

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL****DECISION SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, OLD SEALAND ROAD, SEALAND, DEESIDE. CH5 2LQ**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** David Wisinger (Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Ashley Griffiths (Vice-Chair), Barbara Hinds, Chris Jones (County Councillor), Norman Jones. Alex Lewis, Lionel Prouve, Mary Southall, Brian Ward and Shelley Webber.

Peter Richmond - Clerk and Financial Officer.

**22/256      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PA Number	Application details	Location
000174/23	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with 4 bed detached house and garage	20, Sealand Road, Sealand, CH5 2RJ
000210/23	Creation of 60x25m menage, ground level to be raised by 300mm to have 1500mm four bar fence to perimeter.	Bridge Farm, Green Lane , Sealand

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised

**22/257      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 most recent period is £13.80 re £7.00 per month with an additional charge of 8 cheques x £0.85 = £6.80 = Total £13.80

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003555	One Voice Wales	Annual Subscription	£624.00			Miscellaneous Powers LGA 1972 (\$111)
003556	Information Commissioner	Annual Data Protection Fee	£40.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (\$111)
003557	Flintshire County Council	Back dated VAT on Street Lighting - 3 years	£4,581.57	£4,581.57	636613732	Highways Act 1980 (301)
003558	P. Richmond	March 2023 Salary etc	£754.67			Local Govt Act 1972 (\$112)
003559	HMRC	March 2023 PR Tax - £448.40 and SCC NI - £50.05	£498.45			Local Govt Act 1972 (\$112)

003560	St. Bartholomew's Church	Payment from the Chair's Fund	£400.00			Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11
<b>Total Spend</b>			£6,898.69	£4,581.57		

## **22/262      PAYMENT TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk advised on information received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales which had been emailed to all members of Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Last year the Panel carried out a major review of the remuneration framework for community and town councils and undertook a comprehensive consultation exercise with the sector.

The Panel has decided to make limited changes. The Panel recognise that all members of community and town councils necessarily spend time working from home on council business. This was the case before and during COVID and is continuing. As a result, members have extra domestic costs and need office consumables. The Panel considers members should not be out of pocket for carrying out their duties. This must be done in writing and is an individual matter. Payments may be taxable in the 2023/24 financial year and this being clarified by One Voice Wales.

All other Determinations set out in the 2022 /2023 Annual Report of the Panel remain valid. Refer to Minute - 21/268 - PAYMENT TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR and it was then resolved - That in relation to the 2022/23 financial year, the determinations required concerning payments to members are noted and that the Council will not introduce an attendance allowance for members.

In relation to payment to members for the 2023/24 financial year then these will need to be listed and sent to the Panel and displayed on the council's web site and Council notice boards. This has been actioned regarding the 2022/23 financial year.

A form for completion concerning the 2023/24 financial year has been circulated by the Clerk to all 13 Councillors. All 11 Councillors present signed that they have declined the payments.

RESOLVED: that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) should a member of Council decide to request a payment of £156 then payment would be held back to March 2024.
- iii) Council should affect a payment of £52 for office consumables rather than pay on a reimbursement basis. Should a member of Council decide to request a payment of £52 then payment would be held back to March 2024.
- iv) that in relation the previous determinations as required concerning payments to members be again noted re Minute 21/268.

## **22/263      ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk advised that on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 he was informed by Deryck Evans – Audit Manager at Audit Wales that as per our conversation, I confirm that the audit opinion is unqualified and there are no

matters of concern raised at the audit. The next steps for you are simply to publish the completion notice and the audited annual return. This was confirmed the same day by email and copied to all members of Council.

The completion notice dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 has been added to the Council's notice boards. The notice and a full copy of the audited annual return has been added to the Council's website.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted

**22/265                    REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S INSURANCE AND CHARGES**

The Clerk has contacted SLCC North Wales and One Voice Wales to gain details of insurers that they recommend

Charges and insurance cover will be compared with Councils current insurers - Zurich Municipal with Gallaghers and BNIB.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**22/268                    DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**

**22/269                    IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT -  
DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NONE**

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 7.55pm

..... Signed    17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

