

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2025 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

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

119. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J Brett Roberts and R McKeown.

120. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS – PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public in attendance.

121. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

122. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13 November 2024 be confirmed (*as amended*) as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

123. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

124. POLICE MATTERS

No representative was available to attend in person.
Issues with E Scooters was raised once again as a concern.

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

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125. STREETSCENE

A sink hole on Carlton Avenue was getting bigger, a resident had been measuring it by putting a plank over it. The pothole had been previously reported.

126. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that he had attend two event at St Davids High School, Town Councils Christmas Fayre, Lord Mayors charity event at Eaton Hall and Studio 13 Christmas event.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayors report be noted.

127. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS 2025/26

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, appointed as the Town Council's internal auditors for the next financial year.

128. APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION 137(4)(a) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2025-26

Members noted the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2025-26.

RESOLVED: That

Section 137 letter for 2025-25 be noted.

129. BUDGET 2025/26

Members received the Town Clerks proposed budget report, for 2025/26 based on a 5% increase in the precept for the 2025/26 financial year.

Following an intense budget discussion members approved the budget for 2025-26 at a 5.5% increase giving a precept of £46.58 the increase would fund expenditure of £91,198.

Members asked for further budget forecasting, to be done with the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to help members better understand the budgeting process.

Councillor Lloyd called for a named vote for 5.5% increase, the reason given was for openness and transparency in the budget setting process.

Councillor	Name	For	Against	Abstain
Jeff	Brett Roberts	-	-	-
Penny	Brett Roberts		√	
Arthur	Gregory	√		
Eileen	Gregory	√		
Ros	Griffiths		√	
Richard	Lloyd	√		
Ryan	McKeown	-	-	-
Aled	Roberts		√	
Mark	Robinson		√	
Stephen	Rodham	√		
Jason	Shallcross	√		
Kim	Shallcross		√	

Chairmans casting vote was for 5.5%

RESOLVED: That

the budget sum of £91,198 be approved and submitted to Flintshire County Council that was a 5.5% increase to the precept £46.58 for the financial year 2025-26.

130. COMMUNITY DONATION – WALES AIR AMBULANCE

The Clerk had received a request for a community donation by Wales Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED: That

on this occasion the Town Council declined the community donation.

131. WINTER PREPARATIONS 2024-25

Members considered the letter from Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That

report noted.

132. ACCOUNTS 2024

In accordance with the instructions from the Auditors, to receive a copy of the cash book and the bank reconciliation reports.

There were no questions to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

133 . QUESTIONS

There were no questions received for the Clerk or the Mayor.

134 . INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Report deferred.

135 . PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Payment of the following accounts for November 2024.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100487 100495	Staff	Staff salary for Dec 24 & January 25 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 4002	100488 100496	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments Dec 24 & January 25 - as calculated by the Council's Agent in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	
4040	100486	T Brown	Selection Boxes Christmas Fayre	120.00
4042	100491	Lord Mayor Charity Event	Mayor and Consort Eaton Hall Civic event	70.00
4043	100492	One Voice Wales	Training - Cllr R Griffiths inv 8636	40.00
4360	1002146	T R Lloyd	Defib Pads and Batteries Defib Store	2146.80
NB: Monthly		Unpaid Chq	100490 100493 100494	
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
4011	DD	Wurkplace Ltd	Payroll	72.71

Chairman

Date: