

Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council

Minutes from Wednesday 11th October 2023

Rhos Hall

Attendees: Cheryl Ace, Marie Williams, Beverley Thomas, William Griffiths, Susan Evans & Geraldine Campbell

Also in attendance: PC James Warren, PCSO Liam Woodford & Clerk

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The Chair welcomed PC James Warren, PCSO Liam Woodford and the Councillors to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Linda Screen, Sheila Green & County Councillor Di Clements

3. Declaration of Members' Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

4. The Minutes

Minutes from September 2023 were read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

Matters for the Rural Crime Team:

- **Role of the Rural Crime Team**

The Rural Crime Team consists of two members who are based in Narberth but work across the County. They primarily deal with livestock crime. Examples of other offences they handle include heritage crime (e.g. fires/vandalism), theft from farms/commercial buildings and wildlife offences.

- **Rural crime prevention**

Residents can contact the Rural Crime Team by calling 101 to speak to a crime prevention officer. The team conducts surveys on farms and commercial buildings and provides advice on preventing theft.

Residents can contact the Rural Crime Team to arrange a free crime prevention survey at their property.

- **Road safety**

Speeding

Dangerous driving incidents can be reported to the GoSafe partnership, where dashcam footage of such incidents can be submitted online.

It is possible to set up a community speed watch with the help of the local neighbourhood policing team.

Parking on pavements – chicane at the top of New Road

Parking on double yellow lines falls under the jurisdiction of the County Council, with criminal offense possible only if the pavement is completely blocked.

If there are no yellow lines, it is within the law to park partially on the pavement and on the road.

- Fly tipping

Fly tipping was highlighted as a growing concern in the Rhos area. Residents were urged to report instances of fly tipping to the police as well as to PCC who organise the clearance of illegally dumped items.

- Environmental crime

The issue of farm pollution in the river was discussed, and it was emphasized that such incidents, especially if involving slurry being pumped into the river, can be reported to both NRW and the police for enforcement.

- Crime prevention in the Skatepark

Crime prevention measures at the Skatepark were outlined, including the presence of CCTV cameras and adequate lighting, which serve as deterrents for criminal activities. Incidents reported can be reviewed using the CCTV footage, and specific crimes can be reported to the police for further action.

- Homelessness and anti-social behaviour on the Floric

Concerns were addressed related to homelessness and anti-social behaviour on the Floric. It was noted that statutory bodies or the police can issue Community Protection Notices to address such issues, and Criminal Behaviour Orders can also be employed.

- Reporting livestock attacks by dogs

The Rural Crime Team urge farmers to promptly report all incidents of livestock attacks by dogs.

If the livestock attack or the dog is witnessed, it is recommended to capture video footage as evidence. In most situations, these cases are resolved outside of court through a compensation agreement between the dog owner and the affected farmer.

Other items on the agenda:

- Caravan parked in the Rhos & cars parked outside new build in Rhos

It was brought to the attention of the Council that there is an increased number of vehicles being parked on the street in the Rhos.

6. Planning Applications

None

7. Reports for decisions

None

8. Reports to note

Boundary Commission Meeting Monday 23rd October 4.30pm at County Hall

9. Audits and Accounts

The bank reconciliation (as follows) was presented to the Council by the RFO, along with the monthly budget report, cash book and most recent bank statement.

Bank reconciliation:

	Sep-23
Bank balance (21/8/23)	8840.62
Less unpresented cheques	1611.69
Balance in the banking record	7228.93

Budget report 2023/24:

Expenditure to date: £5466.11

Annual budget remaining: £5709.89

10. Accounts for Payment

11/10/2023	000059	R Williams	Clerk salary - Aug, Sep, Oct	868.8
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11) AOB

It was noted that there are currently homeless people staying on land belonging to Cllr S Green.

C Ace is officially the guardian for the defibrillator in Uzmaston.

12) Date of next meeting

Wed 8th November 7.30pm Uzmaston hall

Meeting closed at 8.41pm