MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY,14 OCTOBER 2026 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

PRESENT: Mayor, Councillor A Roberts, Councillors, J Brett-Roberts, P Brett-Roberts B Gregory, E Gregory, Ros Griffiths, R Lloyd, , Kim Shallcrross and T Brown, Town Clerk.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M Anderson, R McKeown, M Robinson, S Rodham, J Shallcross.

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

There was one member of the public in attendance.

61. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

62. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday, 22 July 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

64. POLICE MATTERS

No representative was available to attend in person.

Members noted that once again e scooters and bikes remained an issue in the township. Cuppa with a Copper had taken place on 15/10 at Morrisons, and on18/10 at the old Chapel, Saltney.

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

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

65. STREETSCENE

There was some concern that dog bins were not being emptied on a regular basis around Saltney, whilst it was appreciated it could be a staffing matter due to holidays being taken.

There was a rubble bag that seemed to have been dumped opposite farm foods, clearly fly tipping.

The High Street had been cleared of weeds but were left on Victoria Road by the High Street.

Members were curious as to where the bench had gone from Victoria Road (shops) it needs to be replaces as soon as possible.

The Mayor varied the order of business brought forward agenda item 9.

66. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – 5 DUCTILE CAST IRON BOLLARDS AT RIVER LANE, SALTNEY

Mike Taylor, Coastal Ranger, Flintshire County Council briefed members on pulling a project together to install ductile bollards around the riverside walk predominantly at the roundabout opposite go outdoors. They had been used at other locations in the coast park, and several had been fitted at Saltney Ferry. Members agreed to have 10 bollards installed.

The cost of the 10 ductile bollards would be £4,050. Members agreed that the bollards would improve the riverside walk area for our local community.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7.42pm due to antisocial behaviour from children on the playing fields. The meeting resumed again at 7.50pm

Council thanks Mike Taylor for his continued work and working in partnership with the Town Council on the Riverside Walk.

RESOLVED: That

Council agreed to the installation of the 10 Ductile Bollards at the Roverside Walk, Saltney. at a cost of £4,050. The Clerk explained that there were some funding n ear marked reserves for the riverside walk ongoing projects the funding could be to be drawn from townscape ear marked reserves.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm due once again to antisocial behaviour from children on the playing fields. The meeting resumed again at 8.08pm

67. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

Since the last meeting the Mayor had attended several civic events since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayors report be received.

68. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: COU/000796/26
Proposal: Change of Use for First Floor of Building from Residential to Ancillary Space for Existing veterinary Practice which Operated from the Ground Floor of the Building. Proposal also to Include the Lowering of the Kerb to the Highway to Enable Safer and Easier Access for the Property and the Neighbouring Two Dwellings.

Location: 52A, HIGH STREET, SALTNEY, FLINTSHIRE, CH4 8SF
At: https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=COU/000796/26

RESOLVED: That

Saltney Town Council has no objections the planning application.

Ref: FUL/000697/26
Proposal; Retrospection Application to Change the Building from a Former Public House to a Grill Steak Turkish Restaurant
Location: The Corner Pin, High Street, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8SH

At: https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=FUL/000697/26

RESOLVED: That

Saltney Town Council has some concerns on the planning application as follows and wishes for them to be taken in to account.

- There is no practical provision for general parking
- There is no practical provision for disabled parking
- No area for recycling bins
- No area for food waste bins being outside of the premises as it seems the utility building has been bricked up
- There is no area for trade deliveries or waste collections

The Town Council would like to have further clarity on who owns the land between Morrisons/adjacent to the Corner Pin.

69. JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT – WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are arranging a remote joint event to be held on 18 November 2026. This event is open to Clerks and Councillors.

RESOLVED: That

the Town Clerks attendance be approved.

70. DRAFT ANNUAL REMUNERATION REPORT 2027–28

The Draft Annual Remuneration Report for 2027–28. The report outlined the Commission's proposed determinations on the remuneration, expenses, and benefits for elected and co-opted members across Wales's principal Councils, Community and Town Councils, Fire and Rescue authorities, and national park authorities.

The draft report comes at an important point, as it sets remuneration levels which would apply to members who would be elected at the May 2027 local government elections.

The key areas considered as part of our deliberations for the draft report included:

- The remuneration framework for senior roles in principal councils and corporate joint committees.
- The methodology for annual uprating, including considering whether the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings remains the most appropriate measure.

- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders such as the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales.

The Commission had proposed that the basic salary for elected members increases to £21,676, in line with the rise in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs. The increase in the basic annual salary is 3%, and it was proposed to maintain the existing banding structure for senior roles.

Further details, including specific salary levels and allowances, were set out in the report.

The draft is now open for consultation until 17 December 2026, and the Commission welcomes feedback from all stakeholders to inform the final determinations, which we intend to publish by the end of February 2027.

Draft annual remuneration report 2027-28

RESOLVED: That

Council noted the Draft Annual Remuneration Report for 2027-28 at this time.

71. MODEL STANDING ORDERS

The latest version of the Model Standing Orders from One Voice Wales with the only changes of significance relating to the section on Financial Controls and Procurement.

Councils were encouraged to adopt the new model making sure that the guidance contained on Page 3 was accounted for as part of the adoption process.

RESOLVED: That

the amended Model Standing Orders including Appendix 1 be approved.

72. FIT FED AND READ 2026 – FEEDBACK

The infographic and specific statistics from the fit, fed and read 2026 for Saltney area, which highlighted the positive impact the Town Councils contribution had helped to achieve. Please find the figures detailed below for your reference.

Number of sessions delivered – 5
Number of people attended – 540
Average people per session – 108

The Town Councils commitment to supporting local families and young people had been a success whilst working collaboratively in partnership with Gwella and had helped to ensure that local children not only had access to nutritious food, but also opportunities to stay active and engaged in learning during the holiday period.

Members categorically agreed that the Fit Fed and Read 2026 had been a huge success for our local community.

RESOLVED: That

the feedback be welcomed.

73. SUMMER PLAYSCHEME 2026 – FEEDBACK

Members noted the attendance at the Rec, Park Avenue, Saltney. The Recreation Ground Playscheme varied throughout the summer programme, with session numbers ranging from 3 to 11 children and 96 attendances recorded over the three weeks. This allowed staff to provide a high level of individual support and engagement with participants.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

74. ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK MAP STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Flintshire County Council was inviting residents to have their say on the future of walking, wheeling and cycling across the county as part of a statutory 12-week consultation on its updated Active Travel Network Map (ATNM).

Flintshire County Council's vision was to create a network that makes walking, wheeling and cycling the most natural and convenient ways to travel for local everyday journeys. By improving opportunities for active travel, the Council aims to support healthier lifestyles, reduce reliance on cars and help create safer, more attractive and liveable towns and villages.

RESOLVED: That

no comments from the Town Council.

75. ACCOUNTS

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cash book and the bank reconciliation reports. *(to be circulated as soon as the bank statement is received).*

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

76. QUESTIONS

There were no questions to the Clerk or the Mayor.

77. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lloyd reported that there was a litter pick due to take place on 23/10/26 at the Rec, and Bradshaw Avenue, Saltney. Both County Councillors Lloyd and Shallcross would be attending and all schools had been invited to the events. attend

The weeds had been cleared along the High Street, the chap worked very hard on his own to clear them.

The planter at the community centre was now ready for planting, Councillor Roberts, Lloyd and Shallcross had prepared the planter.

Other issues he had dealt with were fly tipping, planning issues, housing issues, and

potholes. Potholes had been filled along the High Street, Boundary Lane, Sandy Lane and the Community Centre entrance.

Connect Service held at the community centre every Monday is a great service for local residents.

78. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Payment of the following accounts.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100661 100666 100673	Staff	Payroll for Aug, Sept & Oct 2026 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	100662 100667 100674	HMRC	HMRC payments for Aug, Sept & Oct 2026 - as calculated by the Council's Agent: Wurkplace Ltd -Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	
	100664	Saltney Community Centre	Room Hire – Council meetings	72.00
	100665	Saltney Community Centre	Room Hire – Council meetings	96.00
4022	100668	K Shallcross	Deputy Mayor Civic Allowance	250.00
4022	100669	A Roberts	Mayor Civic Allowance	750.00
4043	100670	OVW	Member Training – AR	44.00
4008	100672	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Rent adjustment	274.52
4070	100675	Zurich Insurance	Annual Fee	1,276.91
4008	100676	Vision ICT Ltd	Annual Fee	612.00
4360 4008	100677	T Brown	Poppies for Lampposts & Stationery	475.00
void	100663 100671			
NB: Monthly				
4008	SO	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Office Rent	497.26
4022	DD annual	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	45.00
4020	DD	Prism	Telecoms	102.06
4003	DD	Prism	Internet provision	169.90
4010	DD	Employee Passport Ltd	Payroll	74.17

Chairman ……

Date: ……...