**Uzmaston Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

**Minutes from Thursday 14th July 2022**

**Uzmaston Hall**

Attendees – L Screen, S Green, M Williams, S Evans, M Howe 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 C Ace and B Thomas.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

1. **Previous Minutes**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Will Griffiths attended the first part of the meeting to discuss the traffic speed going through Uzmaston. He is concerned that vulnerable residents are being put at risk. L Screen explained The Rhos has a similar issue, and UBSCC agreed to formally request speed restrictions in both villages. Councillor D Clements has agreed to take this request forward.

Bench for The Rhos – The Clerk had gained quotes, but the Council thought repairing the existing bench would be a good idea. Another local council recently used a carpenter to do this, and recommended him. The Clerk was asked to approach him to discuss. In addition UBSCC agreed to fund another wooden bench for the area opposite The Rhos hall.

Bank Account – The Clerk confirmed the new bank account had been successfully opened.

Uzmaston Village Green – Residents had approached S Green with concerns about the plans for Uzmaston Village Green. The Clerk felt disappointed that despite three chances to feedback the residents had only just raised issues. It was agreed that the Clerk would pass on rough plans to S Green who would show and discuss with all residents bordering the village green. The Clerk requested a tight turn around as a decision was needed by mid August to allow PCC to spend or realocate the grant.

Uzmaston Events Committee – The Clerk provided feedback from the first meeting. UBSCC agreed to fund two meetings (£50), and to donate the remaining £91.90 from Lunch Club, with the proviso it was spent on food, and that the Events Commmittee set up as a separate social enterprise / charity.

The Rhos Childrens Group – A childrens group has been organised for four dates over the summer holidays. UBSCC has agreed to provide a donation of £50 to cover any equipment needed. TRADA has agreed to provide the hall for free, and residents have agreed to provide and serve tea and cakes.

Planed Youth Project – L Screen shared feedback from a project encouraging young people to become involved in community councils.

Cleddau Reach Community Garden – D Campbell provided feedback from this project.

Closure of Creamston Road – The Clerk shared dates of a road closure.

Counsellor Claims – The Clerk explained Councillors could claim and agreed to send out information separately.

Community Connector – The Clerk shared information about a Good Neighbour scheme from the Community Connector team.

Grass Cutting – The Council felt the number of cuts may need to be reviewed next year, but were happy with the current condition of the green. S Green said some residents were concerned about the visibility turning onto Uzmaston Road. The Council agreed for the Clerk to request for the bank to be cut.

Noticeboard – D Campbell requested a noticeboard be placed on Uzmaston Village Green. The Councillors raised design issues, and agreed to put this on hold for the moment.

Information Signs – S Green updated the Council on the progress with this. The Council agreed to support the renewal of information signs for The Frolic and The Rhos.

Addison Road sign – D Campbell reported the sign had not been replaced yet. In addition the road was starting to crumble where it had been resurfaced. Councillor D Clements agreed to follow up with this.

Verge Cutting – The Clerk was asked to request PCC cut verges at junctions in The Rhos and Creamston Road.

Japanese Knot Weed – Councillor D Clements had spoken to PCC and gave feedback on how they deal with Japanese Knot Weed, and ongoing issues with ditch clearances and verge cutting.

Waterwatch – L Screen has been contacted about a possible grant to allow residents to monitor and analyse water quality in Milin Brook.

Defibrillators – The Clerk asked for people in the communities to take over the checking and registering of the defibrillators. TRADA agreed to take the one in The Rhos, and S Green and C Ace will do the same for Uzmaston.

1. **Planning**

**22/0280/PA** – FRF Motors – The council supported this application.

22/0111/PA – A40 Garage – L Screen had requested the Council review its previous response. The Council looked at the plans and discussed issues including noise pollution, ongoing safety for road users, multiple entrances from the A40, and slow turning traffic. The council felt it could neither support or object to the development, but requested the Clerk feedback the issues raised.

1. **Reports for Decisions**

None received.

1. **Reports to Note**

Shared via email.

1. **Audits and Accounts**

The internal audit was completed by D Harries. The Clerk gave feedback and presented the accounts. The Council agreed with the audit, and the Clerk confirmed she would send in the completed external audit.

The external audit for 2020 – 21 has still not been received.

Due to the number of cheques needed this month the council agreed to review excess funds in the next meeting.

1. **Accounts for Payment**

The Council noted a large number of payments were needed as a result of HSBC closing the account, so accounts could not be paid. In addition two cheques were voided and reissued, as they hadn’t cleared before the closure of the HSBC account.

The Clerk was asked to contact PCC to update payment details for the precept.

Cheques were agreed and issued to:

The Clerk for £50 refund for SET, £280 refund for catering, £100 bonus, and £373.30 salary. B Thomas was issued a cheque for £267.39 refund for Zurich Insurance.

Beth Griffiths for £61.76, and D Campbell £125.34, both from the Uzmaston Village Green Launch. HMRC £93.20 NI contribution from salary.

George Bevan £225 for grass cutting.

Ruth Richardson for £19.99 for table tennis equipment for The Rhos childrens group.

DD Harries for £190 for completing the internal audit.

Cheques were voided and reissued to A de Torres for £30, and One Voice Wales £120.

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 8th September. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9pm.