

Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council

Minutes from Wednesday 8th February 2023

Uzmaston Hall

Attendees: L Screen, B Thomas, M Williams, S Green, C Ace, G Campbell & S Evans

Also in attendance: County Councillor D Clements & Clerk

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The chair welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

3. Declaration of Members' Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

4. The Minutes

Minutes from January 2023 were read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

- Rudder tree at the Point

Supports which hold the tree up may no longer be adequate. D Clements will contact tree officer at PCC to find out if the tree has TPO (Tree Preservation Order) and to request the tree is checked.

- Renumeration report

Councillors accept the recommendation from the independent remuneration panel Wales that there is a mandatory basic payment, but Councillors can choose to opt out by informing the Clerk in writing by 8th March.

- Memorial bench on village green

A resident has requested a memorial bench be added to the village green. Councillors feel that the benches currently on the village green need to be rearranged. G Campbell is going to meet with the resident to discuss their wishes with regards to the bench and the possible options.

- Haverfordwest Transport Interchange toilets

D Clements explained the Haverfordwest Transport Interchange project and how it is being funded. PCC will not know if the project can be continued until October 23 when they will find out if their next transport bid to Welsh Government is successful. Total cost £16-18 million. PCC must fund 11% of the cost.

Following the general consultation on toilets in Pembrokeshire, concern has been raised as to why the toilets at the Haverfordwest Transport Interchange will be closing at 17:30. Councillors can respond on the PCC website.

Review from January meeting

- Plastic in tree

D Clements has contacted Darren Thomas, Head of Infrastructure at PCC. He explained that there is currently a debate between local authorities and Welsh Government regarding whose responsibility the removal of litter on the side of roads is. Due to high cost to PCC, it will not be possible to remove the plastic from the tree unless other works were to take place at the location, thus making it more cost effective.

- Welsh medium school catchment areas

D Clements has been informed that Caer Elen is over capacity. Until they are under capacity, they will not change the catchment area. The catchment area boundary finishes at Millin.

The Council is disappointed that Community Councils are not consulted on catchment areas as this prevents them from representing their community. TRADA will be informed.

- Layby and tree works at Boulston

D Clements has contacted Karen Bolton (enforcement officer at National Park) who will look into the issue.

L Screen emailed NRW and was given information on the felling licence.

Someone from PCC will come out to look at the layby that is covered in stone.

- Crime prevention at the skatepark

D Clements needs more time to find out PCO provision.

Concern raised that children are not let into the Youth Club in Haverfordwest early which leads to young people (from age 11) having to wait outside which may not be safe. D Clements will investigate.

- Food waste collection

Food waste goes to Bridgend to be used in an Anaerobic Digester.

Councillors suggest that food waste could be used more locally.

AOB

Broadway broadband – Vouchers have been cancelled because they have run over too long but they will be reissued. New residents need to be made aware of the scheme.

Grit bin on New Road has been squished. Clerk will check with the insurance if a claim can be made. A new bin will need to be bought through PCC.

Bingo night scheduled at Uzmaston Hall on Saturday 18th February at 5:30pm.

A councillor would like to learn about permitted development rights. Planning office can be called to ask for advice for each specific case.

G Campbell will add information to Uzmaston Village boards to represent the Community Council.

6. Planning Applications

Pre-planning application on mast. The current mast on Uzmaston Road will be upgraded. No objections.

7. Reports for decisions

None.

8. Reports to note

Bench for the Rhos has been delivered.

9. Audits and Accounts

Form to change the address for the bank account to new Clerk's address signed by signatories.

10. Accounts for Payment

Rachel Williams salary - £618

11. Date of next meeting

Wed 8th March 7.30pm Rhos hall

Meeting Closed at 9pm