

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**DECISIONS SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT SEALAND**  
**COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY. CH5 2HH**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Barbara Hinds (Chair), Christine Jones (County Councillor), David Wisinger (Vice-Chair), Brian Ward, Mary Southall, Alex Lewis, Gwyneth Bullock, Linda Thomas, Shelley Webber, Jean Fairbrother and Lionel Prouve.

One member of the public.

Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

**24/145 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Norman Jones.

RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.

**24/146 NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87 (2))**

**VACANCY FOR ONE COUNCILLOR**

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) advised that Flintshire County Council had informed him that no request for an election had been received within fourteen days of the original Notice date, and it is for the Council to fill the vacancy by co-option. Council is required to give public notice of co-option in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

The Council agreed to readvertise the public notice of co-option for the week commencing the 23rd day of September, which will be advertised until the 13th day of October per the recommendation of the Democratic Services department of Flintshire County Council. This was emailed to Council members, attached to the notice boards, and added to the Council's website.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk notified the Council that no applications were received for the current vacancy, and the Clerk would liaise with Flintshire County Council regarding readvertising the co-option notice.

**24/155 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

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 Welsh Government has advised that the Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024/25 is £10.81 per elector. The electoral roll from Flintshire County Council was 2538 in December 2022. So, per elector produces a total of £28,062.76.

The Allocated spend in 2024/25 is Section 137 grants of £3,035.00 and for school milk £0.00.

The Welsh Government advised the Council on November 4th, 2024, that the Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025/26 is £11.10 per elector. The electoral roll from Flintshire County Council in September 2023 was 2565. So, £11.10 per elector produces a total of £28,471.50.

A grant request has been received from Eye 2 Eye – An up-to-date copy of the bank statement has been provided.

RESOLVED – that

- i) The report be noted
- ii) In accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971, the Council should award a grant of £200.00 to the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.
- iii) In accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971, the Council should award a grant of £150.00 to Eye 2 Eye Social Club, which is in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

Spending in 2024/25 so far is £650.00.

**24/157 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 £8.70 - re £7.00 per month with an additional charge of 2 cheques x £0.85 = £1.70

| <b>Cheque No</b>     | <b>Payable to</b>               | <b>Details</b>                                | <b>Amount</b> | <b>VAT</b> | <b>Vat Code</b> | <b>Expenditure Powers</b>            |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Direct Debit Payment | Nest                            | Pension                                       | £46.90        |            |                 | Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)           |
| 003656               | Society of Local Council Clerks | Subscription<br>Renewal                       | £190.00       |            |                 | Miscellaneous Powers LGA 1972 (S111) |
| 003657               | Ashley Griffiths                | November<br>2024 Salary<br>etc                | £939.84       |            |                 | Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)           |
| 003658               | Ashley Griffiths                | Refund – Cable ties for the street poppies x2 | £10.98        |            |                 | Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)           |

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| 003659                 | Earl Haig Poppy<br>Appeal | Grant<br>Payment | £200.00          |              |  | Local Govt Act<br>1972 (S137) |
| 003660                 | Eye 2 Eye                 | Grant<br>Payment | £150.00          |              |  | Local Govt Act<br>1972 (S137) |
| <b>Total<br/>Spend</b> |                           |                  | <b>£1,537.72</b> | <b>£0.00</b> |  |                               |

**24/169** DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**24/170** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

DECLARATION OF INTEREST— One Council member declared an interest to the Council. Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 24/153 (c).

The meeting opened at 6 pm and closed at 8:00 pm.

..... Signed 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Barbara Hinds, Chair of the Council