

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2021 at ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillors David Wisinger (Vice-Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother, Barbara Hinds, Bob James, Chris Jones (County Councillor) and Mary Southall.

Peter Richmond: Clerk and Financial Officer

21/92 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC – OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public attending the meeting.

21/93 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ashley Griffiths, Norman Jones (Chair), Mikael Khan, Alex Lewis and Brian Ward.

Paul Edwards – StreetScene - Apologies for non-attendance.

21/94 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

21/95 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 19th JULY 2021

The Clerk reported that the Chair had recently attended the Connah's Quay Town Council Civic Service.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/96 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JULY 2021

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 19th July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

21/97 REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED – that all Council meetings to July 2022 be held at St. Bartholomew's Church.

21/98 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).

The Clerk advised that the Chair had asked that the Chair's Fund be used to fund refreshments at both the Remembrance Sunday on 14th November 2021 and the Celebration of Christmas for Thursday 16th December 2021. There may also be costs for a choir to attend.

RESOLVED – that the use of the Chair’s Fund as outlined be approved.

21/99 POLICE ISSUES

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

John Morris, North Wales Police previously advised that the Council should consider the purchase of a PR 1000 Hand Held Radar Gun from RT Roadside Technologies Ltd. The Radar Gun was passed to Councillor Gwyneth Bullock who will pass it onto Councillor Ashley Griffiths.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

Constable Scott Noble 2884 previously advised on 10th September 2021 that due to the recent murder in Shotton and the high-risk missing person in Flint the NPT from Deeside have been assigned with ongoing enquiries for this, myself included, and at the moment this is taking all our time. Therefore, most of the arranged grab a gripes have been postponed. I will endeavour to get you a date ASAP.

It was reported that StreetScene have had to remove needles from the car park adjacent to the Welsh Road Chemists.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/100 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

a) Underpass - Foxes Lane

Paul Edwards advised at the July meeting of Council that he would inspect the underpass regarding the reported weeds and need to clean the sides of the underpass.

Note – after the meeting Paul advised that he inspected the area and a team has attended regarding the overhanging weeds. Paul has also created a work ticket for the cleansing of the gullies and washing of the walls.

RESOLVED – that Paul Edwards be asked to provide a progress report.

b) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell and Kate Wilby 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 luminar 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 Mandy Lewis be asked to provide a progress report.

d) Deeside Lane - Motor Biking Activity

The Clerk reported on an email sent on 23rd August 2021 by County Councillor Chris Bithell Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection to various officers at the County Council advising that he has been given sight of all the e-mail correspondence from local members particularly from County Councillor Chris Jones and members of the public on both sides of the border concerning the problems related to the regular motor biking activity on land at Sealand Road. And asking if there any updates regarding how this matter is being deal and whether there are powers either in Planning or Environment to do anything at all to stop or control such activity which is causing so much.

The County Councillor advised on the numerous complaints she is receiving from Sealand and Blacon residents.

RESOLVED – that an email be sent to County Councillor Chris Bithell, Andrew Farrow, Ian Roberts and by copy to the MP and AM asking for a progress report to have the motor bike activity stopped.

e) Car Park – Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy)

RESOLVED – that a progress report be requested from Ian Bushell

f) 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 Many Lewis be asked to provide a progress report and be advised that the number of heavy vehicles accessing the site is on the increase. the report be noted.

g) Active Travel Improvements – Saltney to Sealand

The Clerk referenced the project led by Jayne Rodgers, Transport Strategy Officer, Flintshire County Council. In preparation for developing detailed designs the County Council have been drawing up some possible options and we have shared these with local members and are in the process of receiving their feedback. The main aims were outlined by the Clerk and the County Councillor.

With regards to when the work will be done Jayne has advised that she is uncertain as to whether it will form part of this year's phase or next year's until she has a more robust idea of costs.

RESOLVED – Jayne Rodgers be advised that the Council is opposed to the suggestion to remove the two sets of barriers on the River Dee footbridge

h) Sealand Ditches

RESOLVED - that Stephen Jones, Andy Roberts and Neil Parry be advised that at the February 2021 meeting of Council, County Councillor Chris Jones advised that she had met with Ruari Barry and Neil Parry from the County Council together with Councillors Mike Walker and Dave Wisinger on 27th January 2021. A report of the meeting outlining the discussions and agreed actions was requested by Council and has not been received. Council has raised its concerns in not having sight of any plans or commitment or timelines that will set out all the remedial drainage works required at Sealand in order to minimise the risk of short- and long-term flooding. As a matter of urgency Council requests a reply.

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

RESOLVED – that Richard Roberts be reminded that on 7th June 2021 he advised that the deadline for the Match Funding expressions of interest has expired, so they are collating all the responses and in due course an expenditure code will be set up. He said that he would chase this up. County Councillor Chris Jones mentioned yesterday that a local Section 106 agreement may be providing additional funds to enhance Council's proposal.

Note – after the meeting Richard advised that all the expressions of interest from Town and Community Councils were successful. Your Community Councils contribution of £5,000 has been matched with £5,000 from FCC and a new set of swings with basket and Tango seat will be installed using the budget of £10,000. The swings are Inclusive use meaning all users can play on the them and the Tango seat allows a parent or carer to sit opposite a child. The new swings are scheduled to be installed in the next two weeks. The additional £6,600.00 from the Section 106 is now available to add further play facilities to the Welsh Road Play Area. Richard is available to meet on site to discuss how best to utilise this contribution.

j) 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 James Davies-Wright be asked to provide a progress report.

k) 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.

l) Children's Play Areas – Welsh Road Recreation Field - Need to improve signage – No Dogs

Paul Edwards has confirmed that a program of works has been agreed regarding the ongoing issues. Paul will update once he has dates regarding works commencing.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

Paul Edwards previously 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 be possible to have a site meeting with relevant officers to discuss what possible improvements could be done to prevent this ongoing issue.

On 6th August 2021 Constable Scott Noble emailed Ian Bushell advising on his concerns. He recently observed four or five vehicles all using the bus lane to turn right out of the entrance road onto Welsh Road and this was within 30 seconds. The road layout is strange at the moment as there clearly is no bus service to the location and therefore the bus lane is not in use and may not be for some time. The layout is clearly confusing. The Police have spoken to the Site Manager of Amazon to get the message out to staff about the use of the bus lane. If we are nowhere near having a bus service to the location, is it possible that this junction can be used as normal and signage placed to state this? Scott also noticed that there seemed to be Zebra crossing markings on the road however there are no lights on the paths or other signage to warn road users of it. Is this meant to be a proper zebra crossing? The road was also clearly dirty from construction vehicles that have passed over them due to ongoing construction work on the site. This is also a 40 MPH zone with a cycle path going across the junction. Due to this Scott has serious concerns that a pedestrian/cyclist is going to have a serious accident at the location that could be easily prevented with someone to look at this junction and put some proper signage and consideration into it.

The Depot for Amazon is very busy and with further businesses due in the future this junction is only likely to get busier and get more footfall.

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell and Kate Wilby be asked to provide a progress report regarding the outcome of the requested site meeting.

n) 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.

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

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry be asked to provide a progress report.

p) 10 West Green - Sealand Manor

RESOLVED – that Neil Cockerton be reminded 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.

q) 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.

21/101 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. All the new columns have been installed. 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 with 10 being replaced in 2022/23 and the remainder in 2023/24.

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/102 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.

Section 137 payments so far in the 2021/22 financial year are for the Speed Gun under the powers of Well Being - £242.24.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/103 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

PA Number	Application details	Location
063187	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval reference 061125	RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RD
063191	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (056540 (amended by 059635))	former Corus Garden City site, Garden City, Deeside
063310	Construction of a new Sprinkler Tank	Deeside Cerials Fourth Avenue, Sealand, Flintshire, CH5 2NR
063350	Proposed two-storey rear extension.	48 Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RJ
063365	Application for demolition of existing house and enlargement of existing car park.	Beech House, Sixth Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2LB
063411	Erection of a Single storey extension	40 Hawthorn View, Garden City, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RQ
063456	Erection of a pair of semi-detached essential farm workers dwellings to provide onsite accommodation in relation to the existing dairy business.	Fir Tree Farm Bumpers Lane, Off Sealand Road, Chester, CH1 6QE

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised with regard to all the outlined planning applications.

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 2021/22 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 most recent period are £7.00 per month with an additional charge of £0.85 per cheque is £12.10 – 6 cheques x £0.85 = £5.10

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003441	Richmond	Refund Stationery	£12.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003442	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights Maintenance July 2021	£146.75			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003443	St. Bartholomew's Church Council	Rental Charge meeting in July 2021	£36.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S150)
003444	Jolora Ltd	Retainer for half day website maintenance – August to October 2021	£576.00	£96.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003445	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights Maintenance August 2021	£146.75			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003446	P. Richmond	Salary etc. September 2021	£751.89			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003447	HMRC	September 2021 Income Tax PR £379.20 and Employers NI £29.14	£408.34			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003448	Flintshire County Council	10 Replacement Street Lights and Adoption – Riverside Park	£21,500			Highways Act 1980 (301)
Total Spend			£23,577.73	£96.00		

21/105 **INCOME**

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest payment	£0.35
Lloyds Bank	BB21 Refund Fees Charged without notice	£5.00
Lloyds Bank	BB21 Compensatory gross interest – Tax adjustment	£1.50
Flintshire County Council	Precept – 2 nd instalment	£19,000.00
Total		£19,006.85

RESOLVED – that the income be noted.

21/106 **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.

21/107 **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 Clerk had confirmed that Council wants to be involved.

The Clerk has ordered 4 wreaths from Colin Sargeant – Council, Royal British Legion, Merchant Navy and St. Bartholomew’s Church together with an additional 20 large roadside poppies. The poppies will be £5.00 each. Total cost £176.00

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

21/108 **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

21/109 ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

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.

21/110 NOTICE OF AUDIT- 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

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 were on display have now been removed.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/111 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2021/22 financial year up to cheque number 003448. This information was circulated by email before the meeting.

2021/22 Financial Year		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income				
General Admin Inc. Precept		£38,000	£57,000.00	-£19,000.00
Bank Interest		£8.23	£5.00	£3.23
VAT Refund		£799.60	£800.00	-£0.40
Milk Claims		£0.00	£200.00	-£200.00
Total		£38,807.83	£58,005.00	£19,197.17
Expenditure		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Bank Charges		£46.70	£60.00	-£13.30
Chair's Fund		£0.00	£800.00	-£800.00
Staffing Costs		£6,031.74	£11,396.00	-£5,364.26
Admin Costs inc audit charges		£2,090.99	£2,640.00	-£549.01
Council Web Site		£1,152.00	£2,400.00	-£1,248.000
Insurances		£669.51	£770.00	£100.49
Defibrillator – LGA Act 2000(S2) / Speed Gun- Section 137		£242.34	£75.00	-£167.34
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		£23,498.55	£26,950.00	-£3,451.45
Grants – Section 137		£0.00	£2,200.00	-£2,200.00
School Milk – Section 137		£0.00	£2,000.00	-£2,000.00
Total		£33,731.83	£61,391.00	£27,659.17
Current Summary	Balance as at 1 st April 2021 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£45,903.78		
	Total expenditure	£33,731.83		
	Total income	£38,807.83		
	Balance	£5,076.00		
	Overall balance as 20 th September 2021	£50,979.78		
End of Year Prediction	VAT Costs for 2021/22 financial year	£294.48		
	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		

21/112 POCHINS DEVELOPMENT / CORUS SITE

On 4th August 2021 Council was advised that the access alongside Garden City Drain will be closed for the duration of the works as it sits fully within the construction site. There is no actual right of way along this route, however once the works have been completed the route will be landscaped and will become a dedicated cycle and footway. It will not be for or provide for vehicular access. They will look at the possibility of re-opening once the works are completed in this area if that's possible, but from their programme this will not be until the new year.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

21/113 AIRFIELDS DEVELOPMENT SITE

Lichfield Planning held the meeting with Council on Monday 2nd August 2021 at Anwyl's offices at St David's Park, Flintshire. The meeting was attended by Imogen Sulver from Lichfield's as planning consultant, Mathew Tudor-Owen (Anwyl Homes) and Jane Aspinall (Bellway Homes) in attendance and Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, County Councillor, Councillors Bob James, Alex Lewis and Brian Ward.

A copy of the report of the meeting was circulated to Council on 19th August 2021.

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 was held.

RESOLVED – that the reports be noted

21/114 NOTICE OF A VACANCY

Lynn Phillips – Team Leader Democratic Services advised on 1st September 2021 that the County Council have not received a request for an election. The Community Council can proceed to co-option. Council should arrange for the required notice to be issued and to be placed on the Council's notice boards and web site and set a date by which prospective candidates must write into the or Clerk to the Council expressing their interests in these casual vacancies.

REOLVED – that the –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) notice be issued with a date of 1st October 2021 with a submission dated to the Clerk of 21st October 2021 and for copies to be added to the Council's notice boards and web site.

21/115

COUNCIL'S PHYSICAL ASSET REGISTER SEPTEMBER 2021

The Clerk referred to the following documents that were mailed to members of Council on 12th August 2021 - Asset Register – September 2021 and Asset Register Summary May 2016 to September 2021. The Clerk confirmed that the PR1000 Hand Held Radar Gun was added to the Council's Insurance Policy Schedule on 12th August 2021

Assets	Value – Purchase Price	Insurance Cover
Chairs of Office	£6,059.90	£8,037.24
Notice Boards	£2,451.52	£6,442.08
Office Equipment	£855.00	£1,087.40
Public Seats	£2,085.00	£7,917.85
Street Lighting-	£86,250– proxy value refer to Asset Register	£86,250.00
Dummy Digital Recorder Cameras	£1,070	£2,060.00
Defibrillator and Cage	£1,184.00	£1,293.79
PR1000 Hand Held Radar Gun	£192.00	£192.00
Total	£100,147.42	£113,280.36

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) it be noted that copies of the Council Asset Register – September 2021 and the Asset Register Summary May 2016 to September 2021 have been added to the Council's web site replacing the existing May 2021 documents.

21/116

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

On 20th July 2021 Carol Williams, Deputy Chief Officer at the North Wales Community Health Council responded to Council acknowledging the e-mail sent on behalf of the Sealand Community Council.

Council's suggestion will be shared with the Practice and the Health Board in order that they may consider your comments and contact you if necessary.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

21/117

MANURE SPREADING

On 6th August 2021 Natural Resources Wales advised that the spreading of Biosolids/sewage sludge to agricultural land does not require a permit providing it meets the Sludge use in Agriculture

regulations. Odour issues arising from agricultural activities not requiring a permit, such as this, fall under the statutory nuisance remit of the Local Authority.

With regard to the incorporation of organic manures into soil within 24 hours, Natural Resources Wales does have a remit to ensure this is complied with. Please note however the new agricultural legislation [The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 Guidance for Farmers and Land Managers \(gov.wales\)](#) states this is only a requirement when spreading has taken place on the surface of bare soil or stubble. This is therefore not applicable when spreading has taken place on areas with a cover crop.

The site has held a permit for the treatment of Biosolids/sewage sludge. This involves the addition of lime to the sludge, which is an accepted method of treatment. We have visited the site and requested information from the permit holder to ensure compliance with this permit. This work remains on-going. On visiting site no excessive odour was deemed to be emanating from the location where this permit is held. This permit was granted for a 12month period and has expired on 5th August 2021. Regulation under this permit is for the treatment aspect only.

Sewage sludge can be stored in field stockpiles under a registered exemption ([S3 waste exemption: storing sludge - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)), providing it meets the criteria of the exemption. Natural Resources Wales has taken steps to ensure that any stockpiles identified are compliant under the S3 exemption.

We would be happy to provide a list of incidents about the odour complaint to assist with any statutory nuisance orders you are intending to progress with.

Local residents confirmed on 12th August 2021 that there are no odours at this present time.

On 8th September 2021 the County Councillor advised officers at the County Council that she is again receiving numerous complaints in regards to the dreadful smell from Sealand Road and the muck spreading. NRW have been contacted and they have advised the Community Council that it is FCC responsibility to speak to the farmer about it being a nuisance.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

21/118 MULTI LOCATION MEETINGS POLICY

The Clerk referenced the draft Multi Location Meetings Policy that had previously been circulated by email.

RESOLVED – that the policy be adopted and for a copy to be added to the Policy Section on the Council's web site.

21/119 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

RESOLVED – that it be noted that the Vice- Chair and Clerk signed the Clerk's updated Contract of Employment.

21/120 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Rental charges to use the Sealand Youth Club – seek clarification.

Members of Council to volunteer to litter pickers

21/121 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised

21/122 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 18th OCTOBER 2021 – Starting at 6pm at St. Bartholomew's Church

**21/123 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 8.10 pm

