 2598 to the meeting.

- 1 Patrols have been continuing in the area.
- 2 Martin outlined further his proposals for the use of the Sealand Youth Club during the summer holidays for 4 weeks Monday and Thursday evenings 25th July to 19th August 2016 together with possible events on completion of the 4 weeks. Council requested a formal request for funding from the Sealand Youth Centre together with a copy of the Centre's most recent bank statement.
- 3 Community Speed Watch the Councillors who volunteered will shortly be contacted by Martin.
- 4- Concern about the fact some vehicles using the corner café are parking on Foxes Lane and preventing the bus from getting thorough to Sealand Manor. Martin has now investigated.
- 5 Kingsley Road Play Area Vandalism. Police investigation on going.
- 6 Farm Road / Brookside Mercedes estate with low suspension being driven at speed. Police will investigate.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted.

15/258 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Litter Bins and Benches – Sealand Manor Recreation Field

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

RESOLVED – that report be noted.

b) Additional Waiting Restrictions –Foxes Lane

The Clerk advised that he has been advised by Wayne Jones that Claire Parry the County Council's Road Safety Officer that she has completed the TRO assessment for the Foxes Lane and it is now placed on the priority TRO list. The TRO list is looked at around October / November time and the top 3 high scoring assessments will go forward for an order to be made for the scheme.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

c) Welsh Road Recreation Field - Gate(s)

The County Councillor advised that gates will be installed on completion of the provision of the new multi-use games area.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

e) Bridleway - Green Lane East and West - Pot Holes

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

The Clerk will email Steve Bartley requesting a progress report.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

f) Sealand Road / Cottage Garage – Mud on the Road.

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

g) Sealand Road – Access to fields – Planning Enforcement.

RESOLVED – that the Planning Enforcement Officer be asked to check on the status of the field accesses along Sealand Road in order to clarify any planning enforcement issues.

h) Concern about Ditches – Seahill Road

Councillor Mike Walker advised that he will shortly be walking the ditches with Neil Parry in order to point out the various blockages.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

i) Blocked Grids – Seahill Road

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

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

Councillor John Dodd advised that he will contact Neil Parry.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

l) Water Leaking from Walls – Foxes Lane Underpass

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

Wayne Jones advised that he will contact NMWTRA requesting a progress report.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

m) Sandycroft Recycling Centre

RESOLVED - that the Clerk should contact Ruth Cartwright to obtain details of the Sandycroft Recycling Centre and for the information to be added to the Council's web site.

n) Planning Enforcement Issues at the Owl – Manor Road

RESOLVED – that a further email be sent to the Planning Enforcement Officer concerning the issues raised about this site -

- alleged persons sleeping in caravans.
- alleged persons urinating into
- large lorries turning into The Owl / cars obstructing their turning movement

15/259 LIGHTING MATTERS

a) Street Lighting Report

Of the 128 columns / 124 lights are working – 4 lights are not working – 91 and 92 at Sealand Avenue and 26 at Manor Road and 127 at Cedar Close.

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

The Clerk advised that with effect from 1st April 2016 the Council will have 120 columns a copy of the updated lighting inventory has been emailed to Darell Jones – Flintshire County Council and members of Council.

Copies were given to those Councillors not on email.

Council's 2016/17 lighting charges for energy, repairs and maintenance will be based on 120.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Lighting Improvements – 2016/17

Following the February 2016 meeting of Council Darell Jones – Flintshire County Council be asked to submit a quotation for the replacement and adoption of the following lights - Sealand Avenue Columns 91, 92 and 95 - Manor Road – 28, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 37.

This will reduce the Council's lighting stock to 111.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/260 <u>SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1971</u> 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 £6.50 per head produces an upper limit of £12,766

Allocation for the 2015/16 financial year is £2000. £2,150 has been paid out.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/261 GRANT REQUESTS

a) RainbowBiz Limited

The Clerk advised that a grant request has been received from RainbowBiz Limited. RainbowBiz Limited is a registered not for profit social enterprise working in the local community on various volunteer run projects. One of these is Flintshire Flicks, a community cinema. They have all their own equipment, which means they are completely mobile and can provide community cinema in any venue. Their website is www.flintshireflicks.org.uk and there is also a facebook page https://www.facebook.com/flintshireflicks/

They looking at options to provide a community cinema in St Andrews Community Hub for the local people of Garden City / Sealand to attend. As costs are quite considerable they are asking whether Sealand Community Council would be able to offer funding in order to support two screenings at the Hub in order to try and attract an audience with a view to becoming sustainable and putting on regular screenings once a month.

RainbowBiz Limited have secured two free at St Andrews Community Hub - Grant request is £317.80.

RESOLVED: - that the RainbowBiz Limited be advised that Council will make a contribution of £150 and also advised that Council requires confirmation that the proposed plans will go ahead including dates – then Council will make payment.

b) Freestyle Karate Kai UK

RESOLVED – that Mick Golden Senior Instructor be advised that Council will consider his grant request on receipt of the his organisations most recent bank statement – original copy that details the name of the organisation.

c) Calendar Girls Bingo

RESOLVED - that the request be considered at the April 2016 meeting of Council.

d) Deeside Community Hospital League of Friends

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 Deeside Community Hospital League of Friends which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants

15/262 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that the following planning applications had been received electronically from Flintshire County Council since the meeting of Council held on 8th February 2016.

054962 - Removal of condition no. 25 attached to planning permission ref: 051772 at Deeside Solar Park - land north Weighbridge Road, Sealand, Deeside. Flintshire.

054985 - Construction and operation of 16MW embedded Short Term Operating Reserve and Peak Power(STOR) generating plan within a bespoke building and ancillary equipment and access at land off Weighbridge Lane, Shotton.

RESOLVED: - that no objections be raised in respect of 054962 and 054985.

15/263 <u>NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u>

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

051107- Variation of condition no.1 attached to planning permission 043041 to extend the time period for commencement of development for a further two years at Smithy Garage, Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside. CH5 2LQ. Decision Type: Withdrawn. Decision Date: 8 March 2016.

054488- Reserved matters application for phase 1 of the highway works and associated infrastructure works following outline approval 049320for a mixed use development and associated infrastructure at RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2RD. Decision Type: Approved. Decision Date: 1 March 2016. Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

054513- Erection of 21no. dwellings including 15no. 2 bed apartments and 6no. 1 bed apartments at land side of Gateway to Wales Hotel, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2HX. Decision Type: Approved. Decision Date: 26 February 2016. Determination Level: Committee.

054516 - Outline application for the residential redevelopment of the former filling station, for 6no. dwellings at Smithy Garage, Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LQ. Decision Type: Withdrawn. Decision Date: 11th February 2016. Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

054767- Extension to existing roof and alterations at 14 Welsh Road, Garden City. Deeside. Flintshire, CH5 2RA. Decision Type: Refused. Decision Date: 16 February 2016. Determination Level: Delegated-Officer.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

15/264 <u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u>

RESOLVED:- that the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.

	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code
Cheque No	·				
002955	P. Richmond	Salary – March 2016	£637.04		
002956	HM Revenues and Customs Only	Income Tax – PR – March 2016	£235.20		
002957	Garden City Pensioners Club	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£120.00		
002958	Sealand Primary School	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£120.00		
002959	Sealand Happy Group	Payment from the Chairman's Fund	£614.40		
002960	Information Commissioner	Annual Renewal for Data Protection Registration	£35.00		
002961	Flintshire County Council	New Play Equipment at Sealand Manor Matched Funding Project	£5000.00		
002962	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Charges - February 2016	£541.90		
002963	Deeside Community Hospital League of Friends	Grant	£150.00		
Total Spend			£7,453.54	£0.00	

15/265 **INCOME**

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank – Interest £1.98

£2.04

Total £4.02

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

15/266 <u>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER</u>

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

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/267 SEALAND FLOOD PLAIN

The Clerk advised that a meeting has been arranged with two officers attending from Natural Resource Wales on 18th April 2016 at 5.30pm. The meeting is for members of Council only.

With regard to Carl Sargeant Council has been advised that Carl can attend the meeting on 18th April but Council has to recognise that he will actually only be an election candidate. As of the 5th of April he is in campaign proper so he ceases to be an Assembly Member until the election results are known.

The Clerk advised that he consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair and it was agreed that Carl should not attend the meeting.

NRW will be represented by Keith Ivens and Richard Weston.

NRW have requested Council submits its questions ahead of the meeting and that the Clerk will liaise with members of council regarding the questions and that these will be sent to the NRW on 5th April 2016.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

Councillor Mike Walker left the meeting at 7.45pm

15/268 LLOYDS BANK CHARGES

The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank have advised that Councils Business Account is moving from 10th May 2016 to a new Business Current Account.

A summary of the new account charges are –

- £5 monthly account fee
- Free electronic payments in and out
- Free cash payments in and out
- Free cheques in and out

RESOLVED – that the changes as outlined by the Clerk be noted

15/269 <u>LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN SEALAND COMMUNITY</u> COUNCIL AND JDH BUSINESS SERVICES LTD FOR CONTINUING INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Clerk outlined the purpose of the letter which is to acknowledge that the Council has reviewed its Internal Audit arrangements at its meeting held on 21st March 2016 and wishes to continue with using the services of JDH Business Services Ltd, an arrangement which has been in place since 2005. The Council in making this decision is mindful of the professional approach and expertise in audit matters by the company and the helpful and timely way it carries out this function. It is confirmed that the company is entirely independent of Sealand Community Council and has never been used for any professional service other than the annual internal audit.

RESOLVED - that -

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) the letter of engagement be approved and for it to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and sent to JDH Business Services Ltd.

15/270 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk outlined expenditure and income for the 2015/16 financial year up to cheque number 002962.

The Clerk also outlined estimated expenditure and income as agreed at the recent Annual Finance Meeting.

<u>2015/16</u>					7.100
Financial Year		£57,220.00		Anticipated	Difference
Income	General Admin Inc. Precept.		20.00	£57,000.00	£220.00
	Bank Interest	£19.2	6	£20.00	-£0.74
	Insurance Claims / Refunds VAT Refund		5	£0.00	£37.65
			08	£900.00	£4.08
	Milk Claims	£490.	07	£500.00	-£9.93
	Total	£58,6	71.06	£58,420.00	£251.06
		Actual		Anticipated	Difference
Expenditure	Play Areas	£7,840.00		£8,000.00	£160.00
	Staffing Costs		8.20	£9,049.00	£0.20
	General Admin Costs		2.10	£4,130.00	-£92.10
	S137 Grants		0.00	£2,000.00	-£150.00
	CCTV		7.20	£4,000.00	£92.80
	Street Lighting	£26,337.79 £0.00 £2,356.02 £2,358.15 £800.00 £59,020.06		£26,700.00	£362.21
	Street Furniture Repairs			£500.00	£500.00
	Insurances			£2,500.00	£143.98
	Milk			£3,200.00	£841.85
	Chairman's Fund			£800.00	£0.00
	Total			£60,879.00	£1,858.94
Current Summary	Balance as at 31 March 2015		72.74		
•	Total Expenditure	£59,020.06			
	Total Income	£58,671.06 -£346.90			
	Balance				
	Overall balance as at 21 st March 2016		25.98		
	VAT Costs for 2015/16 financial		47		
End of Year	year		T /		
Prediction	Balance as at 31 March 2015		£42,77	2.74	
	Total Anticipated Expenditure		£60,87		
	Total Anticipated Income		£58,42		
	Anticipated Balance for the year		-£2,459	Đ.00	
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	Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31 st March 2016			3.74	
					

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

15/271 <u>VIBRANT AND VIABLE PLACES – LANDSCAPING SCHEME – GARDEN CITY</u>

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

15/272 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that -

The Chief Planning Officer had advised on 11th February 2016 that the following planning applications would be considered at the Planning and Development Control Committee on 24th February 2016 at 12.00 at the Council Chamber, Mold. Members of Council were advised by email on 13th February 2016.

053686 - Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, access tracks, security fencing and cameras at Land east of Deeside Lane, Sealand, Flintshire. CH1 6BQ.

053687 - Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, access tracks, security fencing and cameras at Land opposite Kingston Lane Manor Farm, Deeside Lane, Sealand. CH1 6BP

054513 - Erection of 21no. dwellings including 15no. 2 bed apartments and 6no. 1 bed apartments at land side of Gateway to Wales Hotel, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2HX

054516 - Outline application for the residential redevelopment of the former filling station, for 6no. dwellings at Smithy Garage, Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LQ

Stuart Jones - Rights Of Way Officer advised on 3^{rd} March 2016 - Members of Council were advised by email on 3^{rd} March 2016 that the cycletrack underneath Hawarden Railway Bridge is prone to flooding during high tide and after heavy rainfall, forcing users to walk on the existing embankment and underneath another arch on the bridge.

The County have identified improvements along the existing flood defence where Public Footpath No. 8 currently runs and we will be creating a new route underneath the 2nd arch of Hawarden Railway Bridge, which will provide an alternative for all users when the existing track is flooded.

Tom Woodall Head of Countryside Services has managed to secure external funding from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and they now have received consent from NRW for the permanent works. Stuart has liaised with Tom and Adam Foley (Streetscene) and they have a contractor ready to start the works on Monday 7th March.

The works were expected to last for approximately 14 days and a small section of the cycletrack will need to be closed during this time to move material from the works compound (see map provided.) There are several alternative routes in the vicinity to accommodate all users. The council wishes to ensure that there is minimal disruption to the public while this essential work is undertaken.

The Clerk advised that the report and map had been added to the news section on the Council's web site.

Karen Jones, Flintshire Optec Japanese Youth Exchange Coordinator, Flintshire Optec Youth Exchange Trust - Request for Help in Provision of Activities, Events & Workshops advised Council on 3rd March 2016 that she is the new Flintshire Optec Japanese Youth Exchange Coordinator and will be taking over from Beth Ditson who will be leaving the Council at the end of March. Members of Council were advised by email on 3rd March 2016.

Over the past 20 years the Japanese Towns and Communities have taken a very active part in arranging events and workshops for the Flintshire students to participate in. They have benefited culturally and educationally from this. It would be wonderful if Flintshire Town and Communities could take a more active part to enrich the Exchange by providing workshops, craft learning experiences, hosting visits to the wonderful places we have in Flintshire (Churches, Castles, Parks, etc.). Karen also provided a letter outlining the project in full – this was also emailed to members of Council on 3rd March 2016.

Margaret Parry-Jones, Environment & Social Care Facilitator regarding Dog Fouling advised Council on 11th March 2016. Members of Council were advised by email on 11th March 2016.

Following upon the successful introduction of a notion of motion to Flintshire County Council a Task and Finish Group has been set up by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to gather further evidence with regard to Dog Fouling.

The Task and Finish Group would greatly appreciate any feedback with regards to problems with dog fouling in your area and your initial thoughts regarding initiatives such as the one introduced in Barking and Dagenham where a pilot is currently being undertaken with the introduction of a Dog DNA Registration Scheme.

A brief description of the project was outlined.

Jennifer Watson, Church Warden, St Bartholomew's Church advised Council on 11th March 2016 about the Service of Thanksgiving at 4pm on Sunday 12th June 2016. Members of Council were advised by email on 11th March 2016.

St Bart's heritage will take place on 10th to 12th June 2016 commemorating 100 years since the Royal Flying Corps arrived in Sealand. To round this year's event off we are holding a Service of Thanksgiving at 4pm on Sunday 12th June to which we would like to ask the local dignitaries including Lord Lt, AM, MP and Euro Rep and Barry Jones. Jennifer understands that they are keen to support community / heritage initiatives especially when they involve

the war effort. Needless to say if the Sealand Community Council wants to get involved in the Service and its guest list let me know.

Chief Officer - Planning and the Environment – Planning and Development Control Committee Meeting – 23^{rd} March 2016 Council Chamber, Mold – 1pm – concerning :-

053686 - Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, access tracks, securing fencing and cameras at Land east of Deeside Lane, Sealand. CH1 6BQ.

053687 - Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, access tracks, securing fencing and cameras at Land opposite Kingston Lane Manor Farm, Deeside Lane, Sealand. CH1 6BP.

15/273 ANNUAL RETURN - 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk circulated a report that highlighted the processes required for the completion of the Annual Return -2015/16

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

15/274 <u>MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL</u>

- Perimeter fence still needs to be repaired Sealand Manor (Wayne Jones has contacted the Shooting School).
- Councillor Mike Walker to repair the notice board at Ferry Lane.

15/275 <u>MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>

No matters were raised

15/276 <u>DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 18th APRIL 2016 – start at</u> 6.30pm.

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

15/ 277 <u>IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S</u> <u>CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u>

Member	Item	Minute	Minute Reference		
The meeting opened at 6.30	pm and closed at 8.55pm				
		Signed 18 th	April	2016	