

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2023 AT ODDFELLOWS HALL, HIGH STREET SALTNEY.

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

192. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor D Jones.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

194. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest were made.

195. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

196. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

197. POLICE MATTERS

No representative was available to attend in person.

[Saltney Mold Junction | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)
[Saltney Stonebridge | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

198. STREETSCENE

No representative available to attend.

199. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that he had attended a litter pick along Brook Farm Estate and Morrisons.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

200. GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION – UPDATE

A grant funding application had been received from Saltney Methodist Church for Solar Panels.

Following the initial consideration of the application, a point was raised whether Town and Community Councils were prohibited from giving financial support to churches.

The Clerk updated and reiterated that it was prohibited to give funding to churches in accordance with <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Vict/56-57/73> prohibits such financial support and that – unlike other aspects of that Act – there had been no subsequent legislation that has decisively overridden the prohibition. S.8 enumerates the powers of Town and Parish Councils and 8(1)(i).

RESOLVED: That

the application be declined on the grounds that Town and Community Councils are prohibited to provide funding under the Local Government Act 1894.

201. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: Ful/000267/23
Proposal: Proposed Storage Containers for Domestic Self Storage
Location: 2a-2b border Industrial Park, River Lane, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8RJ
https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=COU/000267/23

RESOLVED: That

no comment from the Town Council.

202. COMMUNITY DONATION

Llangollen Eisteddfod 2023 had requested a community donation from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That

the request be declined.

203. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – NEW STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT 2023-26

Members considered the new street lighting contract from Flintshire County Council for the period 2023-2026.

RESOLVED: That

Flintshire County Council Street Lighting contract for 2023-2026 be approved.

204. APPOINTMENT OF A MINOR AUTHORITY GOVERNOR AT SALTNEY FERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Council was asked to appoint a Minor Authority Governor to Saltney Ferry Primary School.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Dan Jones be appointed as Minor Authority Governor at Saltney Ferry Primary School.

205. SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL TRAINING PLAN – 2022-23

The Clerk presented the Town Councils training plan for 2022-23 to members for approval.

It was emphasised by the Clerk the importance of getting this plan approved and put on the website.

RESOLVED: That

the training plan be approved and published on the Councils website.

206. CONSULTATION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK (RICHARD PENN REPORT)

Members noted the consultation in that the review had concluded the current Framework was 'fit for purpose' and worked well in practice. A few amendments had been suggested in the report that could lead to a greater emphasis in the Framework on prevention of complaints, improve the handling of complaints and result in already high ethical standards being further enhanced.

RESOLVED: That

no comments on the consultation.

207. LAND SOUTH OF THE A5014 CHESTER ROAD AT BRETTON HALL, CHESTER, FLINTSHIRE, CH4 0DF

Members noted the update on the Land South of the A5014 Chester Road at Bretton Hall, Chester, Flintshire, CH4 0DF. No comments were made.

RESOLVED: That

the update be noted.

208. KING CHARLES III CORONATION

The Clerk updated members on the Town Councils plans for the event on Sunday, 7 May, from 12 noon onwards at the Sandy Lane Community Centre, playing field, there will be entertainment, music food and drink.

Also confirmed a climbing wall, cave, and bungee jump, along with entertainment from our local dancing school Studio 13 and local Morris-dancers and local community stalls and ice cream.

The working group requested a further £2k be added to the initial budget of £5k.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted and the additional £2k be approved for the event.

209. ACCOUNTS 2023

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cashbook, receipts and payments and cost centre reports.

There were no questions to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That

the financial reports be approved.

210. COUNTY FORUM MEETING

Members were asked if they wished the Clerk to submit any items of business for any future meeting of the County Forum.

NB: The Town Council's representatives are Councillors Barrie Gregory, Eileen Gregory, and the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: That

no items of business be submitted.

211. QUESTIONS

There were no questions to the Clerk or the Mayor.

212. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Jason Shallcross reported he had attended the Wrexham and Flint Area Committee, the main topic for discussion for defibrillators in Town and community Councils. He said that Saltney Town Council had done the town justice with the defibrillators.

Attended the Panning Aid Wales Planning training session.

Councillor Ryan McKeown reported that Aura Leisure had given notice to ST Davids High School to withdraw from the Sport Hall.

Councillor Richard Lloyd reported that he had done walkabout the Mainwaring Estate with the Housing and Streetscene officers.

Arranging a community litter pick in the Mainwaring area.

The bus stop will go back on Chester Road, following the recent road works being completed.

He had reported damage to the barrier on Victoria Rod to the police.

Attended the Planning Aid Wales training session.

There would be another Development Plan coming forward.

213. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100288	Staff	Clerk's salary for April 2023 as calculated by the Council's Agent, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4001	100289	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments for April 2023 - as calculated by the Council's Agent, Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	

4103	100284	Flintshire CC	Annual Allotments Rent	100.00
4350	100285	Blachere Illum UK	Christmas Lights 1 st payment	7,488.36
4008	100286	Vision ICT	Website Support and Bilingual Fee	459.60
4044	100287	Deeside Lodge	Room Hire for March 23	22.00

NB: Monthly				
4008	SO	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Office Rent	360.00
4022	DD	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	40.00
4020	DD	Prism	Telecoms	84.11
4003	DD	Prism	Internet provision	133.51

Chairman

Date: