

**SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 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, Norman Jones, Bob James, Gwyneth Bullock, Lionel Prouvé, and Alex Lewis.

**Others:** Four members of the public.

Jane Parry – Headteacher – Sealand Primary School.

**Officer:** Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

**24/268 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mary Southall, Shelley Webber, Jean Fairbrother and Linda Thomas.

RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.

**24/294 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 003690. Note that outstanding cheque numbers not banked by organisations: -

- (No: 003678) from February 2025, totalling £384.00
- (No: 003679) from February 2025, totalling £262.80

Totalling £646.80

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

			<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Income</b>	Precept		£64,000.00	£64,000.00	£0.00
	Bank Interest and Refund of Fees		£622.14	£500.00	£122.14
	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>£65,672.66</b>	<b>£66,500.00</b>	<b>-£827.34</b>

			<b>Actual</b>	<b>Agreed Spend</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Bank Charges		£140.25	£150.00	£9.75
	Chairman's Fund		£800.00	£800.00	£0.00
	Staffing Costs		£17,423.86	£15,375.00	-£2,048.86
	General Admin etc		£2,406.91	£4,500.00	£2,093.09
	Insurances		£625.99	£650.00	£24.01
	Play Schemes and New Play Equipment		£11,663.20	£18,665.00	£7,001.80
	Street Furniture Repairs		£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
	Street Lighting		£20,324.20	£26,200.00	£5,875.80
	Council Web Site		£2,532.00	£2,400.00	-£132.00
	S137 - Grants		£1,650.00	£3,035.00	£1,385.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£57,566.41</b>	<b>£71,975.00</b>	<b>£14,408.59</b>

<b>Current Summary</b>	Balance 1st April 2024 inc £25,000 contingency fund	<b>£55,951.88</b>
	Total Expenditure	£57,566.41
	Total Income	£65,672.66
	Balance	£8,106.25
	<b>Balance as at 17 March 2025</b>	<b>£ 64,058.13</b>
	<b>VAT Costs for 2024/25 Financial Year</b>	<b>£976.18</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>

**24/297 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Several Councillors raised Concerns about the pre-application consultation of the Sealand Manor Solar Farm and BESS.

RESOLVED—that the Council will contact Renewable Connections for further information on the proposed site.

**24/298 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Four public members raised concerns about the pre-application consultation event regarding the Sealand Manor Solar Farm and BESS.

RESOLVED—that several Councillors would attend the consultation event.

**24/299 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**24/300 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 24/278(c).

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 8:13 pm.

..... Signed 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Barbara Hinds, Chair of the Council