

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECISION SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY, CH5 2HH

PRESENT: Councillors: David Wisinger (Chair), Christine Jones (County Councillor), Brian Ward, Bob James, Mary Southall, Lionel Prouvé, Gwyneth Bullock, Shelley Webber & Barbara Hinds.

OTHERS: Two members of the public.

OFFICER: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

25/219 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Linda Thomas, Norman Jones, Jean Fairbrother & Alex Lewis (Vice-Chair).

RESOLVED – that the apology be received and accepted.

25/222 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

RESOLVED - that it should be noted that two declarations of interest during the meeting were made:

- Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 25/228 (b)

25/225 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2025

RESOLVED—that the minutes of the Council meeting held on December 15th, 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/226 CHAIR'S FUND 2025/26

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reminded the Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2025/26 financial year is £800.00. Payments are being made under expenditure powers—Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S1).

The Chairman proposed that a payment of £200.00 from the Chair's fund be approved for St Bartholomew's Church, towards the civic remembrance refreshments in November and secular costs for the community-focused element of the Christmas celebration in December.

RESOLVED – that £200.00 from the Chair's Fund be approved for St Bartholomew's Church

Spend so far - £ 500.00

25/230 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 roll. 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 spending in 2025/26 is Section 137 grants of £3,035.00.

Several Grant requests have been received.

A grant request has been received from Eye 2 Eye (Charity number: 1099471). – An up-to-date copy of the bank statement has been provided

A grant request has been received from Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

A grant request has been received from Sealand Spartans football club to support the children's participation in the club. – An up-to-date copy of the bank statement has been provided, the Club constitution, the Development plan, the Complaints policy, the safeguarding policy, and the equality & anti-discrimination policy.

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 £150.00 to Eye 2 Eye, which is in the best interest 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 £50.00 to Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal, to support palliative care and services that provide direct benefit to the area and inhabitants.
- IV) In accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1971, the Council should award a grant of £150.00 to Sealand Spartans football club, to provide direct benefit to the area and inhabitants.

Spending in 2025/26 so far is £1,850.00.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

25/231 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA Number	Application details	Location
RES/001085/25	PROPOSAL: Proposed employment development for general industrial and storage and distribution uses with ancillary offices, associated accesses, parking, service yards, electricity substations, pump house and landscaping.	Plot B, The Airfields, Northern Gateway, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RD.
FUL/000731/25	PROPOSAL: Erection of a new separating wall to subdivide the existing building into two units, including internal alterations to suit the new tenants' basic requirements.	Unit 13, Deeside Industrial Park, Fourth Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2NR.

RESOLVED -that –:

No objection be raised in respect of the above planning application – RES/001085/25

The Council reaffirmed its no-objection to the above planning application – FUL/000731/25.

25/233 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: - that-

- i) The under-mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) It is noted that the Lloyds Bank charge for the most recent period (30/12/2025) is £12.50 - re £8.50 per month with an additional charge of 4 cheques x £1.00 = £4.00.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	VAT Code	Expenditure Powers
Direct debit	NEST	Pension	£49.95			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003739	HMRC	PAYE – Income Tax and National Insurance, October, November & December	£1,151.90			Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003740	St Bartholow's church	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£200.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003741	Ashley Griffiths	January Salary, Allowance & mileage/paper refund	£1000.98			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003742	Eye 2 Eye	Grant Payment	£150.00			Section 137 of the Local Govt Act 1971
003743	Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal	Grant Payment	£50.00			Section 137 of the Local Govt Act 1971
003744	Sealand Spartans Football Club	Grant Payment	£150.00			Section 137 of the Local Govt Act 1971
Total spend			£2,752.83			

25/239 EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk gave an overview of the requirement to Council for the external audit noting that the documents can be sent to the Cardiff office via recorded delivery or By secure data transfer via Objective Connect with a deadline of the 30th June 2025 and mandated the Council to publish an audit notice by the 16th of June on all notice boards and Council website for a minimum of 14 calendar days, after the forementioned period it is the requirement of Council to allow the electors 20 working days of inspection from the 1st July to the 28th of July between the hours of 10:00 and 17:00 from Monday to Friday in line with Section 30 of the Public Audit Wales Act 2004 gives the rights of the elector to inspect the Council's accounts.

The clerk received the audit notice for 2025, which pertains to the audit of accounts, and informed the Council that the relevant documents have been sent via email to the auditors for submission to the Local Council for Wales in the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2025.

Publication of audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

Regulation 15(5) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that by 30 September 2025, Sealand Community Council publish its accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 together with any certificate, opinion, or report issued, given or made by the Auditor General. The accounting statements in the form of an annual return have been published on the Council's website. However, the accounts are published before the conclusion of the audit. The Auditor General has not yet issued an audit opinion.

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) informed the Council that the audit of accounts for Sealand Community Council for the year ending 31 March 2025 has been concluded, and the annual return is available for inspection by any local government elector for the area of Sealand Community Council upon application. Members of the Council noted the external auditor general's recommendations.

Audit General Opinion: Unqualified. On this basis of my audit, in my opinion, no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return.

Other matters and recommendations

I draw the Council's attention to the following matters and recommendations, which do not affect my audit opinion but should be addressed by the Council.

- i) Response to assertion 9 in the annual governance statement
- ii) The Council is required to adopt and publish an amended compliance training plan
- iii) Website organisation of Finances and audit section

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) will prepare actions to address the recommendations for approval at the next meeting and for future compliance going forward, and the Audit report be published in accordance with statutory requirements.

25/244 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT, DECLARATION OF INTEREST— One Council member declared an interest to the Council.

Councillor Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 25/228 (b)

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 7:35 pm.

..... Signed 16th February 2026, Chairperson of the Council