

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15th JUNE 2026 AT SEALAND COUNTY PRIMARY
SCHOOL, FARM ROAD, GARDEN CITY, CH5 2HH**

PRESENT: Councillors: Alex Lewis (Chair), Christine Jones, County Councillor (Vice-Chair), David Wisinger, Bob James, Mary Southall, Brian Ward, & Barbara Hinds.

OTHERS:

Robin Davies - Headmaster – Sealand Community Council.

OFFICER: Ashley Griffiths – Clerk and Financial Officer.

26/60 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 003777. Note that outstanding cheque numbers not banked by organisations:

- (No: 003758) from March 2026, totalling £1,540.94
 - (No: 003763) from March 2026, totalling £50.00
 - (No: 003767) from April 2026, totalling £384.00
 - (No: 003773) from May 2026, totalling £620.46
- Totalling £2,595.40.

**Sealand Community Council - Summary Accounts
2026/27 Financial Year**

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income			
Precept	£21,333.33	£64,000.00	-£42,666.67
Bank Interest and Refund of Fees	£91.54	£500.00	-£408.46
VAT Refund Flintshire County Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Refund HMRC	£2,113.44	£1,831.44	£282.00
Total	£23,538.31	£66,331.44	-£42,793.13

	Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Expenditure			
Bank Charges	£16.50	£165.00	£148.50
Chairman's Fund	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00
Staffing Costs	£4,154.28	£16,839.84	£12,685.56
General Admin inc	£1,790.70	£3,262.00	£1,471.30
Insurances	£600.08	£665.00	£64.92
Play Schemes and New Play Equipment	£0.00	£24,129.00	£24,129.00
Street Furniture Repairs	£0.00	£7,600.00	£7,600.00
Street Lighting	£873.11	£8,800.00	£7,926.89
Seasonal amenity provisions	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Council Web Site	£768.00	£2,400.00	£1,632.00
S137 - Grants	£0.00	£3,035.00	£3,035.00
Total	£8,202.67	£71,695.84	£63,493.17

Current Summa	Balance 1st April 2026 inc £34,000 contingency fund	£69,640.55
	Total Expenditure	£8,202.67
	Total Income	£23,538.31
	Balance	£15,335.64
	Balance as at 15th JUNE 2026	£ 84,976.19
	VAT Costs for 2026/27 Financial Year	£414.32

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

26/61 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.

26/62 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 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.

RESOLVED – That the clerk will send all the relevant documents to Audit Wales by 7th July 2026

26/67 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 13th JULY 2026.

26/68 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 26/44 (b).

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

..... Signed 13th JULY 2026, Chairman of the Council