6 March 2024

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING on WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024

YOU ARE SUMMONED to a Hybrid meeting of the **SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Wednesday, 13 March 2024 at 7.15pm.** The Meeting will be held at **Saltney Community Centre, Sandy Lane, Saltney, CH4 8UB.** (*Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021)* in order, to complete the transaction of the following business.

No recording, broadcasting or photographs may be taken of the Council meeting without prior approval of the Town Council.

Yours sincerely
Tracey Brown
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence

2. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any item that appears on the agenda. This item is time limited to 5 minutes, with the Mayor having discretion to extend to 10 minutes, depending on the issue and the number of people attending the meeting.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Personal Interest or Prejudicial Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the remotely held meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

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5. MATTERS ARISING

Members are reminded that this item has been included to allow questions on the previous meetings' Minutes. It does not allow for the re-opening of a debate.

6. POLICE MATTERS

A Member of the Police Service will attend if force duties permit.

The Police Matters - the online reports for members to review.

Saltney Mold Junction | Police.uk (www.police.uk)
Saltney Stonebridge | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

7. STREETSCENE

The Clerk will report any matters raised by the Council to a Member of staff from the County Council's Streetscene and report back to the next meeting where practicable.

8. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

To receive such communications as the Mayor may wish to lay before the Council.

9. VACANCIES FOR - MOLD JUNCTION AND STONEBRIDGE WARDS

The Clerk has received two resignations since the last meeting.
Councillor Claire Henderson Davis – Mold Junction ward
Councillor Ann Lloyd – Stonebridge ward

Council is asked if it wishes to seek the necessary signatures to call a Town Council election or go through the co-option process.

RECOMMENDED: That

Council be asked if it wishes to call an election or appoint through the co-option process.

10. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2024

In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, I attach a link to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's Annual Report, February 2024.

This has also been sent to the Minister for Finance and Local Government and other interested parties.

You can find the report by using the following link:

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's Annual Report, February 2024.

All other Determinations set out in 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024 remain valid and should be applied.

The Panel would appreciate if you could make your members aware of the content of the report.

The Panel were grateful for all responses received during the consultation period of the draft annual report and all comments have been considered.

RECOMMENDED: That

the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report for 2023-2024 be noted.

11. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – ONE VOICE WALES 2023-24

The Town Council has been invited to renew its One Voice Wales membership for 2024-25 at a cost of £962 for the year.

RECOMMENDED: That

Members are asked to approve the renewal of £962 for the Town Council's membership with One Voice Wales for a further 12 months commencing April 2024-25.

12. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN – PLACE PLANS

Report attached.

13. ONE VOICE WALES AWARDS CONFERENCE – 27 MARCH 2024

Report attached.

14. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL - CURZON HOUSE - UPDATE ACCOUNTS 2023

Report attached.

15. FLOODING ISSUES

The Clerk has received a letter from local farmers regarding the balderton brook/watercourse which runs on the land leading to and through Saltney to the River Dee, going through Morrisons which is in a condition such, the proper flow of water is being impeded as it is no longer functioning as effective and efficient drain to the waterflow. Several farmers upstream of Saltney are all being permanently under water.

Local farmers are losing thousands of pounds every year.

RECOMMENDED: That

Council be asked if it can assist in further negotiating with Natural Resources Wales and the Environment Agency going forward.

16. ACCOUNTS

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cashbook, receipts and payments and cost centre reports. *(to be circulated as soon as the bank statement is received).*

RECOMMENDED: That

the reports be approved.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Richard Lloyd, to request that Saltney Town Council contact Flintshire lighting department to inform them that the Town Council no longer requires an inspection of the Town Council's streetlights until further notice but to continue to maintain them when informed by the Town Council that a particular streetlight is faulty.

This would be a huge saving on the Town Council's resources.

18. QUESTIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 23 to consider any questions to the Mayor or the Town Clerk from Members, of which due notice has been given.

19. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Further to Minute 210 of 2008/09 Local County Council members, Councillor Richard Lloyd Councillor Jason Shallcross, and Councillor Ryan McKeown are invited to give any feedback they might have received from County Council meetings that may or will affect Saltney. Members of the Town Council who have attended meetings as representatives of the Town Council since the last meeting are also required to report back.

20. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100426	Staff	Clerk's salary for March 2024 as calculated by the Council's Agent: Wurkplace Ltd, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	
4001	100427	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments for March 2024 - as calculated by the Council's Agent: Wurkplace Ltd - Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	

4300	100428	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Maintenance – TZ097019	474.00
NB: Monthly				
4008	SO	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Office Rent	360.00
4022	DD annual	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	40.00
4020	DD	Prism	Telecoms	84.11
4003	DD	Prism	Internet provision	133.51

***Please note that members of the press and public are welcome to attend the meeting by prior arrangement with the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on 01244 398829 or email: townclerk@saltneytowncouncil.gov.uk* for a ink to the meeting.**

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