

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

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

153. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies were received

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

There were three members of the public in attendance.

155. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Gregory declared a personal interest as School Governor at St Anthony's School.

Councillor R Lloyd declared a personal interest as chair of Planning Committee at Flintshire County Council.

Councillors K Shallcross and E Gregory declared personal interest as School Governors at Saltney Ferry Primary School.

Councillor R McKeown declared a personal interest as School Governor at St David High School.

156. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 15 January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

157. POLICE MATTERS

Members received a presentation from the PCSO's on the crime prevention initiative called "We Don't Buy Crime" (Smart Water)

Smart Water assists the Police in linking a criminal to their specific crime – which means that criminals were fearful of Smart Water, as they were aware of its evidential value and the increased risk of conviction if they were caught in possession of a stolen item marked with Smart Water.

The initiative was due to a unique opportunity whereby Deter Tech (the manufacturers of Smart Water) would offer a significant discount to local Town and Community Councils and groups who are willing to purchase a minimum of 100 Smart Water kits.

Issues remained in the township with E Scooters.

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

RESOLVED: That

the Town Council would not be taking up on the offer to Town and Community Councils at this time.

158. STREETSCENE

No report to Streetscene.

159. SALTNEY MANOR PARK

Members received an initial presentation from Harry Boulton and Andy Cowan from Carter Jonas on an illustrative masterplan that had been prepared to demonstrate how the development of the site could come forward. This masterplan was illustrative only and should not be considered as prescriptive of the potential layout, uses, and quantum of development. It did, however, represent a deliverable proposition at Saltney Manor Park which sought to achieve the vision identified for the site.

The site was bound to the north by Sealand Industrial Estate and Chester F.C's Deva Stadium and beyond that by Sealand Road. To the east and south the site was bounded by the River Dee and to the west by Ferry Lane. The site was surrounded by development on all sides with the exception of its western boundary.

The development would be linked to Saltney by a foot/cycle bridge, members were in favour of the project as it would be great for Saltney albeit realistically looking at the earliest 2030.

Some concerns were raised about employment, affordable housing, the pressure of possible increased numbers on schools in Saltney and the important development of a highway infrastructure.

Members welcomed the presentation and asked for further information to be brought back to the Town Council in due course.

RESOLVED: That

the presentation be received.

160. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Not attended any events since the last meeting.

161. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications for consultation have been received.

Ref No: FUL/000093/25
Proposal: Two-Storey Side Extension and New Roof Over Existing Garage
Location: 21, Norton Avenue, Saltney, Chester, CH4 8UD

RESOLVED: That

the Planning Application be noted, there were no comments from the Town Council.

162. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that he had not attended any civic events since the last Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayors report be noted.

163. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2025 – AMENDMENT

Members agreed to change the rename of Personnel Committee to Staffing Committee and to hold the meetings as and when required.

RESOLVED; That

the amended calendar of meetings be approved.

164. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

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 ("the Panel") Annual Report 2025 to 2026.

The report had also been sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government and other interested parties.

You can find the report by using the following link:

[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2025 to 2026 | GOV.WALES](#)

Annual Report 2025 to 2026

The [Annual Report](#) highlighted the changes made to remuneration for next year. A full list of all relevant [Determinations](#) to be applied, were on the Panel's [website](#).

Determinations 2025 to 2026

[Determinations](#) the Panel has made on remuneration and allowances in place for the year 2025 to 2026.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report for 2025-2026 be approved for all mandatory determinations.

(2) the optional determinations be noted and subject to change within the budget setting process if necessary.

165. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – ONE VOICE WALES 2025-26

The Town Council had been invited to renew its One Voice Wales membership for 2025-26 at a cost of £1009 for the year.

RESOLVED: That

the renewal of £1009 for the Town Council's membership with One Voice Wales for a further 12 months commencing April 2025-26 be approved.

166. VACANCY – STONEBRIDGE WARD

The Clerk updated members on the vacancy for Stonebridge ward following the sad death of Veronica Gay.

The Vacancy Notice would go in boards around the township and on the Town Councils website.

RESOLVED: That

the vacancy be advertised.

167. HEALTH AND SAFETY, HUMAN RESOURCES AND PAYROLL CONTRACT

A small panel of members be established to interview for three companies for the Health and Safety, Human Resources and Payroll contract.

Councillors Barrie Gegory, Ros Griffiths, Aled Roberts, Stephen Rodham Jason Shallcross and the Town Clerk

RESOLVED: That

the Clerk be asked to set a meeting to interview 3 companies for the Health and Safety, Human Resources and Payroll contract and report to their findings to a future meeting of the Council.

168. PCC ANNUAL REPORT

Members noted the PCC Annual Report.

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

169. ACCOUNTS 2024

The statement had not been received in time for the meeting.

170. QUESTIONS

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

171. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lloyd reported on a complaint that had been made against him to the Ombudsman over 18 months ago, which after many months of stress that had been caused, cost and the hours of the investigation had taken, it was not upheld.

It was agreed to be a good idea that Standards Committee should inform Councillors at the first stage in the process.

Councillors Lloyd and Shallcross handed in a petition of 2500 signature for St Anthony's School at the County Council meeting .

The emergency number for Flintshire county Council had changed to 01792 002128

Place Making Plans had named seven towns which excluded Saltney. Councillors Lloyd and Shallcross will meet with the officer to see if Saltney would be eligible for some funding.

It was also reported that neighbourhood warden services were needed for those affected by crime. 01352 703440

There had been a complaint made about the plastics company on River Lane made to Flintshire County Council and National Resources Wales.

Councillors Lloyd and Shallcross had met recently with the Education officer.

Beechwood Road Gardens had now been placed back with the Housing Department.

Flintshire County Council had now moved to new offices in Ewloe.

A walk about with the Housing officer around Mainwaring Drive.

Taken part in planting some trees at St Davids High School.

Attended a drop-in session at the Community Centre, for recycling.

Both Councillors had met on two occasions with St Anthony's School to give support.

172. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4001 4002	100514	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments March 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
4000	100513	Staff	Staff salary for March 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
4030	100509	JDH Business Services	Dat Protection Audit 24/25	552.00
4300	100510	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Maintenance TA097508	525.60
4042	100511	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Lord Mayor Charity Dinner – ABG & EG	110.00
4042	100512	Flintshire County Council	Chairmans Banquet – RG & PG	76.00

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
4011	DD	Wurkplace Ltd	Payroll	72.71

Chairman

Date: