

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECISION SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16th March 2026 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY, CH5 2HH

PRESENT: Councillors: David Wisinger (Chair), Alex Lewis (Vice-Chair), Bob James, Mary Southall, Lionel Prouvé, Gwyneth Bullock, Norman Jones, Brian Ward & Barbara Hinds.

OTHERS: One member of the public

Robin Davies – Headmaster – Sealand County Primary School

Representatives from HyNet

PCSO: Aled Hughes

OFFICER: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

25/273 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Christine Jones (County Councillor), Jean Fairbrother, Linda Thomas & Shelley Webber.

RESOLVED – that the apology be received and accepted.

25/278 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 16th FEBRUARY 2026

David Wisinger (Chairman) and Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) met to finalise the Annual Report for submission to the Council. The Annual Report was completed and prepared for approval and submission.

The Chairman and Clerk also reviewed previously considered proposals, at an initial stage and in previous consultation with the former Chairperson, Cllr Barbara Hinds, for the introduction of a Certificate of Appreciation.

The proposed Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Council, including its design and associated costs. It was noted that a stationery card, priced at £14.99, would enable the production of up to 40 certificates. The Council considered the proposal and approved the design and associated production costs. The Council recorded its appreciation to those involved in the design process.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and the Council approves the introduction of a Certificate of Appreciation, together with the proposed design and associated cost of £14.99 for stationery card sufficient to produce up to 40 certificates, and authorises the Clerk to proceed with production.

25/279 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED—that the minutes of the Council meeting held on FEBRUARY 16th, 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/280 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 £50.00 from the Chair's fund be approved for each of the following: St Bartholomew's Church, Eye 2 Eye, Sealand Happy Group, Sealand County Primary School, 50 Plus Action Group (Flintshire) and Sealand Spartans Football Club.

RESOLVED – that £50.00 from the Chair's Fund be approved for each of the following:

St Bartholomew's Church

Eye 2 Eye

Sealand Happy Group

Sealand County Primary School

50 Plus Action Group (Flintshire)

Sealand Spartans Football Club

Spend so far - £ 800.00

25/285 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA Number	Application details	Location
FUL/000141/26	Extension to agricultural storage building.	Morrison Farm, Green Lane East, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LH.
FUL/000129/26	Remediation of the land at Deeside industrial park, to prepare the site for future development, works to include ground remediation, removal of materials. Foundation, removal/diversion of utilities, ground improvement techniques, groundworks/earthworks to create a development platform and associated engineering works.	Land east of TATA Steel, Deeside Industrial Estate, Sealand.
FUL/000675/25	Application for removal or variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 063721.	Plot C, The Airfields, Northern Gateway, Welsh Road, Deeside, CH5 2RD.
FUL/000117/26	External works to include: reconfiguration and provision of additional on-site parking spaces and EV chargers, new gates to service yard, relocation of hedges, upgrade to the existing front canopy, installation of new ventilation louvers to elevations, installation of four new fire exit doors to external elevations, erection of a timber fence dedicated bin store within the yard area, installation of new fencing to the rear elevation, erection of a new pedestrian pathway within the site and installation of a bike store, external single storey glazed lean to extension to facilitate separate occupancy at first floor internal works to include ground floor refurbishment for veterinary practice.	Unit 1 and 2a to b, Newtech Square, First Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2NT.
FUL/000097/26	Demolition of delapidated bungalow and erection of new modern dormer bungalow with associated car parking, garden/landscaping and new home office and double garage.	20a Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2RA.

FUL/000092/26	Application for variation of a condition 2 following grant of planning permission FUL/000209/24.	Former gateway to wales hotel, Welsh Road, Garden City, CH5 2HX.
ADV/000009/26	Five external fascia signs with internal illumination, and one non illuminated vinyl on glazing, one internally illuminated main totem with digital printed pvc sign.	Home Bargains, Garden City, CH5 2RF.

RESOLVED -that –:

- I. Observation be made in respect to the above application - FUL/000141/26 regarding increased vehicle movements, particularly larger vehicles and concerns were raised that the narrow lane, also used by pedestrians and riders, may be adversely affected in terms of safety.
- II. No observations be raised in respect of the above applications - FUL/000129/26, FUL/000675/25, FUL/000117/26, FUL/000097/26 and FUL/000092/26.
- III. Observation be made in respect to the above application - ADV/000009/26 that consideration be given to the control of lighting, including through the use of timers or a photocell system, in order to minimise any impact on estuary gardens.

25/287 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 (02/03/2026) is £11.50 - re £8.50 per month with an additional charge of 3 cheques x £1.00 = £3.00.
- iii) It is noted that Cheque Number 003749 was void due to Flintshire County Council's inability to process it (February 2026).
- iv) That the Council approve the transfer of £6000.00 from the instant access account to the community account to cover March cheques.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	VAT Code	Expenditure Powers
Direct debit	NEST	Pension	£49.95			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003750 Cheque reissue for 003749	Flintshire County Council	2025/26 Play area match funding for Sealand manor	£1,295.00			Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19
003751	Information Commissioners office	GDPR/DATA Protection renewal	£52.00			Local Govt Act 1972 (S111)
003752	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting replacement of 3	£6,900.00			Highways Act 1980 (301)

		lights, replacements, and adoptions – VAT is not charged for upgrades/adoptions				
003753	Ashley Griffiths	March Salary, Allowance & paper refund/mileage	£1,003.76			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003754	Flintshire County Council	Energy costs April, May & June 2025	£620.46	£103.41	636613732	Highways Act 1980 (301)
003755	Flintshire County Council	Energy costs July, August & September 2025	£620.46	£103.41	636613732	Highways Act 1980 (301)
003756	Flintshire County Council	Energy costs October, November & December 2025	£620.46	£103.41	636613732	Highways Act 1980 (301)
003757	Parish Notice Board Company	3 notice boards	£2,046.00	£341.00	673409620	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003758	Flintshire County Council	3 notice board installation	£1,540.94			Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19
003759	EYE 2 EYE	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003760	Sealand Happy Group	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003761	Sealand County Primary School	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003762	St Bartholomew's church	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003763	50 Plus Action Group (Flintshire)	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)
003764	Sealand Spartans football club	Payment from Chairs' fund 2025/26	£50.00			Ancillary Power Local Govt Act 1972 (S1)

003765	Ashley Griffiths	Reimbursement of stationary (card for certificates)	£14.99			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
Total spend			£15,064.02	£651.23		

25/290 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS(WALES) ACT 2021 - ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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 2025/26

RESOLVED: - that the Annual Report 2025/26 be approved and added to the Council's website.

25/291 PAYMENT TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk advised that, based on information received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, the Panel has not changed the sums for members of Council. 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 office consumables required to carry out their role, or 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.

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 2026/27 financial year, they must be listed, sent to the Panel, and displayed on the council's website and council noticeboards. This is due to be actioned in April 2026.

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 2027.
- 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 request a payment of £52.00, the payment would be held back until March 2027.
- IV. That, in relation to the previous determinations as required concerning payments to members, be again noted, as per Minute 21/268.

25/298 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNOR – SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was noted that the term of office of David Wisinger as a Governor of Sealand School is approaching its conclusion. The Council was advised that it is required to determine whether to reappoint him as its nominated representative Governor or to consider nominating an alternative individual.

The Council considered the matter.

RESOLVED— that David Wisinger be reappointed as a Council-nominated representative Governor to Sealand County Primary School for a further term of office, having been duly proposed, seconded, and carried by a majority vote of the Council.

25/302 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 20th APRIL 2026.

25/303 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT,

DECLARATION OF INTEREST— No Council members declared an interest to the Council.

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 8:33 pm.

..... Signed 20th April 2026, Chairperson of the Council