

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING OF SALTNEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2026 AT SALTNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDY LANE, SALTNEY.

PRESENT: Councillor, Ros Griffiths, Mayor, Councillors, M Anderson, J Brett-Roberts, P Brett-Roberts R Lloyd, R McKeown, A Roberts, M Robinson, J Shallcross, K Shallcross and T Brown, Town Clerk.

108. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors, A B Gregory, E Gregory, and S Rodham

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

No members of the public in attendance

110. CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest were made.

111. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

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

112. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

113. POLICE MATTERS

Members raised concerns about E Scooters again in the Township.

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

RESOLVED: That

the report be noted.

114. STREETSCENE

Nothing to report.

115. MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported that it had been quiet since November, her Civic Service had been well attended and was a pleasant afternoon.

She had attended the Chester Charity sing-along at the Town Hall, Chester, which was well attended.

She also attended Mold Town Councils Civic Service.

RESOLVED: That

the Mayors report be received.

116. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS 2026/27

For the last few years, the Council have appointed JDH Business Services as their internal auditors. Their services have been entirely satisfactory, and the Council are invited to re-appoint them.

RESOLVED: That

JDH Business Services Ltd, be re-appointed as the Town Council's internal auditors for the next financial year.

117. APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION 137(4)(a) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2026-27

Members noted the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2026-27.

RESOLVED: That

Section 137 letter be noted.

118. BUDGET 2026/27

Members received the Town Clerks proposed budget report, for 2026/27 based on a 5.5% increase in the precept for the 2026/27 financial year.

Following an intense budget discussion members approved the budget for 2026-27 at a 5.5% increase giving a precept of £49.14 the increase would fund expenditure of £95,221.

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

The Clerk brought forward the proposal to buy the 32 Christmas Lights motifs at a cost of £5385.60 (inc VAT) that was a 50% discount on the 32 lights. This purchase would alleviate the pressure on the budget going forward.

The Clerk agreed to liaise with the company who install, remove and store the lights currently. The cost would be cost effective as it would be one annual cost.

It was agreed that going forward to next years budget we would forecast an expenditure for 2-3 new or reconditioned motifs.

Members agreed that there was no provision for any match funding in 2026-27.

Civic allowance - £750 to the Mayor and £250 to the Deputy Mayor was approved within the budget.

Receipts for consumables to be given to the Clerk to enable her to pay the £52. Members noted the underspends/overspends as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED: That

the budget sum of £95,221 be approved and submitted to Flintshire County Council that was a 5.5% increase to the precept £49.14 for the financial year 2026-27.

119. COMMUNITY DONATION – SALTNEY FERRY SCOUT GROUP - WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

This item was deferred until the next meeting the Clerk be asked to invite the Scouts to the meeting.

120. CALENDAR MEETINGS 2026 - AMENDED

Members agreed to the slight changes and deferred the Calendar of meetings to the July meeting.

RESOLVED: That

the slight changes be agreed and Calendar of meetings be deferred to the July meeting.

121. BIODIVERSITY REPORT

Members ratified the Biodiversity Report .

RECOMMENDED: That

the Biodiversity report be ratified.

122. ONE VOICE WALES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Ros Griffiths was nominated to attend the One Voice Wales Annual General meeting with necessary voting rights. Councillor Aled Roberts was nominated to be substitute member. Only Councillor Griffiths would attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Ros Griffiths to attend and Councillor Aled Roberts as a substitute member to attend the AGM on 21 January 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

123. 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.

124. QUESTIONS

There were no questions to the Clerk or the Mayor.

125. INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lloyd and Councillor J Shallcross reported that they had a walk around Douglas Place with the Housing Officer. It was reported that the guttering on some properties in Larch Way, were in a bad state of repair.

Councillor Lloyd reported that he Corner Pin Planning Application had been refused. Councillor's J Shallcross and B Gregory spoke in objection to the application. It was noted that the application may still go to appeal.

Councillor Lloyd had done a litter pick in North Street as the recycling had not been collected.

The traffic lights on Main Road, the gully's had collapsed.

Councillor Roberts reported he had attended several meetings in relation to the MacDonalds Planning Application on Boundary Lane. There had been a good turn out from local resident at the Anchor Pub, Saltney.

He confirmed that the application had been refused by the planning officer at Cheshire West and Chester Council.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be received.

126. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Payment of the following accounts.

4000	100592 100599	Staff	Staff salary for Dec 25 & January 26 as calculated by the Council's Agent in accordance with Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (as per Payroll schedule)
4001 4002	100593 100602	HMRC	HMRC Payroll payments Dec 25 & January 26 - 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
4008	100589	T Brown	Office Stationery stamps, paper, and full set of printer cartridges	170.00
4008	100590	T Brown	printer cartridge blk	53.50
4043	100594	One Voice Wales	Member training - Code of Conduct Cllr M Anderson	42.00
4040	100595	T Brown	Glitterbugz – Christmas fayre	175.00
4042	100596	R Griffiths	Civic Service refreshments	167.00
4040	100597	J Shallcross	Selection boxes – Christmas fayre	185.00
4040	100598	Studio 13	Entertainment – Christmas fayre	130.00
4040	100600	T Brown	£50 Voucher for Santa £100 DJ Christmas Fayre	100.00

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	Wurkplace	Payroll	74.17

Chairman

Date: