

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES 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.

25/274 IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The Council will deliver a scheduled in-house training session in the first quarter of 2026.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

25/275 SEALAND COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN AND FLOOD WARDENS

Councillor Bob James advised that the culvert located on John Summers Way is in a state of collapse and requires attention. Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) further reported that the National Flood Forum has informed the Council that it does not provide sandbags for Flood Warden teams, following a referral from Natural Resources Wales.

RESOLVED – that NRW will be contacted again regarding this issue, and a copy will be sent to Neil Parry (Project Engineer, Flintshire County Council).

25/276 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

RESOLVED - that it should be noted that no declaration of interest was made during the meeting.

25/277 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) had not received a request to hold a hybrid meeting.

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

25/281 POLICE ISSUES

a) Community Speed Watch

A Scheduled speed watch will commence in the coming weeks.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) PCSO Aled Hughes – 3292

PCSO Aled Hughes advised the Council on March 16, 2026, that he is monitoring the off-road bikes in the community and will visit Farm Road to notify car owners not to park on the corner of the street and near the Café along Foxes Lane.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

25/282 MATTERS REFERRED TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

I. Sealand Ditches

i) The Main River watercourse is adjacent to Dandy's

Neil Parry (Project Engineer, Flintshire County Council) reported to the Council on March 16, 2026, that the full pipe drainage crossing is progressing through the FRAP process. Owing to the complexity of the procedure and associated timescales, the matter remains ongoing with no further update available at present.

Neil Parry will contact Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to seek an update on the progress of the FRAP process once his contact returns to work.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry will be asked for an update on the application to NRW when the contact returns.

ii) The main river watercourse is located in England and crosses beneath Seahill Road

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on March 16, 2026, that an inspection at the fisheries site had been completed, confirming that the flow depth was approximately half the pipe diameter. It was further noted that Natural Resources Wales was scheduled to attend a site meeting to conduct a land survey; however, the meeting was postponed and rescheduled to 31 March 2026.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry will be asked for the NRW report once the survey has been completed.

iii) Banks Farm

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), informed the Council on March 16, 2026, that, further to his most recent inspection of the watercourse at a landowner's site, during which the clearance of all impediments was observed, a further site visit would be undertaken at the end of the month in conjunction with visits to other areas in Sealand.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry will be asked for an update upon completion of his next inspection.

iv) Sealand Avenue

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), informed the Council on March 16, 2026, that the area had been desilted.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

v) West Green

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on March 16, 2026, that Street Scene had not identified the debris within the ditch. He advised that he would inspect the site during his next visit to the area and, if necessary, raise the matter again with Street Scene.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry will be asked for an update upon completion of his next inspection

b) Concern about the condition of the side access – Spar Shop, Welsh Road

Katie Wilby, Streetscene and Transportation (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on March, 4, 2026, that the matter remains under review by the Council's Legal Department, as the recent road upgrade does not conform to the established standards of the highways network.

RESOLVED— that Susan Cordiner, Katie Wilby and Matthew Parry-Davies be asked to provide further clarification on the next steps regarding the resurfacing of the road.

c) Sealand Road – A548 – Extend Street Lighting

d) River Dee Embankment – Coastal Path and Cycleway – Bluebridge to the Railway Bridge

The Council noted that, notwithstanding efforts to secure external funding for new benches, it was necessary to proceed with the procurement of a replacement unit of one of the benches.

A resolution was duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to procure a replacement bench.

RESOLVED – that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) contact Mike Taylor (Coastal Ranger) regarding the proposed bench due to the possibility of a local organisation funding the replacement benches.

e) Problem with Trees- Orchard Way and North Green at Sealand Manor

Alex Philips (Housing Officer) informed the Council on 25 February 2026 that the tree stump on Orchard Way remains on the list of outstanding works. He further advised that a personal inspection and site visit would be undertaken, and that he would liaise with management regarding its removal and the assessment of roots affecting the pavements.

Stuart Body, Forestry Officer (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council that, with regard to North Green, Sealand Manor, there is no legislative mechanism enabling the Council to regulate tree height, and the tree in question would not be considered dangerous under Section 23.

RESOLVED—Alex Philips (Housing Officer) be requested to provide a progress update on the removal of the tree stump/roots on Orchard Way and Stuart Body, on the roots pushing up the pavements on both sites.

f) Foxes Lane – Underpass - Water leakage and Graffiti

Wayne Jones, Streetscene Officer (Flintshire County Council), informed the Council that the pumping station is operational and an ACCO drain was installed several years ago to discharge water from the footway to the road.

RESOLVED—that Wayne Jones be asked again to inspect the underpass with a view to the jet washing of the area and removal of the Graffiti.

g) Ferry Lane Footbridge

Katie Wilby, Streetscene and Transportation (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on March 4, 2026, that the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) will be supported by Welsh Government funding for the proposed projects, and that the Council will be informed in due course.

RESOLVED— that Katie Wilby be asked for an update on the RTP.

h) Bus Stop Repairs (Sealand)

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) noted that the rollout of the new bus stops is in progress.

RESOLVED— that streetscene be asked for a further update.

i) Pot Holes

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reported to the Council that Wayne Jones, Streetscene Officer (Flintshire County Council), had confirmed the completion of temporary pothole repairs.

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones, Streetscene Officer (Flintshire County Council), be asked to rectify the temporary pothole repairs.

j) Surface deposits from burrowing activity

John Griffiths, Coordinator, Area 7 (Flintshire County Council), informed the Council that a grounds supervisor had visited the Welsh Road field for an inspection.

RESOLVED – John Griffiths be asked for an update on the next steps from the inspection.

25/283 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

Darrel Jones (Operational North & Street Lighting Manager) reported to the Council on March 16, 2026, that some confusion within the team had occurred, and that if the remainder of the agreed-upon lights are up to FCC standards and within FCC stock, he would happily adopt them.

Thirty of the current lighting stock are in working order.

RESOLVED – that Darrel Jones be contacted regarding the remainder of the stock for adoption and Zurich UK to amend the Insurance Policy regarding lighting stock.

25/284 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.

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

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

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	Unit 1 and 2a to b, Newtech Square, First Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2NT.

	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.	
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.

25/286 REMEMBRANCE ITEMS

The Council considered the acquisition of additional items to commemorate those who served in wartime. After due consideration and discussion, it was formally resolved that:

- i) Twenty additional poppies will be purchased for display on lampposts.
- ii) A memorial to honour the unreconciled woman who served during the war will be commissioned to be erected alongside the existing Unknown Tommy statue in St Bartholomew's church.

A resolution was duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to purchase the remembrance items.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council adopts the following resolution.

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) informed the Council that he has liaised with the Royal British Legion, and the Council can order the memorial online and pay by cheque when required

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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 lights, replacements, and adoptions – VAT is not charged for upgrades/adoptions	£6,900.00			Highways Act 1980 (301)
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		

25/288 INCOME

Lloyds Bank	Interest Payment 09/03/2026	£28.48
Total Income		£28.48

RESOLVED – that the income received be noted.

25/289 CORRESPONDENCE

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reported that a meeting has been arranged with the Welsh Ambulance Service regarding the potential installation of a defibrillator at Sealand Manor play area, along with Cllr Mary Southall. A site meeting is scheduled for the coming weeks to further discuss this proposal.

Christopher West, SaLC Community Co-ordinator Team Leader, also advised that the defibrillator currently located on Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy) has no identified active owner/inspector. The Welsh Ambulance Service has requested clarification as to whether the Council would be willing to assume ownership and responsibility for this equipment.

Stephen Smith, Mission Area Leader, informed the Council of his intention to raise the profile of the Friends of Sealand within the community. He expressed a wish to attend a future Council meeting to discuss how the group can move forward and further engage with the local community.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk will arrange attendance by Stephen Smith at a future meeting and include the item on the agenda. The Clerk will also liaise with the Welsh Ambulance Service to confirm the site meeting and contact Griffiths Pharmacy regarding ownership of the defibrillator. Outcomes will be reported back to the Council.

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.

25/292 FRIENDS OF SEALAND –ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH

Brian Ward (Friends of Sealand) informed all that the Bart Art event is scheduled for 21 March 2026 to 23 March 2026. He further advised that the Easter Day service will be held at 11:30 a.m.

RESOLVED- that the report be noted.

25/293 NOTICE BOARD INSTALLATION

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) presented a report at the February meeting on the condition of six notice boards across Sealand, outlining their locations, design, and current state of repair. Following consideration of the report, the Council resolved to replace three notice boards and to procure these from The Parish Noticeboard Company, with installation to be carried out by Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED- that the Clerk confirmed that The Parish Noticeboard Company had been instructed to proceed with the purchase of the replacement notice boards and Flintshire County Council as the installer. The Council ratified this decision at the meeting.

25/294 SEALAND MANOR PLAYAREA

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) informed the Council that he had received notification that Flintshire County Council was unable to process the original cheque issued for the replacement of the accessible single-leaf gate.

RESOLVED- that the Council approved the issuance of a replacement cheque to Flintshire County Council, and the Clerk was authorised to arrange this accordingly.

25/295 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEARS

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) outlined the expenditure and income for the 2025/26 financial year up to cheque number 003765.

**Sealand Community Council - Summary Accounts
2025/26 Financial Year**

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income			
Precept	£64,000.00	£64,000.00	£0.00
Bank Interest and Refund of Fees	£467.78	£525.10	-£57.32
VAT Refund Flintshire County Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refund HMRC	£976.18	£1,000.00	-£23.82
Total	£65,443.96	£65,525.10	-£81.14

	Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Expenditure			
Bank Charges	£147.50	£150.00	£2.50
Chairman's Fund	£500.00	£800.00	£300.00
Staffing Costs	£16,713.24	£14,592.65	-£2,120.59
General Admin inc	£2,507.90	£4,266.64	£1,758.74
Insurances	£492.27	£650.00	£157.73
Play Schemes and New Play Equipment	£16,833.40	£16,813.00	-£20.40
Street Furniture Repairs	£3,586.94	£200.00	-£3,386.94
Street Lighting	£14,333.05	£28,750.00	£14,416.95
Election Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Council Web Site	£2,556.00	£2,400.00	-£156.00
S137 - Grants	£1,850.00	£3,035.00	£1,185.00
Total	£59,520.30	£71,657.29	£12,136.99

Current Summa	Balance 1st April 2025 inc £25,000 contingency fund	£64,041.63
	Total Expenditure	£59,520.30
	Total Income	£65,443.96
	Balance	£5,923.66
	Balance as at 16 March 2026	£ 69,965.29
	VAT Costs for 2025/26 Financial Year	£1,831.44

End of Year Prediction

Balance as at 1st April 2025	£64,041.63
Total Anticipated Expenditure	£71,657.29
Total Anticipated Income	£65,525.10
Balance Expenditure compared with income at 31st March 2025	-£6,132.19
Anticipated Closing Balance as at 31 March 2026	£ 57,909.44

25/296 EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk outlined the requirements for the internal audit to the members of Council to inform them about how the audit is conducted. The form must include various working papers and documentation; failure to do so may delay completion of the council's internal audit and incur additional audit costs. Subsequently, this could delay the External Audit.

The Clerk advised Council that he would be submitting the Audit checklist form and annual return, with uploading various documents to the online portal for JDH Business Services Ltd, and handing over additional documents for the internal audit on April 23, 2026, at Pontblyddyn Cricket Club.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

25/297 ONE VOICE WALES DIGITAL MATURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVED DIGITAL OPERATIONS

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) informed the Council that he had completed the One Voice Wales programme of Digital Maturity Assessments for councils and had received the conclusion, which included several recommendations that were not mandatory. Furthermore, the Clerk presented a comprehensive report outlining a range of website hosting and content management system options, including the current provider and alternative packages. The report included a comparative analysis of features, costs, ease of use, and feedback from other Councils.

Following a thorough discussion and consideration of the options, members recognised the advantages of the Clerk's preferred choice, particularly in terms of value for money, user-friendliness, and positive experiences reported by comparable councils and voted unanimously to change providers.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council adopts the following resolution.

RESOLVED— that the Council shall proceed with the setup and migration of a new website with an external hosting provider, and that the resolution be adopted.

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.

25/299 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- **Councillor Bob James** noted that he had recently spoken with representatives of the Deeside Business Forum and advised the Council accordingly. He sought the Council's view on whether it wished to engage further with the Forum.
- **Councillor Gwyneth Bullock** reported that tree root growth on Orchard Way continues to present a significant issue affecting the highway surface, further raising concerns about vehicles parked on Welsh Road, which are causing obstruction and creating difficulties for pedestrian access and safety.
- **Councillor Brian Ward** reiterated that molehills remain evident within the area, notwithstanding previous assurances from Members that the matter had been inspected and addressed.

RESOLVED—that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) follow up with the relevant departments to address the hazards and add the business forum membership to the next agenda.

25/300 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A Member of the Council reiterated concerns about vehicles parked on Welsh Road, Foxes Lane, and Farm Road, which were reported to continue obstructing traffic flow and impeding pedestrian access.

A further issue was raised regarding the provision of acoustic fencing along the A494 and its potential noise impacts on adjacent residential areas.

RESOLVED—that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) report parking concerns to the Highway Authority for investigation, and that enquiries be made regarding the acoustic fencing along the A494 and its potential noise impact.

25/301 HYPNET – ROUTE

Representatives of HyNet attended the meeting to provide an update and engage with Members regarding the proposed route of the HyNet North West infrastructure through the Sealand and wider Deeside area.

It was noted that the HyNet programme forms part of a wider low-carbon energy initiative that involves transporting hydrogen and carbon dioxide through new and existing pipeline infrastructure, with the pipeline to be installed underground in the Ward. The representatives advised that engagement with local communities and stakeholders is continuing, including consideration of environmental and construction impacts along the proposed corridor.

It was further noted that HyNet has established a community fund, from which eligible local groups may apply for financial support towards community-based projects.

RESOLVED—that the report be noted

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