

**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 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, A Roberts, M Robinson, S Rodham, J Shallcross, K Shallcross and T Brown, Town Clerk.

**173. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor R McKeown.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**175. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Richrd Lloyd declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 9 – Planning Application as Chairman of Planning Committee at Flintshire County Council.

**176. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That**

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**177. POLICE MATTERS**

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))

Councillor Aled Roberts reported that he had accessed three CCTV cameras with a detective from North Wales Police.

The Camera outside Londis on Victoria Road was not working correctly there were issues with the lighting from the advertising board which was interfering with the quality of the camera and the information being retrieved.

It was suggested that the Town Council should ask for the company of the advertising board to pay for the camera to be moved to another post.

**RESOLVED: That**

the report be received.

**178 . STREETSCENE**

The bins at Morrisons were overflowing and rubbish was being fly tipped. The manager had been contacted to deal with the issue.

Bins outside the Corner Pin were also an issue with vermin in the vicinity. Several Councillors and the Town Clerk had reported the issue to Environmental Health at Flintshire County Council. It was confirmed that the bins were on Flintshire County Council land, therefore it was classed as fly tipping.

The County Councillor agreed to raise both issues with Streetscene to try and get the issues resolved.

**RESOLVED: That**

the report be noted.

#### **179. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

It was reported that he and his consort had visited Studio 13.

Councillor Griffiths, Deputy Mayor, had attended Flintshire County Councils Charity Dinner event.

#### **180. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application for consultation have been received.

Ref No: FUL/000783/24

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. golf coaching bays, installation of 3 no. padel courts and associated infrastructure and works

Location: Chester and North Wales Golf Academy, Chester Road, Broughton, Chester, CH4 0DF

[https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC\\_Planning/Home/Details?refno=FUL/000783/24](https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=FUL/000783/24)

*Councillor Richard Lloyd declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 9 – Planning Application as Chairman of Planning Committee at Flintshire County Council, he did not take part in the debate or vote on the item.*

**RESOLVED: That**

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

#### **181. 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.

#### **182. FIT, FED & READ COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

Members considered the letter received from Gwella, and agreed to take part in the Fit, Fed and Read Community Programme or 2025 at a cost to the Town Council of £1k.

To ensure the continued delivery of this highly valued and much-needed service, with support from Town and Community Councils where the programme operated.

The money be drawn down from the CCLA account and put as an Ear Marked Reserve.

**RESOLVED: That**

£1k contribution to support the programme for 2025 be approved.

**183. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS 2025-26**

Finance and General Purposed Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025, made a recommendation to Council not to enter an expression of interest for the match funding scheme for this financial year 2025-26 due to overall budget constraints.

Following a site visit with both County Councillors a proposal was put forward at the Council meeting requesting an Expression of Interest be submitted to Gwella for £5k towards the repairs to the large slide on Billys Park, Saltney Ferry.

Council agreed that £10k be drawn down from the CCLA account to cover the £5k and £1k for Fit Fed and Read programme as neither project was considered a part of the budgetary processing for 2025-26. The remaining £4k £2k be put to the Riverside Walk.

**RESOLVED: That**

(1) the Clerk be asked to submit an expression of interest for 2025-26 match funding scheme for Billy Park, Saltney Ferry: and

(2) £10k be drawn down from the CCLA account to cover the £5k matched funding for Billy Park, Saltney Ferry, £1k for the Fit, Fed, and Read programme with £4k for possible funding towards the Riverside Walk.

**184. THE ROLE, GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUTABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS SECTOR**

The Local Government and Housing Committee, Senedd had now concluded its inquiry, and thanked all consultees for their submissions and have produced its report.

The report was available via the link detailed below

<https://senedd.wales/media/ldgbgvzu/cr-id17034-e.pdf>

**RESOLVED: That**

the report be noted.

**185. ACCOUNTS 2024**

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

## 186. QUESTIONS

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

## 187. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Shallcross and Councillor Lloyd expressed concern on the way St Anthony's School had been treated was shocking. He and Cllr Lloyd had visited the school to offer support.

Report was going to the Cabinet meeting the following week then out to public consultation. The report and its recommendation had been amended twice; the report and its recommendations were now better prior to consultation.

Both county members agreed that children travelling to Flint was not acceptable, and they had been working closely with cabinet members.

Both Councillors had met with Richard Roberts, Gwella, re matched funding for Billy's Park, Saltney Ferry.

A petition had been handed in at Flintshire County Council on behalf of Saltney Ferry School. Both Councillors had visited the school and the farm.

Attended meetings at the County Council.

Done some litter picking.

## 188. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

To authorise payment of the following accounts

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100519	Staff	Payroll for April 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	100518	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments April 25 - as calculated by the Council's Agent in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	

<b>Code</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Invoice</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4008	10016	T Brown	Printer cartridges, a4 note pads x3 stamps	81.97
4044	100517	Community Centre	Room Hire Jan - March	72.00
4043	100520	One Voice Wales	Training Cllr Roberts Module 27	40.00
4300	100521	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Maintenance TA097009	814.20
4300	100522	Flintshire County Council	Lighting Maintenance TA097867	525.60
4008	100523	Vision ICT Ltd	Annual fee website hosting	384.00
4008	100524	Vision ICT Ltd	Bilingual fee for gov.uk	78.00

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

Signed Chairman : .....

Date; .....