

## **Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

### **Minutes from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

#### **Rhos Hall**

Attendees: Linda Screen, Cheryl Ace, Marie Williams, Sheila Green, Geraldine Campbell, Beverley Thomas & Susan Evans

Also in attendance: Clerk, County Councillor D Clements & 2 members of the public (WG & SW)

#### **1. Chairperson's Welcome**

The chair welcomed the councillors to the meeting. The councillors introduced themselves as there were 2 members of the public attending.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received.

#### **3. Declaration of Members' Interests**

L Screen works for NRW but not on agricultural waste.

D Clements is a First Milk member.

#### **4. The Minutes**

Minutes from June 2023 were read and agreed.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

##### ***Review from previous meetings***

- Designate a guardian for the defibrillators in the Rhos & Uzmaston

The guardian checks the defibrillator regularly and will be contacted if there is an issue with the defibrillator.

The current guardian, Hywel Thomas, will need to be contacted to make the following amendments:

C Ace will be the guardian for the defibrillator in Uzmaston.

M Williams will be the guardian for the defibrillator in the Rhos temporarily – the responsibility will then be shared between those attending TRADA (The Rhos and District Association) meetings.

- 20mph sign limits for Rhos & Uzmaston

It was noted that the speed limit on sat nav through the Rhos appears as 60mph.

D Clements will find out the process to get Rhos and Uzmaston villages signed up for the 20mph limit rollout.

- Maintenance of the Frolic

D Clements has been told by PCC that the Frolic has been cut. D Clements provided feedback that it needs more maintenance to be more accessible.

The Council will put forward their own comments. S Green & G Campbell will write up feedback based on feedback from members of the community who use the space.

C Ace reported that the village green had been cut more often and that rough grass had been brought into a manageable state. The councillors locally reported that the green is much better maintained this year. It was agreed that the Clerk will get in touch with the contractor who cuts Uzmaston village green to provide positive feedback and formalise their work with a written contract.

D Clements has spoken to Sean Tilling with regards to the gate at Woodley's where a public access is blocked. His feedback is that the access is still blocked and that legal action will need to be taken.

- Councillor training – how, where, when and budget need to be determined.

The Chair suggests that the Council does in-person training as a group, and this will be researched in the Autumn. The Council agrees to consider what training they would like. M Williams suggests liaising with another Community Council to do training together. This could be an open meeting so members of the public who are interested could also attend.

Code of conduct online training provided by PCC on 11<sup>th</sup> October

The Clerk heard about the training from D Clements but had no invite from PCC.

The Council feedbacks PCC needs to give more notice if there is training available in the future.

The Chair suggests all Councillors look at the PowerPoint presentation and it is agreed to bring questions that arise from it to a discussion at a future meeting.

The Chair recommends that Council business via emails between meetings should be kept to a minimum but information would still be posted out fyi.

### ***New matters arising***

- Pollution on the Frolic

There has been pollution released into the Cleddau River.

This is believed to be the consequence of a failure at the First Milk factory and insufficient capacity at the sewage plant.

Several Council members have had contact with First Milk.  
Welsh Water may be prosecuted if they are responsible for the failure at the sewage plant.

The Council requires a report from NRW. The Chair will request this.  
Representatives from NRW and Welsh Water will also be asked to attend a future meeting.

- Paying for the temporary car park by a pay by phone app

There is concern that the elderly will not be able to park in the car park at the site of the old multi-storey as it is essential to pay via phone app. D Clements will feedback to PCC.

- Trees on new road

D Clements reports that a constituent has raised a concern that tarmac goes right up to the trunk of the trees which limits water and nutrients to the trees. This may be causing disease of the trees which then need to be felled.

Arguments for trees in urban area – they lower the temperature of urban areas.

The Council supports the maintenance of the current trees as long as possible.

- Parking on new road

D Clements will request an update with regards to stopping parking on the pavements of the new road.

## **6. Planning Applications**

### *Applications to PCC*

*Application no: 23/0171/PA*

*Proposal: Installation of an additional spares container*

*Location: Shoals Hook Farm, Shoals Hook Lane, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 2XN*

The Council supports the application.

*Application no: 23/0221/PA*

*Proposal: Demolish existing flat roof kitchen extension to the rear to build a new, garden room extension, with roof-mounted solar panel installation*

*Location: Star Cottage, 60, Uzmaston Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TZ*

The Council supports the application.

### *Applications to PCNPA:*

*Application no: NP/23/0307/FUL*

*Proposal: Proposed demolition of single storey storage unit & construction of new single storey storage unit together with covered parking car port for 2 cars. Relocation of existing oil tank & timber shed with timber fenced enclosure.*

*Location: 3, Picton Home Farm Barns, The Rhos, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AS*

The Council is neutral. They are not sure whether the application is within policy. The Council would want the new unit to be sympathetic with the historic landscape.

*Application no: NP/23/0321/FUL*

*Proposal: Earth banked nutrient store*

*Location: Land to the South of Rose Hill Farm, Slebech, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AY*

The Council votes to support the application. 5 Councillors support the application and 2 abstain from voting.

## **7. Reports for decisions**

A report of the chairperson on Clerk's salary was agreed and the Clerk's salary is brought in line with the advertised rates.

A report of the RFO on the internal audit recommendations was agreed with all recommendations being approved.

## **8. Reports to note**

PC James Warren and/or PCSO Liam Woodford from the Pembrokeshire rural crime team will attend the Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.  
M Williams will feedback to TRADA.

## **9. Audits and Accounts**

- TRADA have requested £1000 towards the payment of a new car park for the Rhos village hall in line with the previous agreement of the community council to provide support.
- The Council agrees to put the money owed to HMRC into a savings account. The RFO will look into their options.
- The bank reconciliation (as follows) was presented to the Council by the RFO, along with the monthly budget report, cash book and most recent bank statement.

	Jun-23
Bank balance (25/5/2023)	10513.66
Less unrepresented cheques	1853.03

Balance in the banking  
record 8660.63

## **10. Accounts for Payment**

D D Harries – Internal audit - £200

Linda H Screen – Printer - £179.99

Rachel Williams – Salary (May, June & July 2023) - £868.80

The Rhos & District Association – Rhos village hall car park - £1000

## **11) AOB**

- Uzmaston Church wall is damaged, the vicar is aware.  
S Green has made contact with the vicar on behalf of the Community Council.
- The layby/passing place has not been cleared in Boulston.
- Karen Bolton from PCNPA planning to investigate the storage lorry parked in the Rhos. PCNPA will allow the owners 2 weeks to submit a planning application.
- There is Welsh Government policy that PCC undergoes a 10-year review of community boundaries. There is a proposal that there will be 1 Councillor for every 80-100 members of the population in rural areas. Consultation to follow.
- Councillor vacancy to be filled by co-option

The Chair outlined the process for co-opting a new member which is as follows:

The prospective candidates will be asked for a personal statement and to fill a form to confirm their eligibility.

The Clerk will send the applicants the relevant information.

There is 1 vacancy for a Councillor and 1 for an advisor – this will be made clear to the applicants.

All candidates will be interviewed.

There will be a vote following this.

## **12) Date of next meeting**

Wed 13th September 7.30pm Uzmaston hall

Meeting closed at 9.47pm