**Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

**Minutes from Wednesday 12th April 2023**

**Uzmaston Hall**

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor D Clements & Clerk

1. **Chairperson’s Welcome**

The chair welcomed the councillors to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from S Green, B Thomas

1. **Declaration of Members’ Interests**

G Campbell lives on Addison Road.

L Screen works for NRW habitats directive.

1. **The Minutes**

Minutes from March 2023 were read and agreed.

1. **Matters Arising**

*Review from previous meeting*

* Rudder tree at the Point

The tree has TPO.

D Clements will let National Parks know who owns the tree so they can contact them directly.

* Transport hub & buses

Darren Thomas, head of infrastructure at PCC, has not received any other complaints but will look into the safety of the temporary bus stop.

* Sign on Picton Castle corner

PCC do not know the location of the previous sign but have agreed to make another sign to put up.

However, the Council decided to cancel this request.

* Paths on Frolic

The Skatepark has been mowed but not the Frolic.

D Clements will make the relevant authorities aware that the Frolic has not been mowed in the last year.

There is funding for new boardwalk near the river. Councillor Clements to liaise with SG.

* Pollution in river

No response from NRW.

* Damage to road verge

Road verge has dried. Decision made not to raise with Highways at PCC.

*New matters arising*

* 20mph speed signs for the Rhos

No immediate plans for the 20mph signs to be installed.

* Storage lorry

Lorry has been parked in a field in the Rhos and is being used for storage. L Screen will talk with the owners to ask if the lorry can be moved as there is concern it may not comply with planning regulations in its current location.

* Coronation celebrations on Addison Road

51 houses will be included in the celebrations.

Resident is organising a celebration on their street as there is a lack of other options locally.

They have requested money for food/drinks.

The Council agreed to donate £50.

* Uzmaston lighting

D Clements will ask PCC if lights on existing posts can be adjusted so that the residential area is lit up.

* Refuse tip booking system

Councillors have noticed an increase in fly tipping, particularly of garden waste.

Councillors feel that the refuse tip booking system, put in place during the pandemic, is no longer necessary and is leading to this increase in fly tipping.

D Clements will raise with PCC.

AOB

* Thanks from the Council to members of the community

The Council will write a thank you letter to someone who regularly collects rubbish while walking in the area.

G Campbell will buy a gift for two residents who helped to plant trees on the green.

* Parking on pavements

Parking on pavements on New Road is still a problem - Councillors will check if councils have been given new powers to fine pavement parkers yet.

* Adverts and notices

Advert for new Councillor to be posted.

AGM to be held next month.

Audit to be displayed on noticeboard and put on website.

* Fibre broadband

Concern raised that fibre broadband vouchers in the area may be affected as BT have installed fibre broadband to Picton Castle, meaning fibre broadband is available to properties in the Rhos.

L Screen will contact Broadband company Broadway to find out when they plan to install fibre broadband.

* Plaque for new Bench for the Rhos

Plaque for new Bench for the Rhos with the words ‘Bench provided by the Community Council’ to be ordered.

1. **Planning Applications**

22/0967/PA – Extension at 15, Dunsany Park

No objections. Subject to the usual planning considerations, the Council supports the application.

1. **Reports for decisions**

None.

1. **Reports to note**

None

1. **Audits and Accounts**

The Audit will be brought to the next meeting.

1. **Accounts for Payment**

Jo Battelley – salary for November & October 2022 - £199.30

Jo Battelley – Food for Christmas Fayre (from Morrisons and Home Bargains) - £40.75

Total to pay Jo Battelley - £240.05

This is the final payment for the previous Clerk.

HMRC contribution J Battelley salary - £49.60

Audit Wales – 21/22 audit - £246

The Rhos and District Association - Hall hire 2022/23 – £125

R Williams – Reimburse R Williams personal payment for payroll services (Balance the books) - £72

R Williams – Viking - Refund received for faulty ink cartridge – (+£18.65)

R Williams – Argos – Ink cartridge - £20.49

£72 - 18.65+20.49 = £73.84

Total to pay R Williams = £73.84

Jenny Roach – Funding for community event (coronation street party) - £50

 **11. Date of next meeting**

Wed 10th May 7.30pm Rhos hall + AGM

**Meeting Closed at 8.46pm**