

Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council

Minutes from Wednesday 8th November 2023

Uzmaston Hall

Attendees: Linda Screen, Marie Williams, Beverley Thomas, William Griffiths, Susan Evans & Sheila Green

Also in attendance: County Councillor Di Clements & Clerk

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cheryl Ace & Geraldine Campbell

3. Declaration of Members' Interests

S Green owns the land where people are camping

L Screen has a personal interest in Slebech Park

W Griffiths owns the gated road which is no longer being maintained by PCC.

4. The Minutes

Minutes from October 2023 were read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

Matters from previous meeting

- Campers in field by Floric

There is one tent in the middle of the field. The landowner asked them to move as the people staying there are disrupting livestock in the field. They have been there intermittently for a month.

Homeless people staying on the Floric – Enforcement officer at PCC has been asked to go to the Floric. It has been reported that the homeless people have moved. S Green reported that the area is flooded by the river.

- Gated road

Rob Evans, infrastructure department at PCC, sent a report to Di Clements regarding the gated road.

Councillors report that the hedges have not been maintained for around 20 years. It is however still possible to use the lane as a pedestrian walkway or bridal way.

The Council expects there to be a Community Consultation and a notice sent to the landowner prior to a change in classification of a road.

- Maintenance of hedges by Clover Park

The work has been completed.

New matters arising

- Haverfordwest Leisure Centre

S Green reported that the swimming pool at Haverfordwest Leisure Centre was very quiet during the half term.

There is concern that it is not being advertised sufficiently to families.

Councillors also reported low levels of customer service when attending the leisure centre.

- Polluted beaches – sewage

10 out of 15 polluted beaches in Wales reported last week were in Pembrokeshire.

- Silage trailers tipping on Scotchwell Roundabout in Haverfordwest.

There have been 3 reported cases of silage trailers tipping on Scotchwell Roundabout during the summer. The Council has safety concerns for pedestrians.

6. Planning Applications

Application No:	NP/23/0520/FUL
Proposal:	Temporary permission (7 years) for 2 no. sheds for biomass boilers and associated works
Location:	Slebech Park, Slebech, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AX

The Council supports the application.

7. Reports for decisions

There were no reports for decisions.

8. Reports to note

Pembrokeshire Community Review feedback – The Council can choose to make suggestions as to with whom they would like to merge.

The Council agrees that to merge with Martletwy would be inappropriate.

Other suggestions the Council makes:

- A merge with Llawhaden or Wiston or to drop a Councillor

- If there is a merge, it should be warded.

They highlight that the Council is already two communities which are merged and that there is a road and river boundary surrounding the area.

L Screen will write a letter in response on behalf of the Community Council.

Umzaston hall and TRADA can be included in the consultation.

Chicane at New Road – still a safety concern

The Council would like to invite Cllr David Bryant to a future meeting along with PCSO Alex Mason.

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:

	Nov-23
Bank balance (16/10/23)	6564.14
Less unpresented cheques	582
Balance in the banking record	5982.14

Budget report 2023/24:

Expenditure to date: £6535.91

Annual budget remaining: £4640.01

Budget setting and precept for 2024/25

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) presented the 'Budget monitoring, budget setting and precept 2024/25' report to the Council.

Predicted expenditure for 2024/25 as set out in the report is £7474.50.

Predicted end of year reserves for 2023/24 as set out in the report are £944.14.

The budget plan for 2024/25 was amended and agreed by the Council. Councillors agreed unanimously on a precept of £6500.

The RFO presented to the Council the original letter received from HMRC in 2019 with regard to the payments made in error to the Council in 2017 and 2018.

The Council decided that, given the time elapsed since these payments were made, they would be willing to use these ring-fenced funds as contingency in the next financial year.

10. Accounts for Payment

08/11/2023	000060	William Griffiths	Councillor allowance	91
08/11/2023	000061	George Bevan	Uzmaston village green maintenance	110

11) AOB

Car park paying app on the new car park – no change will be implemented.

David Bryant and Di Clements have met with Dan Thomas who has been in contact with Welsh Government with regards to the Salutation Square Roundabout which residents consider dangerous.

Fly tipping – fly tipping has not been collected which was reported over a month ago.

Incidents of fly tipping in the Rhos area and on the pavement by the F&F garage in Haverfordwest.

There is a gouge that has been made in the verge near the A40 coming out of the Rhos. Clerk will report to Highways at PCC.

The Council suggests that those who are responsible for causing the damage are recharged in order to save taxpayer money. However, there is no evidence of who is responsible for driving in the verge.

Misuse of former garden site in Rhos has been reported to PCNPA for enforcement.

12) Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th January 7.30pm Rhos hall

Meeting closed at 9.13pm