

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MULTI LOCATION MEETINGS POLICY

Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) 2021 Act requires that “arrangements” be made by community councils for the convening of meetings involving participants in multiple locations.

1. Meetings will normally be held face to face unless:
 - i) There is an emergency, such as a pandemic, which precludes such a meeting.
 - ii) The Council gives notice one month in advance that it intends to hold a meeting remotely and gives a reason e.g. likely poor weather in January and February.
2. Remote meetings if required will be conducted using Go To software.
3. Provision will be made for holding all Face-to-Face physical meetings in a hybrid manner with the non-face to face requestor having a conference phone dial in access to link to the physical meeting. All participants physically present or joining remotely will be able to hear and participate in the meeting.
4. The Clerk must receive a request to hold a hybrid meeting no later than 3 clear working days before the meeting i.e. – the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting. The requestor will be asked to provide the Clerk of the Council with their phone number which will be called 10 minutes prior to the start of the Council meeting.
5. Meeting notices will be posted on the Council website before the meeting. Notices will also be posted on the Council noticeboards.
6. The meeting will be Chaired in the normal manner as per the Council’s standing orders. The Chair will ensure that everyone in a hybrid meeting can hear and be heard by all participants.
7. Voting will be by show of hands for those at the physical meeting as per Section 3 of the Councils Standing Orders. Councillors voting remotely will do by advising verbally on their vote.

This policy was adopted at the Council meeting held on 20th September 2021. The policy will be added to the Council’s annual cycle in undertaking its policies review.

P Richmond - Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Date 21st September 2021.