**Uzmaston Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

**Minutes from Thursday 12th May 2022**

**The Rhos Hall**

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

Also in attendance County Councillor D Clements, and the Clerk.

1. **Chairpersons Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from S Green and M Howe.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

1. **Previous Minutes**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Benches – the Clerk confirmed the benches are insured. BT suggested monitoring use and feedback and perhaps purchasing another. The Council suggested adding plaques explaining where they were from.

Happy to Chat bench – Uzmaston was successful in their bid, and The Rhos unfortunately not. The Council agreed to purchase a bench to replace the broken bench in The Rhos. The Clerk was asked to gain quotes.

Village Green Launch - The working group provided feedback on the plans, and D Campbell confirmed she would email all with details and tasks.

Land registry – The Clerk confirmed Uzmaston village green is now registered with Land Registry for the community council. The Clerk was asked to approach Jim Dunckley for his support to ensure all is designated as a village green.

70 years, 70 trees – The Councillors are keen on this idea, and asked the Clerk to confirm they are interested.

Japanese Knot Weed – LS reported there was some Japanes knot weed found in a ditch in The Rhos. She ahs dug it up and sprayed. County Councillor D Clements will raise with PCC to ensure the ditch is not cleared and sprayed. Councillors asked to be aware.

Steering Committee – Haverfordwest Town Council are looking for a member of UBSCC to join their steering committee. This is to develop the Old Gas Works area into a community gardening space. D Campbell volunteered and will contact.

Logo Competition – The Councillors shared the winning logo design and winners name. The Clerk was asked to purchase £50 in vouchers from SET as a prize.

Excess funds – LS suggested adding this as a standing item on every agenda to ensure UBSCC was not holding on to too high reserves. The Councillors agreed.

New Road – DC raised several issues on New Road including the Addison Road sign, road surfacing and the need for a road sweeper, and the removal of the plastic signs and cable ties from road closure notices. All have been raised with PCC previously, and County Councillor D Clements agreed to follow up. She also agreed to follow up about the cleaning and refilling of the salt bin opposite The Beeches.

Newsletter - Councillors reported residents were pleased with the newsletter which was delivered in April.

Flytipping – MW reported a car had been abandoned in Slebech, and residents were liaising with the Police and PCC to have it removed.

Farming – Residents had raised concerns with Councillors about farming practices. The Council felt this was not in our remit, but that councillors could signpost to Natural Resources Wales.

Motorhomes – Councillors had received reports of motorhomes using The Frolic. County Councillor D Clements agreed to check the restrictions in place.

1. **Planning**

No applications received.

1. **Reports for Decisions**

None received.

1. **Reports to Note**

Shared via email.

1. **Audits and Accounts**

HSBC has closed the account and the Clerk has received a cheque for the balance of the account.

Councillors suggested the Clerk applied for Lloyds Treasures account.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Dylan Harries to complete the internal audit.

The Clerk confirmed the external audit had still not been received from Audit Wales, but the paperwork for 20-21 audit had been received.

1. **Accounts for Payment**

The Council agreed for BT to issue a cheque to cover the annual payment to Zurich Insurance for £267.39. This will be refunded when a new account is open.

The Council suggested the Clerk contact PCC to change bank account details. The next payment is due in August.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th June 2022 in Uzmaston Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.