

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JULY 2021 at ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillors Norman Jones (Chair), Ashley Griffiths, Bob James, Chris Jones (County Councillor), Alex Lewis, Mary Southall, Mike Walker, Brian Ward and David Wisinger (Vice-Chair). Mikael Khan in attendance via phone conference link.

Peter Richmond: Clerk and Financial Officer
Paul Edwards - StreetScene
Two members of the public

21/61 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC – OPEN FORUM

Concern was expressed by a Hawthorn View resident about the major problems being experienced as a result of the nearby residential developments at the Northern Gateway Airfields Site - drainage / flooding issues, nearness of new properties to existing properties, height of the new properties, hours of operation, noise levels and dust.

The Clerk outlined his report – refer to Minute 21/84

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

21/62 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother and Barbara Hinds

21/63 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

21/64 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 21st JUNE 2021

The Chair reported that he had no actions to advise on.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/65 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JUNE 2021

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 21st June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

21/66 REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED – that all meetings in 2021 be held at St. Bartholomew's Church.

21/67 CHAIR'S FUND 2021/22

The Clerk reminded Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2021/22 financial year

is £800.00. Payments being made under expenditure powers - Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11).

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/68 POLICE ISSUES

Community Speed Watch – Sealand Avenue, Welsh Road and Sealand Road

John Morris, North Wales Police advised that the Council should consider the purchase of a PR 1000 Hand Held Radar Gun from RT Roadside Technologies Ltd. The Clerk had investigated and obtained details – Cost £242.24 inc delivery and VAT.

Expenditure being under Power of Wellbeing 2000. Expenditure to go against Council's S137 limit.

John Morris was asked on 22nd June 2021 if he could take the police traffic van down to Amazon to monitor the traffic ignoring the no right turn onto the B5441. John advised on 22nd June 2021 that he had referred the request to the Sergeant in charge of the unit.

RESOLVED – a PR 1000 Hand Held Radar Gun be ordered from RT Roadside Technologies Ltd

Sealand – Police walkabout in the area – Date to be Rearranged.

Constable Scott Noble 2884 advised on 8th June 2021 that second “grab a gripe” for Sealand/Garden City has been arranged for 1st July 2021. Scott asked the Clerk to advise all members of Council and for them to advise Scott if they wish to attend and to outline their preferred area to walk around. This was actioned on 8th June 2021. Scott has now advised that the date will need to be rearranged.

On 19th July 2021 Scott emailed Council regarding the new community messaging service - North Wales Community Alert. This will enable the councillors to be up to date with local policing news following the launch of our new service. North Wales Community Alert is a messaging service for people who live and work in North Wales to help our communities to stay informed and up to date with news, alerts, appeals, engagement events and general policing activities from your local police teams. By being a member, you will also have the opportunity to provide feedback to your local neighbourhood police team on the issues that matter most to you, helping us to work together to make North Wales the safest place in the UK. Registration is completely free, quick and simple.

The Police will use this in Flintshire North along with social media and want to push our online engagement.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/69 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

a) Underpass - Foxes Lane

RESOLVED – that Paul Edwards will inspect the underpass regarding the reported weeds and need to clean the sides of the underpass.

b) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell be asked to provide a progress report.

c) Car Sales – Sealand Road / St. Bartholomew’s Court – PA 061235

The County Councillor received an email on 6th July 2021 from Eden Planning advising application 061235 at the Former Smithy Garage, Sealand Road, Deeside, CH5 2LQ has been transferred to us from Mark Harris due to the extensive workload that is being experienced at Flintshire County Council. We have been in contact with the Pollution Officer who has previously undertaken night visits at the site. They have informed us that one lumina was adjusted after advice however further complaints have been made. The applicant has since submitted a number of amendments for the proposal which are being assessed accordingly.

We appreciate that the delays and the impact of the existing floodlights are frustrating and wish to confirm that we are assessing the application. Our recommendation report will provide an assessment of the lighting and will include a condition to restrict the hours/levels of lighting from the floodlights

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

d) Deeside Lane

RESOLVED – that the item be deferred.

e) Car Park – Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy)

RESOLVED – that a progress report be requested from Ian Bushell

f) Safer Routes in the Community’s bids – Ferry Lane – 30 mph

Wayne Jones contacted Richard Flood on 25th February 2021 regarding Ferry Lane and safer routes funding for a footpath to be installed. Wayne has previously put this forward as a scheme as the road is joining up two cycle networks and there are a lot of caravan and camping visitors to that area. Following the April 2021 meeting a progress report was requested from Anthony Stanford and a reminder has also been sent.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

g) Dandy’s Top Soil – Sealand Road

On 7th July Mandy Lewis, Development Manager confirmed that their consultants have undertaken investigations. She will now ask the officers to provide a progress report on the matter.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

h) Sealand Ditches

Deferred pending further updates.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

i) Matched Funding Scheme – 2021/22 – Play Equipment

Richard Roberts, Aura's Play Design Officer advised on 7th June 2021 that the deadline for the Match Funding expressions of interest has now expired, so they are collating all the responses and in due course an expenditure code will be set up. Richard will chase this up and he is aware of how important the proposed Sealand Community Council match funded scheme is.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

k) Vehicle being driven on to grass verge at Meadow View, Sealand Manor

Clara Owen, Neighbourhood Housing Officer advised on 19th July 2021 that Capital Works and said that the scheme has been earmarked for this financial year. They cannot give a date yet so it could be anytime between September 2021 and March 2022.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

l) Chelsea Lime Tree - Old Sealand Road – Tree Preservation Order

Stuart Body has been asked if he will be carrying out further checks on this particular tree. A reminder was sent on 15th July 2021.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

m) Children's Play Areas - Need to improve signage – No Dogs

Paul Edwards advised on 22nd June 2021 that he has forwarded Council's email dated 22nd June 2021 to Environmental Crime team regarding monitoring and possibly new signage and to look at the restrictions on these areas. He agrees that this has been going on a long time. He has sent a number of emails to date regarding enforcement officers monitoring the areas. Paul advised on 15th July 2021 that he will chase up Council's request,

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

n) Parking Complaints / Speed Limit Review – B5441 – Amantola

Paul Edwards advised that he will raise Council's safety concerns with Ian Bushell regarding traffic leaving the Airfields site/road using the designated bus lane and whether it would it possible to have a site meeting with relevant officers to discuss what possible improvements could be done to prevent this ongoing issue.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

p) Safer Routes to School – Garden City – Sealand Primary School

Katie Wilby Chief Officer (StreetScene and Transportation) advised on 22nd June 2021 that she will ask Anthony Stanford, Transport Manager to provide an update. A reminder was sent on 15th July 2021.

RESOLVED – that Katie Wilby be asked to provide a progress report.

q) Land to the east of Sealand Manor – Infilling of Drainage Ditches

Neil Parry previously advised that he will shortly meet with Councillor Mary Southall concerning the drainage ditches. A reminder has been sent to Neil.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

r) Sealand Road – Speed Limit Change Point 50 to 40 mph

Ian Bushell has advised that Technical Officers have reviewed the speed limit signs at the location as described below and the situation can be improved with additional 40mph repeaters. These will shortly be installed.

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell be asked to submit a progress report.

s) Pot Holes – Foxes Lane

Paul Edwards advised that he will inspect the highway surface to determine the repairs that are required.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

t) 10 West Green - Sealand Manor

RESOLVED – that Neil Cockerton be advised that the owner occupier of the said property has removed the grass from the area in front of the property and is now parking two vehicles on the site and requested to have the matter investigated as a matter of urgency.

u) Parking of Vehicles on Foxes Lane near to Welsh Road

RESOLVED that Paul Edwards should advise Environment Services about Council's safety concerns regarding the ongoing issue of vehicles parking on double yellow lines at the Welsh Road end of Foxes Lane and to request that an officer should monitor the area.

21/69 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

All of the Council's 69 street lights are working. The lighting stock reduces to 59 on 1st April 2022 with the replacement and adoption of 10 columns in 2021/22.

It was originally decided to replace 138 to 140, 154 to 157 and 160 to 162 – 10 in total – Riverside Park / Stoneleigh Close. Cost per column being £2,150.00 – total cost £21,500.00. The County asked if they could replace the 10 columns most in need to replacement at Riverside Park. This was agreed

by the Clerk. On 16th July 2021 4 new columns have been installed and the remaining 6 will be installed and working by 25th July 2021. The columns being 141 to 143, 145, 148 to 153.

That leaves 14 columns at Riverside Park to be replaced and adopted over the next two financial years.

The Council's remaining street lights are at Cedar Avenue, Deeside Lane(unadopted), Ferry Lane, Hawthorn View, Manor Road (unadopted section), Riverside Park, Station Cottages (unadopted) and Villa Road.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/70 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – PAYMENT OF GRANTS

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes

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.

The amount per elector is £8.41 and this applies to the 2021/22 financial year. The most recent electoral role from Flintshire County Council at December 2020 indicates a total of 2152 (Sealand East 874 and Sealand West 1278). The amount per elector of £8.41 produces a total of £18,098.32

Allocated spend in 2021/2 is Section 137 grants of £2,200 and for school milk £2,000.

The expenditure on free school milk comes under well-being (Local Government Act 2000, Sections (1-5) – this power is again restricted again by the S137 limit £8.41 for 2021/22.

There haven't been any Section 137 payments so far in the 2021/22 financial year.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/71 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised on the planning applications have been received from Flintshire County Council.

PA Number	Application details	Location
062629	Siting of container	Dara Sealand, Marsh Farm Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2LS
062632	Siting of portacabin	Dara Sealand, Marsh Farm Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2LS

062863	Proposed Development consisting of 4 No. Class E(a) and E(b) food and retail units and associated car parking and signage	Former Gateway to Wales Hotel, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2HX
063035	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (061125)	RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RD
063101	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (061125)	RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RD
063107	Erection of a single storey side extension to provide two bedrooms	12 Villa Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RL
063175	Extensions and alterations together with additional supplementary buildings	Unit 170, Parkway, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NS

RESOLVED – that –

- i) no objections be raised in respect of planning applications 062629, 062632, 063035, 063101, 063107 and 063175.
- ii) objections be raised in respect of PA 062863 - Council noted that whilst the proposed retail outlets would add to the local facilities Council raises objections in respect of 062863 on the grounds that the proposal will increase traffic flows leading to potential road safety problems with its nearness to the traffic roundabout and bus stop. The entrance to the site is of course the same entrance as used by the former Gateway to Wales Hotel, however, there is now more traffic using this roundabout than in the past. The expanding local developments including the new Amazon distribution centre, the significant new housing developments will add further to these traffic flows. The proposed development potentially may cause traffic queues that could prove a danger to traffic leaving the dual carriageway to enter Welsh Road. Added to this is the nearby bus stop. Council urges that consideration should be given to improving the current entrance and exit for the proposed site if this development is to go ahead.

21/72 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The internal auditor on 22nd April 2021 advised that the amount on the Clerk's PAYE can be reduced by £312 pa in respect of the HMRC home working tax allowance. The 2020/21 PAYE amount has therefore been reduced from £11,690 to £11,378.

RESOLVED: - that

- i) the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) it be noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the recent periods are £7.00 per month with an additional charge of £0.85 per cheque is £12.95 – 7 cheques x £0.85 = £5.95 and for the most recent period £12.10 – 6 cheques x £0.85 = £5.10

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003434	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights Repairs at Ferry Lane	£146.05			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003435	P. Richmond	Salary etc. July 2021	£701.80			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003436	HMRC	July 2021 Income Tax PR £379.20 and Employers NI £29.14	£408.34			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003437	P. Richmond	Salary etc. August 2021	£594.95			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003438	HMRC	August 2021 Income Tax PR £379.20 and Employers NI £29.14	£408.34			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003439	St. Bartholomew's Church Council	Rental Charge meeting in June 2021	£36.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S150)
003440	RT Roadside Technologies Ltd	PR1000 Hand Held Radar Gun	£242.34	£40.39	209005740	Power of Wellbeing 2000-Section 137
Total Spend			£2,537.82	£40.39		

21/73 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest payments	£0.39 and £0.37
Total		£0.76

RESOLVED – that the income be noted.

21/74 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that all correspondence had been emailed to members of council which did not need reporting at the meeting.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/75 FRIENDS OF SEALAND – FIGTREE PROJECT – ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Jennifer Watson Church Warden has advised that they are working out the calendar of events. Remembrance Sunday falls on 14th November 2021. And they are pencilling in a Celebration of Christmas for Thursday 16th December 2021. Jennifer has asked whether Council wished to be involved. Traditionally the Remembrance Service has started at 10.30am in the church. The service

takes about 45 - 50 mins dependant on wreath laying numbers. The Christmas Celebration usually starts at 7.30pm and lasts about 1.5 hours.

The Council will need to order 4 wreaths from Colin Sargeant – Council, Royal British Legion, Merchant Navy and St. Bartholomew's Church.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/76 PROPOSED FLINTSHIRE COUNTY SUMMER PLAYScheme 2021 - TO FLINTSHIRE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Janet Roberts on 7th July 2021 provided the links to the information and online registration for this summer's playscheme and Buddy scheme for children with disabilities.

To confirm for your Council that all Covid 19 safety measures are in place:

Pre-registration for all children is essential – Online registration is open. Within this parent and carers have to sign to agree to a COVID 19 declaration, applicable to the playscheme.

Janet is the main point of contact for all communication with regard to COVID 19 from staff or members of the public and I will report directly to TTP. (Test, Trace and Protect). The whole team will undertake Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) twice weekly from training week W/C 11th July.

All team members and any trainers, will provide a declaration with regard to COVID 19 in advance of any attendance. (Attached FYI). The whole team will be first-aid trained. – With added training for dealing with a Covid emergency on site.

Flintshire County Council Health and Safety advisors will deliver a full-days bespoke training for the team.

The team will also have undertaken an enhanced DBS and reference check before employment.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS(WALES) ACT 2021

The Act changes the electoral cycle of principal councils and community councils from four to five-year terms. This would bring local government elections into line with the five-year terms for the UK Parliament (as set in the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011) and for the Assembly in GoWA 2006.

The electronic publication of documents extends to include making available key information as soon as reasonably practicable, and within seven working days of the community council meeting taking place, and must include: the names of members who attended; apologies for absence; declarations of interest; any decisions taken and the outcome of any votes. This would not apply to any decisions taken in private, or where disclosure of the information would be contrary to any enactment.

NOTE –One Voice Wales have advised that this part of the act and is still being consulted on and will

not come into force until May 2022. OVW has been asked if there is an update on this.

From April 2022 community and town councils will have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements. The first report must relate to the financial April 2021- March 2022 and be published as soon as reasonably practicable after April 2022.

NOTE –One Voice Wales have advised that they are seeking clarification on this issue. They have to give us more detail on this. Given the low cash/resource base of many Councils, they can't be looking to set the bar very high. I think we are looking at something quite modest rather than some big glossy production. OVW will keep pushing and let everybody know via emails and the bulletin as soon as we get some detail. OVW has been asked if there is an update on this.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/78 ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2020/21

The Annual Return and all required information as previously outlined by the Clerk were posted to Audit Wales on 10th June 2021

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/79 NOTICE OF AUDIT- 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk referenced the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights, Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021. The Clerk outlined the public notice and details of the public inspection arrangements. Inspection runs from 20th August 2021 to 17th September 2021

The notice is required to be displayed on the Sealand notice boards and the Council's web site no later than 6th August 2021. These are now on display.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/80 STAFFING REVIEW AND REVIEW OF THE CLERK'S NALC GRADE

At the May 2021 meeting it was resolved that Gwilym J. Rippon - Fellow of the SLCC be asked to carry out a staffing review and job evaluation for the cost of £250.00 – S112 LGA 1972. Gwilym's report was circulated together with the Clerk's report.

The Clerk outlined the report that had been circulated before the meeting.

RESOLVED – that -

- i) it be agreed that the Clerk should move to scale point 24 with effect from 1st April 2022 and then point 25 at 1st April 2023 and point 26 at 1st April 2024. Based on contracted 16 hours worked the salary for 2022/23 will be £12,398
- ii) it be agreed that with effect from 1st April 2022 that the home allowance payment is £312. Noting that the internal auditor advised on 22nd April 2021 that this amount is

non-taxable.

- iii) the Clerk should amend his contract of employment accordingly and pass to the Chair for signature
- iv) the Council notes the recommendation for the appointment of an Administrative Assistant for 2 hours a week.

21/81 ON LINE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2021 – HYNET NORTH WEST

Deferred pending further updates.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/82 SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL – BANK RECONCILLATION – 30th JUNE 2021

The Clerk advised that in line with council's Financial Regulations and audit requirements 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. The position as at 30th June 2021 is –

Account - no – 0388217 - £13,380.09

Account - no – 7326098 - £45,566.62

Total - £58,946.71

Less unpaid cheques all dated 30th June 2021 –

003431 - £146.75

003432 - £688.50

003433- £11.25

Total - £846.50

Total bank accounts – £58,946.71 less unpaid cheques of £846.50 leaves a closing balance of £58,100.21 This amount cross references with the summary of income and expenditure report as at 30th June 2021 circulated by the Clerk.

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

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/83 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2021/22 financial year up to cheque number 003439. This information was circulated by email before the meeting.

2021/22 Financial Year		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income				
General Admin Inc. Precept		£19,000.00	£57,000.00	-£38,000.00
Bank Interest		£0.62	£5.00	-£4.38
VAT Refund		£799.60	£800.00	-£0.40
Milk Claims		£0.00	£200.00	-£200.00
Total		£19,800.22	£58,005.00	£38,204.78
Expenditure		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Bank Charges		£34.60	£60.00	-£25.40
Chair's Fund		£0.00	£800.00	-£800.00
Staffing Costs		£3,009.87	£11,396.00	-£8,386.13
Admin Costs inc audit charges		£1,744.05	£2,640.00	-£895.95
Council Web Site		£576.00	£2,400.00	-£1,824.00
Insurances		£669.51	£770.00	£100.49
Defibrillator – LGA Act 2000(S2)		£0.00	£75.00	-£75.00
Play Schemes and New Equipment		£0.00	£10,500.00	-£10,500.00
Highways / Street Furniture Repairs		£0.00	£1,600.00	-£1,600.00
Street Lighting		£1,559.00	£26,950.00	-£26,079.50
Grants – Section 137		£0.00	£2,200.00	-£2,200.00
School Milk – Section 137		£0.00	£2,000.00	-£2,000.00
Total		£7,593.03	£61,391.00	£53,797.97
Current Summary	Balance as at 1 st April 2021 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£45,903.78		
	Total expenditure	£7,593.03		
	Total income	£19,800.22		
	Balance	£12,207.19		
	Overall balance as 21 st June 2021	£58,110.97		
End of Year Prediction	VAT Costs for 2021/22 financial year	£158.09		
	Balance as at 1 st April 2021 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£45,903.78		
	Total anticipated expenditure	£61,391.00		
	Total anticipated income	£58,005.00		
	Anticipated balance for the year	-£3,386.00		
Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31st March 2022		£ 42,517.78		

21/84 POCHINS DEVELOPMENT / CORUS SITE

On siteworks started on 21st June 2021

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/85 AIRFIELDS DEVELOPMENT SITE

At the meeting held on 21st June 2021 it was resolved that Eden Planning and Flintshire County Council be asked to arrange as a matter of urgency a site meeting for the County Councillor, members of Sealand Community Council, officers from Eden Planning, officers from Flintshire County Council to meet with representatives from Countryside Properties. Drainage and the obvious risk of flooding is the major concern for this area of Garden City.

An email to that affect was sent to Olivia Pemberton, Senior Planner, Eden Planning on 22nd June 2021. A reply was received on the same day advising that the email is acknowledged and Olivia will refer the matter to the Team Leader and Service Manager for their instruction on the matter.

On 14th July 2021 the County Councillor was advised by email Lichfield's Planning that we are asking whether you would be interested in a meeting with their clients (Bellway Homes and Anwyl Homes) to discuss current proposals and to provide a platform to ask any questions. Lichfield Planning have confirmed that Monday 2nd August 2021 is suitable for a meeting with Councillors at Anwyl's offices at St David's Park, Flintshire. We understand that you would like the meeting to start at 5pm. Anwyl Homes has a boardroom with capacity for 10 people. It will be Imogen Sulver from Lichfield's as planning consultant, Mathew Tudor-Owen (Anwyl Homes) and Jane Aspinall (Bellway Homes) in attendance. This will leave a remaining capacity for 7 attendees from Sealand Community Council (6 Councillors and yourself as Clerk). Please let me know if this is suitable. We would be grateful if you can advise if there any areas in particular which Councillors would like to discuss at the meeting.

On 16th July 2021 Katie H Jones, Team Leader - Development Management, Flintshire County Council advised that the County Council has received a number of complaints about a variety of issues concerning the ongoing works at The Airfields, Sealand. The matters raised are under investigation in accordance with the Council's adopted Planning Enforcement Policy and those concerning non-planning related matters have been forwarded to relevant services. The complainants will be updated of the outcome of those investigations in due course.

On 17th July 2021 the County Councillor emailed Simon Bullough – Development Manager Countryside Homes advising on and outlining the many local issues with this development. Videos and photographs given by residents have been provided. A meeting with the County Councillor and Sealand Community Council was requested.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) reports be noted
- ii) Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, County Councillor, Councillors Bob James, Alex Lewis and Brian Ward will attend the meeting on Monday 2nd August 2021 at Anwyl's offices at St David's Park, Flintshire.

Best wishes were extended to Mike for his work in supporting the Council for the past few years and for his impending move to Ruthin. The key for the Seahill Road notice board was passed to Councillor David Wisinger.

The Notice of Vacancy that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for the Community of Sealand following the resignation of Councillor Mike Walker will be issued on 9th August 2021.

- 1 Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.
- 2 The rule allows TEN ELECTORS for the Community [ward] in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy. * That request must be made within FOURTEEN DAYS, calculated in accordance with the rules, ** of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends on 27th August 2021
- 3 If no request is made the Community Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/87 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF GP SERVICES FROM PEIRCE STREET QUEENFERRY TO THE QUAY HEALTH CARE CENTRE, FRON ROAD, CONNAH’S QUAY

Council is aware that the Queensferry Medical Centre is looking at various options available for improving its services. They have said that the practice struggles to develop the variety of services they need to meet the changing needs for patients due to the limitations of the buildings. They are looking at the option to move to the Quay Health Care Centre, Fron Road, Connaah’s Quay

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Clerk of Hawarden Community Council and their suggestion to have a purpose-built surgery at the Deeside Leisure Centre and to hold a special joint meeting with Sealand Community Council and Queensferry Community Council.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) Council considers that the appropriate and best alternative proposal for the vicinity and having regard to the new housing developments would be to have a new purpose-built surgery on the Airfields Site at Sealand and that this comment be submitted to the North Wales Community Health Council. Council also suggests that a Section 106 agreement be considered to assist with the funding. Section 106 is a legal agreement between an applicant seeking planning permission and the local planning authority, which is used to mitigate the impact of building new homes on the local community and infrastructure.
- ii) the offer to attend a joint Community Council meeting be declined as Council’s alternative proposal is different to that as proposed by Hawarden Community Council.

21/88 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

No matters were raised

21/89 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Spreading of Manure – dreadful smells – Bank Farm Sealand

21/90 DATE OF COUNCIL’S NEXT MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2021 – Starting at 6pm at St. Bartholomew’s Church

21/91 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 8.30 pm