

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**DECISIONS SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2024 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY. CH5 2HH**

PRESENT: Councillors: Ashley Griffiths (Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother, Barbara Hinds (Vice Chair), Chris Jones (County Councillor), Norman Jones, Lionel Prouve, Mary Southall, Linda Thomas, Brian Ward, Shelley Webber and David Wisinger.

Robin Davies – Acting Headteacher- Sealand Primary School

4 members of the public.

Peter Richmond - Clerk

23/211 PROVISION OF NOTICE BOARDS – PRAXIS AND POCHINS

Both Pochins and Praxis have installed the two notice boards.

The two notice boards have been added to the Council's asset registers and the Council's insurer has been advised accordingly.

Councillor Linda Thomas has the key for the Praxis notice board and Councillor Ashley Griffiths is awaiting to receive the key for the Pochins notice board.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

23/212 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA Number	Application details	Location
001044/23	Demolition of existing concrete prefabricated garage and replace with new garage.	52 Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside , CH5 2RJ
00957/23	Erection of a temporary clubhouse to replace the existing 40ft x 10ft container and portaloos.	Saughall Colts JFC, Seahill Playing Fields, Seahill Road, Chester, CH1 6BJ

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised in respect of the above planning applications.

23/213 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 £11.25 re £7.00 per month with an additional charge of 5 cheques x £0.85 = £4.25. The next month will be £17.20 - re £7.00 per month with an additional charge of 12 cheques x £0.85 = £10.20

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003612	P. Richmond	February 2024 Salary etc	£812.16			Local Govt Act 1972 (\$112)

003614	HMRC	February 2024 Income Tax - £489.20 and Emp NI - £64.19	£555.39			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003614	Jolora Ltd	Web Site Maintenance - 2 months	£384.00	£64.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003615	Flintshire County Council	Street Lights – Maintenance and Repairs	£550.90	£91.82	636613732	Highways Act 1980 (301)
Total Spend			£2,316.14			

23/217 WELSH ROAD SKATE FACILITY

At the Annual Finance Meeting held on 11th December 2023 Council resolved to allocate £11,000 to jointly fund the skate ramps outlined by Richard Roberts – AURA - Play Design Officer in the 2024/25 financial year. Richard Roberts has been advised of Council's decision. Richard responded on 12th December 2023 for the project to go ahead is subject to the County Council continuing the match-funding scheme in 2024/25 the County Council normally finalises its budget in mid-February so Aura's funding for 2024/25 should be confirmed shortly after and subject to the maximum limit for match-funding contributions which may change in 2024/25.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

23/219 COUNCIL'S PHYSICAL ASSET REGISTER JANUARY 2024

The Clerk referred to the following documents that were recently emailed to members of Council Asset Register – January 2024 and Asset Register Summary April 2016 to January 2024 and the current Street Lighting Inventory. The Clerk advised that the purchase price applies to council purchases only so the two new notice boards purchased by Pochins and Praxis are not included but are included in the insurance cover. The same applies to the three public seats purchased in 1997 and installed by Powergen.

Assets	Value – Purchase Price	Insurance Cover
Chairs of Office	£6,059.90	£9,934.03
Notice Boards	£2,451.52	£11,070.69
Public Seats	£2,085.00	£9,786.47
Street Lighting	£51,250.00	£51,250.00
Dummy Digital Recorder Cameras	£1,070.00	£2,546.16
Defibrillator and Cage	£1,184.00	£1,599.12
PR1000 Hand Held Radar Gun	£192.00	£237.31
Total	£64,292.42	£86,423.78

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.

- ii) it be noted that copies of the Council Asset Register – June 2023, Asset Register Summary April 2016 to June 2023 and the June 2023 Street Lighting Inventory have been added to the Council's web site replacing the existing documents.

23/220 CLERK'S RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

The Clerk referred to the notification of his resignation and retirement dated 21st January 2024 as emailed to all members of Council – the last date of employment will be 30th April 2024.

A copy of the job description was circulated to all members of the Council on 1st February 2024 together with the job advert.

The Chair approved the advertisement on 21st January 2024 which has been added to the Council's web site and notice boards. A copy has also been circulated to SLCC North Wales and has been circulated to Clerks in Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham who are members of SLCC. A copy has been provided to One Voice Wales for circulation. Council's payroll provider has been advised.

Further details about the post are available from Ashley Griffiths, Chair of Sealand Community Council ashleygriffiths57@btinternet.com. To apply for the role applications applicants will need to send a covering letter, detailing suitability for the role, relevant experience, and local knowledge with a CV by email to ashleygriffiths57@btinternet.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is 28th February 2024. Interviews will be held at Sealand Primary School on Monday 11th March 2024 – 6pm to 8pm.

The Chair advised that he will be applying for the post.

RESOLVED – that the interview panel should consists of Councillors Gwyneth Bullock. Barbara Hinds, Lionel Prouve, Shelley Webber David Wisinger and for the Vice Chair to prepare questions for the interview.

23/223 SEALAND COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN AND FLOOD WARDENS

Gwenno Talfryn- Advisor 1 (Warning and Informing) - Flood Risk and Water Management at NRW emailed Council on 12th February 2024 – a copy of the email was then circulated to all members of Council. Attached was the most recent version of the Sealand Community Flood plan and a few pieces of literature which may help explain a little bit more about what a Community Flood Plan can look like (as well as a bit of information on an event in March which may be of interest). Paper copies have been provided.

The community is ultimately in charge of the plan and can therefore decide what they are happy doing, and what they are not happy doing, and we will try to support you in making a plan that suits your needs.

Gwenno has put a few things that can be done as part of the plan into bullet points below, but each community is different, and you will have a better idea on what suits Sealand and yourselves.

Some tasks that can be carried out by all Flood Wardens are:

- Encouraging residents to register to receive Flood Warning messages
- Engaging and raising awareness of the risk of flooding in the community
- Promoting self-help to increase resilience

- Distributing flood related literature
- Distributing information to the community
- Communicating with relevant organisations
- Reporting flood risk issues
- Report any observations after flooding events

A Senior Flood Warden is the person NRW (or other responding organisations) will use as a point of contact. This is not the same for every community, but we can generally contact them for the following reasons

- Checking if the plan needs updating
- Informing them of changes to how warnings will be received (e.g. if the flood warning area is updated and the properties receiving warnings change)
- Informing them of expected poor conditions (e.g. Storm Eunice)
- Requesting information following flooding

The Senior Flood Warden has a direct phone number to the Flood Incident Duty Officer at NRW and can contact them if, for example

- There is urgent flooding information that needs to be conveyed
- To gather information on predicted conditions to spread this information amongst the community

If you decide it would be beneficial for Gwenno or one of her colleagues to attend a council meeting and answer question in person please advise. Additionally, if you want something more hands-on, NRW have a Flood Volunteer event March 21st 2024 in Llandudno Junction (the event is around 10am to 3pm). This will be attended by Flood Wardens from all over North Wales as well as various responding organisations, and can be a good chance to get an understanding of what happens during flooding events and how a plan can help. Refreshments will be provided and travel costs can be reimbursed. One of the morning activities will involve working through a fictional flood scenario together, to understand which organisations take action and when, as well as what communities and individuals can do to prepare for flooding. NRW have created a fictional place that is facing the specific challenge of rapid flooding, caused by weather that has been difficult to forecast locally. The deadline for registrations is March 1st 2024.

RESOLVED – that –

- a) the report be noted.
- b) Councillor Shelley Webber will be the Sealand Flood Warden for Sealand and will liaise with NRW to develop the Sealand Community Flood Plan she will also attend the NRW event on 21st March 2024. She will advise Gwenno Talfryn- Advisor 1 (Warning and Informing) - Flood Risk and Water Management at NRW accordingly.
- c) Councillors should advise the Sealand Flood Warden whether they wish to be a Flood Warden.

23/224 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Excellent work undertaken in clearing the Sealand Road footway.

23/225 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was no report

23/226 DATE OF COUNCIL’S NEXT MEETING – 18th MARCH 2024.

**23/227 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT -
DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NONE**

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 7.40pm. Councillor Jean Fairbrother left the meeting at 7.10pm

..... Signed 18th March 2024