

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16th JUNE 2025 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY
SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY, CH5 2HH**

PRESENT: Councillors: David Wisinger (Chair), Christine Jones (County Councillor), Alex Lewis (Vice-Chair), Barbara Hinds, Brian Ward, Mary Southall, Shelley Webber, Gwyneth Bullock, and Lionel Prouvé.

OTHERS: Two members of the public.

OFFICER: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

25/55 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 003705. Note that outstanding cheque numbers not banked by organisations:

- (No:003694) from April 2025, totalling £384.00
 - (No:003695 from April 2025, totalling £24.00
- Totalling £408.00

Sealand Community Council - Summary Accounts 2025/26 Financial Year					
Income		Actual	Anticipated	Difference	
	Precept	£21,333.34	£64,000.00	-£42,666.66	
	Bank Interest and Refund of Fees	£138.56	£525.10	-£386.54	
	VAT Refund Flintshire County Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	VAT Refund HMRC	£976.18	£1,000.00	-£23.82	
	Total	£22,448.08	£65,525.10	-£43,077.02	
Expenditure		Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance	
	Bank Charges	£29.00	£150.00	£121.00	
	Chairman's Fund	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00	
	Staffing Costs	£3,907.00	£14,592.65	£10,685.65	
	General Admin inc	£1,590.18	£4,266.64	£2,676.46	
	Insurances	£492.27	£650.00	£157.73	
	Play Schemes and New Play Equipment	£135.60	£16,813.00	£16,677.40	
	Street Furniture Repairs	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	
	Street Lighting	£576.70	£28,750.00	£28,173.30	
	Election Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Council Web Site	£792.00	£2,400.00	£1,608.00	
	S137 - Grants	£0.00	£3,035.00	£3,035.00	
		Total	£7,522.75	£71,657.29	£64,134.54
	Current Summary	Balance 1st April 2025 inc £25,000 contingency fund		£64,041.63	
Total Expenditure		£7,522.75			
Total Income		£22,448.08			
Balance		£14,925.33			
Balance as at 16th JUNE 2025		£ 78,966.96			
VAT Costs for 2025/26 Financial Year		£370.72			
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			

25/57 EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk gave an overview of the requirement to Council for the external audit noting that the documents can be sent to the Cardiff office via recorded delivery or By secure data transfer via Objective Connect with a deadline of the 30th June 2025 and mandated the Council to publish an audit notice by the 16th of June on all notice boards and Council website for a minimum of 14 calendar days, after the forementioned period it is the requirement of Council to allow the electors 20 working days of inspection from the 1st July to the 28th of July between the hours of 10:00 and 17:00 from Monday

to Friday in line with Section 30 of the Public Audit Wales Act 2004 gives the rights of the elector to inspect the Council's accounts.

The clerk received the audit notice for 2025, which pertains to the audit of accounts, and informed the Council that he would send the relevant documents to the auditors by July 7, 2025, for submission to the Local Council for Wales in the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2025.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

25/63 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 15th SEPTEMBER 2025.

25/64 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

DECLARATION OF INTEREST— Two Council members declared an interest to the Council. Cllr Christine Jones declared an interest in minute number 24/312(b) and Cllr Shelley Webber declared an interest in minute number 25/46

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm and closed at 8:40 pm.

..... Signed 14th July 2025, Chairperson of the Council