

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY, CH5 2HH

PRESENT: Councillors Christine Jones, County Councillor Vice-Chair (Acting Chair), David Wisinger, Gwyneth Bullock, Lionel Prouvé, Brian Ward, Bob James, Linda Thomas & Barbara Hinds.

OFFICER: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

26/102 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Alex Lewis (Chair), Norman Jones, Shelley Webber, Mary Southall, & Jean Fairbrother.

RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.

26/103 IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The Council will deliver a scheduled in-house training session in November 2026.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

26/104 SEALAND COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN AND FLOOD WARDENS

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reported that he had approached Gwenno (NRW) to establish whether any alternative funding streams or sources of financial assistance were available to support the Wardens' emergency flood preparedness measures.

The deputy Flood Warden reported that alternative measures to traditional sandbags for emergencies had been investigated. Consideration had also been given to establishing appropriate procedures and parameters for filling and deploying sandbags during emergencies.

The Council was further advised that Councillor Bob James had been informed by a local Seafood Company that access to up to 14 Rib Boats could be made available, if required, in the event of an emergency.

RESOLVED – that Gwenno Talfryn (NRW) be contacted regarding funding and alternative measures, and the Seafood Company regarding the emergency boat offer.

26/105 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

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

- Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 26/110 (b)

26/106 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

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

26/107 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 13th JULY 2026

Alex Lewis (Chair) submitted a report to the Clerk for presentation to the Council, as the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair reported that, during the summer recess, he attended several community and local engagement events in his capacity as Chair of Sealand Community Council. The Chair further reported

that he discussed the proposed dates and arrangements for the Council's annual biodiversity planting initiative with the Clerk, which the Council is undertaking in collaboration with Sealand Community Primary School.

26/108 CHAIR'S FUND 2026/27

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reminded the Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial year is £800.00. Payments are being made under expenditure powers—Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S1).

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

26/109 POLICE ISSUES

a) Community Speed Watch

A Scheduled speed watch was undertaken on 22nd June 2026. The data collected during the session was subsequently submitted to the relevant departments for consideration and any appropriate action.

RESOLVED – that the Speed Watch team will schedule a speed watch on Airfields Road and report the data to Flintshire County Council Highways Department for a review.

b) PCSO Aled Hughes – 3292

Councillor Christine Jones informed the Council that she had spoken with PCSO Aled Hughes regarding concerns about speeding traffic within the local streets. She advised Members that North Wales Police were monitoring the matter, with attention to traffic speeds and any ongoing concerns identified within the community.

RESOLVED – that the PCSO Aled Hughes be asked about the future of Connah's Quay police station.

26/110 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 September 21, 2026, that he met with representatives of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Paul Reeves to discuss the ongoing matters, but needs further confirmation of progress.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry will be asked for an update on the full pipe drainage crossing proposal (FRAP process)

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

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), contacted the Council on September 21, 2026, to say he and Paul Reeves had recommended a site meeting with representatives from Natural Resources Wales (NRW), and that they held a follow-up site meeting with the landowner. A watercourse was identified which requires desilting. The landowner confirmed the works will be undertaken, but has not yet provided a date or timescale for completion.

RESOLVED – that Paul Reeves and Neil Parry be asked for an update.

iii) Green Lane

Cllr Barbara Hinds reported concerns about fly-tipping along Green Lane and overgrown vegetation in the drainage ditch.

John Griffiths, Coordinator Area 7 (Flintshire County Council), advised the Council on 18 September 2026 that the land is privately owned and is not adopted by Streetscene. He confirmed that Countryside Access and Natural Environment manages the lane and that the concerns would be brought to the attention of Tom Woodall, Access and Natural Environment Manager (Flintshire County Council).

RESOLVED – that Tom Woodall be asked for an update.

iv) Steel Works Road

Neil Parry, Project Engineer (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on September 21, 2026, that the matter would be followed up with Natural Resources Wales (NRW). It was confirmed that the temporary trench box is functioning effectively and is not impeding water flow. Furthermore, Cllr Bob James advised that the existing brickwork continues to deteriorate, with several bricks now dislodged.

RESOLVED – that Neil Parry be asked for an update on the permanent solution.

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 July 8 2026, that she will follow up with Ian Bushll to provide an update.

Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest regarding the condition of the side access to the Spar Shop.

RESOLVED— that Katie Wilby be asked for an update on the side access and CC the legal department.

c) 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.

d) Problem with Trees - North Green, Sealand Manor

Alex Philips (Housing Officer) informed the Council on September 21, 2026 that the trees are on private land and not the Council's responsibility. Section 23 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides discretionary powers in relation to dangerous trees, but height alone does not make a tree dangerous.

The trees were inspected in March 2026, and the Housing Department can take no further action at this time.

RESOLVED— that Alex Philips (Housing Officer) provides an update on this matter based on the trip hazard.

Foxes Lane – Underpass - Water leakage and Graffiti

Wayne Jones, Streetscene Officer (Flintshire County Council), reported to the Council on June 15, 2026, that the pump station is operational and has been serviced. He further reported that checks were undertaken during both high and low tide conditions and noted that water levels will rise due to the existing water table; therefore, limited action can be taken during high tide.

Wayne Jones also reported that the committee has monitored graffiti and removed any offensive terminology.

RESOLVED—that Wayne Jones be asked if the underpass can be cleaned.

e) Ferry Lane Footbridge

f) Bus Stop Repairs (Sealand)

Lee Shone, Transport Strategy Manager (Flintshire County Council), informed the Council on September 9, 2026, that work tickets have been raised to clean and repair the shelters, subject to available budget provision.

RESOLVED— that Lee Shone and Wayne Jones be contacted to request a further update on the hazardous bus shelters.

g) Surface deposits from burrowing activity

Rupert Frank (Flintshire County Council) informed the Council on June 15, 2026 that the companies contracted to complete the work have let the Council down and are currently seeking a new company to carry out the work.

RESOLVED – that Rupert Frank be contacted again about removing the moles.

26/111 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

Jake Smith (Flintshire County Council) reported to the Council on 15 September 2026 that the three upgrades are in progress. Further information is required to identify the lighting columns, as Flintshire County Council's numbering system differs from Sealand Community Council's.

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) attended the site to confirm the stock cross-referencing.

Thirty of the current lighting stock are in working order.

RESOLVED – that Jake Smith will be asked if the SCC stock numbers can be replaced on all lampposts.

26/112 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 2026/27 is £11.60 per elector. The electoral roll from Flintshire County Council was 2812 in December 2025. So, per elector, this produces a total of £32,619.20.

The allocated spending in 2026/27 is Section 137 grants of £3,035.00.

Spending in 2026/27 so far is nil.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

26/113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA Number	Application details	Location
FUL/000618 /26	Site alterations comprising the installation of plant and associated works to facilitate electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	Plot A, The Airfields, Northern Gateway, Deeside, CH5 2RD.
FUL/000557/26	To install external ventilation ducts to the roof of the existing building, to alter the layout internally including forming a mezzanine floor level, to install an accessible ramp to the main entrance of the building, and to construct a new storage extension to the south-west elevation.	36, First Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2NU.
FUL/000586/26	Installation of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide 3MW generation capacity with ancillary infrastructure including inverters, HV / LV connection, cabling, internal access track and access gates.	MOD Sealand, Marsh Farm Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LS.
FUL/000625/26	Application for Variation of Condition 2 following Grant of Planning Permission FUL/000618/25.	RAF Sealand South Camp, Welsh Road, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2RD.
ADV/000758/26	Advertisement consent for proposed signage, two fascia and two totems, internally illuminated, on external facades and two totems.	Elements Deeside, Unit 56, Third Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LA.
FUL/000724/26	Refurbishment works to the existing unit, including internal layout alterations, addition of new windows, doors, and plant, and external works including car park expansion, plant enclosure, and associated landscaping.	Elements Deeside, Unit 56, Third Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2LA.
DET/000715/26	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3-7, planning permission FUL/000280/26.	Saughall Colts JFC, Saughall playing fields, Seahill Road, Chester, CH1 6BJ.

RESOLVED -that –:

No observations be raised in respect of the above applications - FUL/000618/26, FUL/000557/26, FUL/000586/26, FUL/000625/26, ADV/000758/26, FUL/000724/26, and DET/000715/26.

26/114 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 13th JULY 2026

RESOLVED—that the minutes of the Council meeting held on JULY 13th July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

26/115 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 unrecognised women 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.

RESOLVED – that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) will order the memorial item and check stock for the lamppost poppies.

26/116 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: - that-

- i) The under-mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) It is noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the most recent period (30/07/2026) are £6.25 - re £4.25 per month for the account maintenance fee with an additional charge of 4 cheques x £0.50 = £2.00.
- iii) It is noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the most recent period (28/08/2026) are £5.25 - re £4.25 per month for the account maintenance fee with an additional charge of 2 cheques x £0.50 = £1.00.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	VAT Code	Expenditure Powers
Direct debit	Nest	Pension (August)	£49.95			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
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003781	Ashley Griffiths	August Salary & allowance (Mileage refund)	£973.54			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003782	Flintshire County Council	Monthly Street Lighting Inspections for April, May & June 2026	£252.65	£42.11	636613732	Highways Act 1972 (301)
003783	Jolora Ltd	Website Maintenance 2 months	£384.00	£64.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003784	Netwise UK	Hosting package and maintenance set up, domain name set up and fee.	£1060.80	£176.80	374875742	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)

003785	Ashley Griffiths	September Salary & Allowance (stationery refund)	£978.12			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
Total spend			£3,749.01	£282.91		

26/117 INCOME

Lloyds Bank	Interest Payment 10/08/2026	£32.81
Flintshire County Council	Second Precept Payment 28/08/2026	£21333.33
Lloyds Bank	Interest Payment 09/09/2026	£33.27
Total Income		£21,399.41

RESOLVED – that the income received be noted.

26/118 FIT, FED AND READ PROGRAMME

Josh McEwan (Active Community Coordinator) reported to the Council on September 18, 2026, that a generous £1,000 contribution to the Fit, Fed & Read programme during the 2026 summer holidays supported meals, activities, and reading opportunities for children and families. The following statistics from the Sealand area highlight the positive impact the contribution helped to achieve:

Number of sessions delivered – 5

Number of attendees – 314

Average attendance per session – 63

RESOLVED – that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) will ask if the session will be running next year.

26/119 CORRESPONDENCE

ANNUAL JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Council received correspondence from the Chief Officer (Governance) regarding the Annual Joint Standards Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday 2 November 2026.

Members were invited to identify any matters relating to the Code of Conduct or ethical governance that they wished to submit for consideration. Any proposed items must be submitted by Friday 23 October 2026.

GWELLA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

From September to December, a sports hub will be available at Sealand Manor Park between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM for ages 7–15.

BIODIVERSITY GRANT – SEALAND MANOR PLAY AREA

The Clerk informed Members that correspondence had been received confirming that the pollinator plants provided through the Council's biodiversity grant application for Sealand Manor Play Area were ready for planting.

DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU – 2030 REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES

The Clerk informed Members that the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru had published its Guide to the 2030 Review of Senedd constituencies, outlining the review process, key dates and opportunities for organisations to participate. Any recommended changes will take effect at the 2030 Senedd election.

RESOLVED – that the play scheme marketing be attached to the notice boards and Sealand County Primary School be contacted regarding the biodiversity planting.

26/120 SEALAND PLAYAREAS

Richard Roberts advised the Council on September 18, 2026, that the inclusive Roundabout has been installed at Sealand Manor Play Area and that upgrades to the Kingsley Road Play Area have commenced.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

26/121 SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

Ashley Griffith (Clerk) reported that the school's designs would require minor amendments to present them in a more formal format before submission to Double Click Design. The Council agreed that the Clerk could amend the designs accordingly.

RESOLVED – The Council authorised the Clerk to amend the designs as needed and submit them to Double Click Design.

26/122 DEESIDE BUSINESS FORUM

Councillor Bob James reported to the Council that he attended the Deeside Business Board meeting on 17 September 2026 and provided an overview, with the minutes to be circulated on the forum's website.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

26/123 FRIENDS OF SEALAND CHURCHES

Councillor Brian Ward, on behalf of the Friends of Sealand, informed the Council that the Mission Area Leader and family had thanked him for the Council's letter, which conveyed the Council's good wishes and wished him a full and speedy recovery and noted that a new bingo night is being held on the last Wednesday of the month at St Bartholomew's Church.

RESOLVED- that the report be noted.

26/124 REVIEW OF DRAFT COMMUNITY CHARTER BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Council considered the draft Community Charter and discussed its contents. The Council agreed that the Clerk would submit its observations and proposed amendments for consideration before finalising the Charter.

RESOLVED- that the Clerk submit the Council's observations.

26/125 NJC ANNUAL PAY SETTLEMENT AWARD 2026/27

The Clerk informed the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed to implement the new pay scales for 2026-27 from 1 April 2026. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible, including September back pay for employees who

have left employment since 1 April 2026. If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment.

The Council considered implementing the award for the Clerk's salary, including the associated backdated payment and employer contributions, after the Clerk presented the 2026–27 NJC pay award and the Council Accountant provided details.

A proposal was duly made and seconded and, following a vote of Members, was carried.

Refer to Minute 21/80—Meeting 19th July 2021 – RESOLVED—that it be agreed that the Clerk should move to scale point 24 with effect from 1st April 2022. Council also agreed under minute 21/80 that from 1st April 2022, the home allowance payment is £312. Noting that the internal auditor advised on the 22nd April 2021 that this amount is non- taxable.

Refer to Minute 23/145 – Meeting held on 20 November 2023 – National Pay Award Settlement 2023/24, which recorded the implementation of the national pay award and the associated salary adjustments, including the progression to SCP 26 from 1 April 2024.

Refer to Minute 24/195 – Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024, which recorded the NJC pay agreement applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and the Council's consideration of its implementation and the associated backdated payment.

RESOLVED- that the Council approve implementation of the 2026–27 NJC pay award for the Clerk, effective from 1 April 2026, with the appropriate backdated salary and associated employer contributions calculated and processed through Wainwright Accountants.

26/126 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Clerk, Ashley Griffiths, advised that the Council is required to review its policies and procedures annually as per standard governance procedures; a number of the policies are subject to annual review. The following policies were presented:

- Public Participation Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Freedom of Information Scheme
- Retention of Records Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Standing Orders Policy

The Clerk circulated the policies to all Council members. Copies of all other documents can be found on the Council's website.

The following do not need updating: Financial Regulations (A Copy has been circulated by email and on the Council Website)

RESOLVED-that-

a) The report be noted.

b) Public Participation Policy, Information Security Policy, Freedom of Information Scheme, Retention of Records Policy, Records Management Policy, Health & Safety Policy and Standing Orders Policy be approved.

c) That the Financial Regulations be endorsed and approved without requiring amendments.

26/127 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) outlined the expenditure and income for the 2026/27 financial year up to cheque number 003785.

Sealand Community Council - Summary Accounts				
2026/27 Financial Year				
		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income	Precept	£42,666.66	£64,000.00	-£21,333.34
	Bank Interest and Refund of Fees	£189.53	£500.00	-£310.47
	VAT Refund Flintshire County Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	VAT Refund HMRC	£2,113.44	£1,831.44	£282.00
	Total	£44,969.63	£66,331.44	-£21,361.81
		Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Expenditure	Bank Charges	£36.25	£165.00	£128.75
	Chairman's Fund	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00
	Staffing Costs	£8,286.24	£16,839.84	£8,553.60
	General Admin inc	£1,907.34	£3,262.00	£1,354.66
	Insurances	£600.08	£665.00	£64.92
	Play Schemes and New Play Equipment	£1,000.00	£24,129.00	£23,129.00
	Street Furniture Repairs	£0.00	£7,600.00	£7,600.00
	Street Lighting	£1,125.76	£8,800.00	£7,674.24
	Seasonal amenity provisions	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
	Council Web Site	£2,212.80	£2,400.00	£187.20
	S137 - Grants	£0.00	£3,035.00	£3,035.00
	Total	£15,168.47	£71,695.84	£56,527.37
Current Summary	Balance 1st April 2026 inc £34,000 contingency fund	£69,640.55		
	Total Expenditure	£15,168.47		
	Total Income	£44,969.63		
	Balance	£29,801.16		
	Balance as at 21st September 2026	£ 99,441.71		
	VAT Costs for 2026/27 Financial Year	£697.23		
End of Year Prediction				
Balance as at 1st April 2026		£69,640.55		
Total Anticipated Expenditure		£71,695.84		
Total Anticipated Income		£66,331.44		
Balance Expenditure compared with income at 31st March 2026		-£5,364.40		
Anticipated Closing Balance as at 31 March 2027		£ 64,276.15		

26/128 INTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk advised the Council that JDH Business Services Limited reported on 6 May 2026 that the Council's systems of internal controls are in place, adequate for the intended purposes, and effective, subject to issue 1 in the internal audit report. Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) reported to the Council that issue 1 had been dealt with.

A copy of the report was added to the Council's website.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

26/129 EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk gave an overview of the requirement to the Council for the external audit, noting that the Audit packs must be submitted to the Audit Wales email address, by post to the Cardiff office only or via Objective Connect where required, with a deadline of 7th July 2026 and mandated the Council to publish an audit notice on all notice boards and the Council website. The Council requires that electors be given 20 working days of inspection from the 6th July to the 31st of July. Section 30 of the Public Audit Wales Act 2004 gives the right of the elector to inspect the Council's accounts.

The clerk received the Audit Notice 2026 for the audit of accounts and noted to the Council that he would send the relevant documents to the auditors in the near future, after he has received the internal audit back and outlined the accounts for the Council in the Local Council for Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The clerk noted that an interim copy of the Annual Return had been added to the Council's website, with the final version to be added upon completion of the Audit. The Audit Notice 2026 had been added to the website and notice boards, with an announcement dated 2nd June 2026, regarding electors' rights to inspect the accounts and all documents for the year ending 31st March 2026, from 6th July to 31st July 2026.

Publication of audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026

Regulation 15(5) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that by 30 September 2026, 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.

The Clerk advised Members that a further notice concerning the publication of the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 had been published on the Council's website and displayed on the Council's noticeboards on 9 September 2026. The notice confirmed that the audit had not yet concluded and that the Auditor General had not issued an audit opinion.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

26/130 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 to an external hosting provider, and that the resolution be adopted.

26/131 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Bob James asked whether he could contact members of Deeside Photography Club to explore potential contributions for the Council's website. Any proposals would be submitted to the Council for consideration before publication.

Councillor Gwyneth Bullock raised concerns regarding the horse chestnut tree on Welsh Road, dogs entering the children's play area on Welsh Road, and electric bikes being ridden along the paths on Orchard Way and around the football pitch.

RESOLVED—that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) report the above matters to the relevant departments.

26/132 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident contacted the Clerk and County Councillors to request a small community book-swap box for adults and children at the new Clwyd Alyn housing development.

RESOLVED— that Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) would contact Clwyd Alyn to establish whether this could be accommodated on their land.

26/133 HYNET

The Clerk informed Members that the Liverpool Bay CCS Limited Community Benefit Fund is open for applications for grants of up to £20,000. The first application round closes on 2 November 2026, with funding decisions expected in early 2027. The fund supports communities affected by the Liverpool Bay Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Storage Project, with applications from the Flintshire area administered by Community Foundation Wales.

RESOLVED—that the report be noted.

26/134 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2026.

26/135 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 26/110 (b)

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 8:35 pm.

..... Signed 19th October 2026, Chairman of the Council