

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 AT SEALAND COUNTY**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY. CH5 2HH**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Barbara Hinds (Chair), Christine Jones (County Councillor), David Wisinger (Vice-Chair), Brian Ward, Lionel Prouve, Linda Thomas, Shelley Webber, Mary Southall and Jean Fairbrother.

One member of the public.

Robin Davies – Deputy Headteacher- Sealand Primary School.

Richard Roberts – Aura Wales – Play Design Officer.

Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

**24/112 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS –2024/25 FINANCIAL YEARS**

Ashley Griffiths (Clerk) outlined the expenditure and income for the 2024/25 financial year up to cheque number 003646.

**Sealand Community Council - Summary Accounts**  
**2024/25 Financial Year**

		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Income</b>	Precept	£42,666.67	£64,000.00	-£21,333.33
	Bank Interest and Refund of Fees	£326.72	£500.00	-£173.28
	VAT Refund Flintshire County Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	VAT Refund HMRC	£1,050.52	£2,000.00	-£949.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£44,043.91</b>	<b>£66,500.00</b>	<b>-£22,456.09</b>

		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Agreed Spend</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Bank Charges	£62.40	£150.00	£87.60
	Chairman's Fund	£50.00	£800.00	£750.00
	Staffing Costs	£9,170.38	£15,375.00	£6,204.62
	General Admin etc	£1,778.86	£4,500.00	£2,721.14
	Insurances	£625.99	£650.00	£24.01
	Play Schemes and New Play Equipment	£0.00	£18,665.00	£18,665.00
	Street Furniture Repairs	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
	Street Lighting	£864.80	£26,200.00	£25,335.20
	Council Web Site	£1,152.00	£2,400.00	£1,248.00
	S137 - Grants	£300.00	£3,035.00	£2,735.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,004.43</b>	<b>£71,975.00</b>	<b>£57,970.57</b>

<b>Current Summary</b>	Balance 1st April 2024 inc £25,000 contingency fund	<b>£55,951.88</b>
	Total Expenditure	£14,004.43
	Total Income	£44,043.91
	Balance	£30,039.48
	<b>Balance as at 16 September 2024</b>	<b>£ 85,991.36</b>
	<b>VAT Costs for 2024/25 Financial Year</b>	<b>£478.94</b>

**End of Year Prediction**

	Balance as at 1st April 2024	£55,951.88
	Total Anticipated Expenditure	£71,975.00
	Total Anticipated Income	£66,500.00
	Balance Expenditure compared with income at 31st March 2024	-£5,475.00
	<b>Anticipated Closing Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>£ 50,476.88</b>

**24/113 EXTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR AND NOTICE OF AUDIT**

The Clerk advised that the completed Annual Return and most of the requested information were uploaded to the objective portal on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and 2 documents were posted via special delivery to Audit Wales on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Publication of audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Regulation 15(5) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that by 30 September 2024, Sealand Community Council publish its accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 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.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**24/116 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024.**

**24/117 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**—Two Council members, Cllr Norman Jones, declared an interest to the Council before the meeting concerning 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Agenda item number 8, PA Number COU/000659/24. Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 24/99 (c).

The meeting opened at 6 pm and closed at 8:22 pm.

..... Signed 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Barbara Hinds, Chair of the Council