MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY,14 FEBRUARY 2024 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

PRESENT: Councillor K Shallcross, Mayor, Councillors J Brett Roberts, P Brett Roberts, B Gregory, E Gregory, R Griffiths, R Lloyd, J Shallcross, K Shallcross and T Brown, Town Clerk.

174. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors V Gay, C Henderson Davis, A Lloyd, R McKeown, A Roberts, and M Robinson.

175. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS – PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public in attendance.

176. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest were made.

177. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10 January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

178. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

179. POLICE MATTERS

No representative was available to attend in person.

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180. STREETSCENE

It was reported that due the necessary ongoing savings being made by Flintshire County Council a representative from Streetscene would no longer attend Council meetings.

The Clerk agreed to report any comments/concerns from members to John Griffiths, Streetscene and report back to the next meeting where practicable.

181. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that she had not attend as many civic events since the last meeting but had the Lord Mayors Banquet on 1 March at the Town Hall, Chester and the Chair of Flintshire County Councils Charity evening on 8 March at the Beaufort Park Hotel.

182. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT - 2023-24

Members considered the financial risk assessment for 2023-24.

RESOLVED: That

the Financial Risk Assessment for 2023-24 be approved.

183. FIXED ASSET REGISTER – 2023-24

Members considered the fixed asset register for 2023-24.

RESOLVED: That

the Fixed Asset Register for 2023-24 be approved.

184. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS 2024/25

The Clerk reported back to members following the last meeting that there were no time limitations for the appointment. Therefore, For the last few years, the Council had appointed JDH Business Services as their internal auditors. Their services had been entirely satisfactory, and the Council were invited to re-appoint them.

RESOLVED: That

JDH Business Services Ltd be re-appointed, as the Town Council's internal auditors for the next financial year.

185. STANDARDS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Clerk be asked to inform the monitoring officer that first nomination is Cllr Ros Griffiths, and second nomination is Bill Cooper for the position on the Standards Committee for a Town and Community Council Representative.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Ros Griffiths be the first nomination for the position on the Standards Committee with second nomination being Bill Cooper.

186. NEURO THERAPY CENTRE REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON GRANT FUNDING

Members received a report from the Neuro Therapy Centre, which detailed how the money from the Town Councils grand funding had been spent.

It was agreed that the Neuro Therapy Centre do excellent work within the community.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

187. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: FISCAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Welsh Parliament's Finance Committee was undertaking an inquiry into **Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations**.

To inform its work, the Committee had issued a consultation.

Further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference and how to respond to the consultation is available on our webpages.

Anyone wishing to contribute could do so by submitting a formal response to the consultation by **1 March 2024**.

RESOLVED: That

there were no comments from the Town Council.

188. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION SPENDING PURPOSE FOR DORMANT ASSETS IN WALES

The Welsh Government was consulting on the future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales. It was proposing four potential options to consider: children and young people, the climate and nature emergencies, financial inclusion and community action. It was unlikely to be able to fund all four options and would need to prioritise. The consultation set out the background to the current Dormant Accounts Scheme, provided some context to each of the four potential purposes and offers the opportunity for respondents to provide alternative suggestions.

How to respond to this consultation please complete the online form which could be accessed here: https://www.gov.wales/future-spending-purposes-dormant-assets-funding-wales or alternatively, respondents may use the separate response form provided which can be sent via e-mail to dormantassetsfunding@gov.wales or by post to the address below. The closing date for responses is 28 February 2024.

RESOLVED: That

there were no comments from the Town Council.

189. ACCOUNTS

Members were asked to receive a copy of the bank reconciliation reports, cashbook receipts and payments.

There were no questions to the Clerk on the reports.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be approved.

190. QUESTIONS

There were no questions received.

191. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Jason Shallcross reported that he and Councillor Riichard Lloyd had recently met with Edwards Homes and Flintshire County Council with regard to the adoption of the Bakery Site.

Met with The Housing Officer at Douglas Place.

Attended the Clwyd Pension Committee, there was a speaker on cyber security, it was remarkably interesting.

On 26/1/24 met the with Environment Agency re the flooding on farmlands and attended a cross board meeting with five local farmers and residents.

The Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales seem to concentrate on the prevention of people's houses from flooding and not farms.

There are issues with the new builds on the coming over from King School site to Lache Lane, there will far more water coming down into the Balderton Brook.

Councillor Richard Lloyd reported that we had managed to get the Environment Agency and natural Resources Wales talking now about the local issues.

Both County Councillors had attended Douglas Place and were hoping to get a maintenance contract for cleaning the pond.

People were not happy with the PSPO signage that had been put in place in Saltney Ferry, the signage had since been destroyed.

The give way sign on the junction of Chester road and Saltney Ferry will be replace on 16/2/24 following a recent Road Traffic Accident.

Met with Mark Tammy and Mark Isherwood re more funding for Flintshire who were currently 20th out 22 for funding.

Ewart Street potholes had been reported.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be noted.

192. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount

4000	100417	Staff	salary for February 2024 as calculated by the Council's Agent, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule) and overtime payment.	
4001 4002	100418 100420	Staff	HMRC for February 2024 as calculated by the Council's Agent, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	
4300	100412	Flintshire CC	Lighting Maintenance	474.00
4100	100413	Network Rail	Saltney Ferry Lamp on bridge annual	131.89
	100414	One Voice Wales	Training – Cllr V Gay Module 15 & Cllr Henderson-Davis Module – New Councillor training	76.00
4103	100415	Flintshire CC	Allotment Annual Rent	100.00
4045	100416	T Brown	Defib Pads children and Adults	192.00
4042	100419	Flintshire CC	Chairman Charity Dinner KS/JS	76.00

4103	100415	Flintshire CC	Allotment Annual Rent	100.00
4045	100416	T Brown	Defib Pads children and Adults	192.00
4042	100419	Flintshire CC	Chairman Charity Dinner KS/JS	76.00
4300	100421	Flintshire CC	Lighting Maintenance	474.00
4075	100422	Flintshire CC	Matched Funding Bench at the Rec	644.00
4042	100423	Cheshire West & Chester	Lord Mayor's Banquet – KS/JS	110.00
4008	100424	T Brown	Stationery -Cartridges, printer paper, envelopes, notebooks, post it pads	97.79
4004	100425	Clwyd Pension Fund	One off admin fee	750.00

NB: Monthly				
4008	SO	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Office Rent	360.00
4022	DD	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	40.00
4020	DD	Prism	Telecoms	93.66
4003	DD	Prism	Internet provision	143.23
4010	DD	Wurkplace	Payroll	72.71

Chairman ……

Date: …….