

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

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

42 . APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors,

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

There were 2 members of the public in attendance and spoke in relation to agenda item 9 - Consultation Proposal to Reorganise Saltney Ferry County Primary School and Wood Memorial County Primary School, Saltney.

44. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest were made.

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

47. POLICE MATTERS

No representative was available to attend in person.

Issue of Electric Scooters on the coastal path on pavements and outside local schools was a continual issue. Police be asked to do more prevention.

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

48. STREETSCENE

Puffin Crossing by the Saltney Ferry School not being used due to an unkempt, overgrown hedge blocking the pavement.

49. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that she and her consort had attended Buckley Town Councils Civic Service, Theatre Clwyd re opening event, and Flint Town Councils Civic Service.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayors report be received.

50. CONSULTATION - PROPOSAL TO REORGANISE SALTNEY FERRY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WOOD MEMORIAL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, SALTNEY

Members recalled that the item had been deferred from the last Council meeting for further consideration and recommendation.

The Consultation document for the proposal to reorganise Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P would be available to view and download from Flintshire County Councils website.

The consultation commenced 03 June 2025 and closed Midnight 18 July 2025. The consultation was required to take place for at least 42 days with at least 20 of these being school days.

The consultation provided stakeholders with an opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and share their views on the proposals being put forward. Responses to the consultation will be reviewed carefully when the Council considers whether the proposal should be taken forward to implementation.

There were three member of the public in attendance for this item.

RESOLVED: That

The Town Clerk be requested to write to Flintshire County Council as follows:-

Saltney Town Council strongly objects to the above proposal on the following grounds:-

- There is no safe route to school included for the children from Saltney Ferry County Primary school travelling to the new proposed new site.
- Propose both schools remain and are individually modernised
- Funding issues – where will the funding go for each child (i.e. will it go with child or stay with the school)
- No account has been considered in the proposal to reorganise both schools the pupil numbers increase at both schools
- School Transport should be made available for those young pupils travelling from Saltney Ferry County Primary School to the new proposed new site.
- Request that a Senedd member visit both schools prior to the decision being made
- Plan/footprint be made available at the earliest convenience to the public

Therefore, Saltney Town Council strongly objects to the proposal to Reorganise Saltney Ferry County Primary School and Wood Memorial County Primary School for the reasons outlined above. We would recommend that going forward both schools remain and are individually modernised.

51. ONE VOICE WALES – CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Members considered the Chief Executives letter and the executive summary report.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor R Griffith be appointed as the Councillor with voting rights and Councillor R Lloyd be appointed substitute member.

52. REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY DONATIONS

The Clerk reported she had received two requests for a community donations.

Members considered both requests in detail and agreed that no community donation would be given at this time.

RESOLVED: That

both community donations be declined.

53. ACCOUNTS

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

No questions to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That

the financial reports be received.

54. QUESTIONS

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

55. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lloyd reported that the Community review off wards was open from 7.7.25 too 30.9.25. he would propose one ward Saltney and Saltney Ferry, keeping 14 Councillors.

He reported Beechwood Gardens; Housing Office will go in and clear it out. Residents have been informed to remove any personal items.

It had been suggested to the Biodiversity officer to have raised beds with wildflowers. The best option was to hand the garden back to Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That

the report be received.

56. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Payment of the following accounts for July 2025.

Code	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice	Amount
4000	100559	Staff	Clerk's salary for July 25 as calculated by the Council's Agent, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	

4001 4002	100558 100560	Staff	Clerk's salary for July 25 as calculated by the Council's Agent, in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)	
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4030	100561	JDH Business Services Limited	Annual Internal Audit	1,136.40
4075	100562	Gwella	Fit Read and Fed Summer Scheme	1,000.00

NB: Monthly				
4008	SO	Sandyford Properties Ltd	Office Rent	360.00
4022	DD	Information Commissioner	Annual fee	35.00
4020	DD	Prism	Telecoms	102.06
4003	DD	Prism	Internet provision	163.99
4010	DD	Workplace	Payroll	74.17

57. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS – CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Chairman agree to take the item as an urgent item of business to comply with the deadline for comments.

Members considered the plan and agreed to make no comments at this time.

RESOLVED: That

Saltney Town Council have no comments at this stage.

Chairman

Date: