**Uzmaston Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

**Minutes from 10th March 2022**

**Uzmaston Hall**

Attendees – D Campbell, L Screen, S Green, C Ace, S Evans and M Williams.

Also in attendance Clerk.

1. **Chairpersons Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the councillors back to Uzmaston Hall.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from MH, BT and County Councillor D Clements.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

1. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting in February 2022 were read and agreed.

1. **Matters Arising**

Declaration of Interest Forms – These were discussed and their 2020 – 2021 copies of previous completions were given out to help councillors.

Town and Community Council Elections – The Clerk gave out the forms and ran through the process briefly. The Councillors were asked to return their completed forms by Thursday 24th March to the Clerk if they wanted them delivered to PCC.

Road Works on New Road – The Chair asked for thanks to be passed on to GD Harries for their hard work, management and diligence while resurfacing the roads. The Clerk was asked to pass on thanks to the company and to report to County Councilor D Clements.

Newsletter – The Clerk reported the newsletter was nearly finished, and should be ready to distribute by the end of the month.

Logo Competition – The Clerk confirmed the logo competition was live on Facebook, advertised on noticeboards and had been launched in Pembrokeshire College. The Council agreed to award a £50 voucher to the winner. The voucher will be purchased from a local art shop.

Working Party Update – The Working Party for Uzmaston Village Green launch reported on the current plans. This included catering, decoration, activities and invitations. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 7th April.

Uzmaston Village Green – There were various matters to discuss over Uzmaston Village Green. SG highlighted the importance of gaining community involvement and support. The Clerk was asked to check with Jim Dunckley to see if there was any legislation in regard to consultation over planned changes to the Village Green. At present the Council felt the kerbing of the Village Green should be put on hold. The Clerk was asked to investigate different signs for the Green which were more aesthetically pleasing, but to be aware there will be a logo added after the competition closes. The Chair also requested the old Village Green noticeboard to be removed. The Clerk was asked to research, however it is likely this will need a machine to do. The Clerk was also asked to research whether The Frolic information sign could be fixed or replaced.

Benches – The benches have been ordered from the Outdoor Connections Grant. The Clerk applied for a Happy to Chat bench for Uzmaston, and TRADA applied for The Rhos.

Speeding in The Rhos – SE reported she has had residents raising the speed that vehicles are travelling through The Rhos. The Council advised to make a note of the locations to report back.

Superfast Broadband – Several councillors have reported that they had received communication from Broadway Partners regarding the progress of the Superfast Broadband project. It has been confirmed the project will be going ahead, and residents have until the end of the month to apply.

Dates for Meetings – The Clerk confirmed with the councillors that they wish to keep the meetings on Thursday evenings alternating, where possible, between Uzmaston and The Rhos Halls.

Litter – The Councillors raised issues with the amount of litter in the community. It was felt this was partly due to bin lorries spilling rubbish from recycling. The Clerk was asked to contact PCC to raise this issue.

1. **Planning**

21/1028/PA – The Councillors discussed and supported the application.

1. **Reports for Decisions**

None received.

1. **Reports to Note**

Shared via email.

1. **Audits and Accounts**

The Clerk raised recent communication from HSBC requesting identity for BT. The Chair requested emailing BT and copying the Chair and Vice Chair in.

The Clerk confirmed the external audit had still not been received from Audit Wales.

1. **Accounts for Payment**

The current account balance is £14,807.98. A payment of £1252.80 has been received from Outdoor Connections Fund. The Councillors agreed to issue cheques to Earth Anchors for the benches for the amount of £1252.80, and to reissue the cheque for £40 for hire of Uzmaston Hall as the account name has changed. The Clerk agreed to destroy the previous cheque.

The Council agreed to issue the cheques for Sam Patina for £30 for running payroll, J Battelley salary, and to HMRC for the National Insurance element of the Clerks salary. The Clerk was given permission to issue the cheques and gain signatures outside of the meeting, so they will be cleared by the end of the financial year.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

The Councillors decided to hold the next meeting on Thursday 7th April in The Rhos Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm.