

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECISIONS SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MARCH 2025 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, Norman Jones, Bob James, Gwyneth Bullock, Lionel Prouvé, and Alex Lewis.

Others: Four members of the public.

Jane Parry – Headteacher – Sealand Primary School.

Officer: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

24/268 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mary Southall, Shelley Webber, Jean Fairbrother and Linda Thomas.

RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.

24/272 NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87 (2))

VACANCY FOR ONE COUNCILLOR – CASUAL VACANCY – MR. BOB JAMES

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) advised the Council that the notice was issued on January 21st, 2025, with a submission date to the Clerk of February 10th, 2025. One application had been received within the required time period—Mr. Bob James meets the requirements for Co—Option.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest Form were completed correctly by the newly elected Councillor and duly signed by the Clerk.

RESOLVED – that the newly elected Councillor Mr. Bob James be welcomed back onto the Council.

24/276 CHAIR'S FUND 2024/25

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reminded the Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2024/25 financial year is £800.00. Payments are being made under expenditure powers—Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S1). At the September 16, 2024, meeting, Minute Number 24/97, it was agreed that the Chair's Fund should cover the refreshments at St. Bartholomew's Church for the Remembrance Service on Sunday, November 10th, at 10:30 AM and the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM.

The Chair proposed that a payment of £50.00 from the Chair's Fund be approved for each of the following local community causes:

- Eye2Eye- £50.00
- Sealand Happy Group- £50.00
- Sealand County Primary School- £50.00
- 50 Plus Action Group- £50.00
- St Bartholomew's Church Council - £50.00

RESOLVED – that £50.00 goes to each of the listed causes.

Spent so far - £800.00.

24/281 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA Number	Application details	Location
ADV/0001 43/25	<p>5 NO. 'MEILLER GROUP' - 6, 000X2, 900MM SIGN BLACK/YELLOW EXTRUDED ALUMINIUM FLEXFACE SIGNCASE UV PRINTED PVC FLEXFACE SKIN FOR ILLUMINATION DAY/NIGHT FINISHED TO THE PRINTED SKIN. WHITE LED ARRAY ILLUMINATION SECURED TO EXISTING CLADDING.</p> <p>1 NO. 'MEILLER-BOWELD' - 15, 500X2, 900MM WHITE/BLACK SIGN EXTRUDED ALUMINIUM FLEXFACE SIGNCASE UV PRINTED PVC FLEXFACE SKIN FOR ILLUMINATION DAY/NIGHT FINISHED TO THE PRINTED SKIN. WHITE LED ARRAY ILLUMINATION SECURED TO EXISTING CLADDING.</p>	Unit 2, First Avenue, Drive A, Deeside 63, Zone 2, Deeside Industrial Park, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2NU
FUL/0010 51/24	PROPOSED CREATION OF 2 NO PADEL COURTS INCLUDING FLOODLIGHTING.	Foregolf Chester Ltd, Deeside Lane, Sealand, Chester, CH1 6BP
FUL/0001 96/25	VARIATION OF CONDITION NO. 24 - TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF HOURS OF OPERATION TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF AFFORDABLE HOMES.	Phase 1A (Clwyd Alyn), Former Corus site, Garden City, Deeside

RESOLVED – that –

- i) No objections be raised in respect of the above planning application - ADV/000143/25.
- ii) Observations be raised in respect of planning application FUL/001051/24 regarding concerns about the lighting effects on the highway.
- iii) Objections be raised in respect of planning application - FUL/000196/25 regarding concerns about the potential adverse impact on the local community.

24/282 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 £16.50 - re £8.50 per month with an additional charge of 8 cheques x £1.00 = £8.00.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
Direct Debit Payment	NEST	Pension	£49.95			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003681	Information Commissioners Office	GDPR/Data Protection renewal	£52.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S111)
003682	Jo-Lora Ltd	Website Maintenance 2 months (Replacement of June 2024, Cheque No. 003632)	£384.00	£64.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003683	Ashley Griffiths	Reimbursement of stationary	£32.75			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003684	Ashley Griffiths	March 2025, Salary, allowance, etc	£969.47			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003685	EYE2EYE	Payment from Chairs Fund 2024/25	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003686	Sealand Happy Group	Payment from Chairs Fund 2024/25	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003687	Sealand County Primary School	Payment from Chairs Fund 2024/25	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003688	50Plus Action Group	Payment from Chairs Fund 2024/25	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003689	St Bartholomew's Church Council	Payment from Chairs Fund 2024/25	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003690	Flintshire County Council	2024/25 Play Areas Match funding Sealand Manor	£4000.00			Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19
Total			£5,738.17	£64.00		

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24/285 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS(WALES) ACT 2021 - ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

From April 2022, community and town councils are required to prepare and publish a report detailing the council's priorities, activities, and achievements. The first report, covering the financial period from April 2021 to March 2022, was published in April 2022.

The Clerk referred to the circulated draft Annual Report for 2024/25

RESOLVED: - that the Annual Report 2024/25 be approved and added to the Council's website.

24/287 PAYMENT TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk advised on information received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, which had been emailed to all members of the Council on March 24, 2025. The Panel has decided to make partial changes. The sum for Members of community and town councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively, councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables. (Determination 46 of 2023). These figures have not changed since the 2024/25 financial year.

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.

Regarding payments to members for the 2025/26 financial year, these will need to be listed, sent to the Panel, and displayed on the council's website and council noticeboards. This is due to be actioned in April 2025.

RESOLVED: that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) Should a member of Council decide to request a payment of £156.00, then payment would be held back until March 2026.
- iii) Council should affect a payment of £52.00 for office consumables rather than pay on a reimbursement basis. Should a member of the Council decide to request a payment of £52.00, then payment would be held back until March 2026.
- iv) that, in relation to the previous determinations as required concerning payments to members, be again noted, as per Minute 21/268.

24/297 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Several Councillors raised Concerns about the pre-application consultation of the Sealand Manor Solar Farm and BESS.

RESOLVED—that the Council will contact Renewable Connections for further information on the proposed site.

24/299 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 28th April 2025.

**24/300 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 24/278(c).

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 8:13 pm.

..... Signed 28th April 2025

Barbara Hinds, Chair of the Council