

## **Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council**

**Minutes from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### **Uzmaston Hall**

Attendees: Linda Screen, Marie Williams, Beverley Thomas, Susan Evans, Cheryl Ace & Sheila Green

Also in attendance: County Councillor Di Clements, County Councillor David Bryan & Clerk

#### **1. Chairperson's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Dean Campbell & William Griffiths.

#### **3. Declaration of Members' Interests**

Linda Screen works for NRW but not on water.

#### **4. The Minutes**

Minutes from January 2024 were read and agreed.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

- Safety concerns regarding bend on the New Road

Councillors report that cars parked on the road on both sides make the road dangerously narrow and that visibility is very low. They argue that yellow lines to prevent parking would make the road safer.

David Bryan argues that the parked cars slow down traffic and he will not support the Council as he does not represent the wider community, his area only consists of the residents who benefit by parking their cars on the road.

L Screen suggests that a community consultation is held. Councillors will visit households in the surrounding area to begin a petition.

County Councillor David Bryan suggests that the Council get back in touch with him following the community consultation.

On a sidenote, a tree barrier is making the road more dangerous.

The tree is not safe, but a decision hasn't been made on how to resolve the issue.

- Safety concerns on roundabout next to County Hall

County Councillor David Bryan is putting the case forward to AM Paul Davies and to Welsh Government for measures to be implemented (such as a traffic light system) which would make it safer for cars to join the roundabout next to County Hall from New Road.

- Scotchwell roundabout

It is a safety concern that children use the pavement around the Scotchwell roundabout on the way to Haverfordwest High School where 4 silage trailers tipped on their sides last summer.

- Notice boards - is there anywhere nearby for a key safe with those who need to know knowing?

Cheryl Ace will organise getting a key safe for the notice board in Uzmaston

- Road narrowing sign at top of Uzmaston hill (road narrows) needs replacing/painting

Cheryl Ace will inspect the sign.

- Cleddau River project meeting

There were approximately 400 people in attendance.

Several community Councillors attended.

Citizen science – Schools will become involved in taking samples.

Plan to improve reporting mechanisms as the current online system is not user friendly. This would apply to other environmental issues.

- Cleddau nutrient management board

There are several NMBs across Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire. They are a statutory requirement.

The Clerk will email out the minutes and presentation from the most recent NMB meeting.

The Council will receive notification of future meetings via email.

The Chair suggests that at least one Councillor attends each online meeting.

- Sewage in the River

Surfers against sewage – report when storm drains are released.

- £300,000 rents problem PCC

An error by a mailing company contracted by PCC / Royal Mail led to a 2-month delay in the posting of a notice of rent increase.

Therefore, there is a deficit of £300,000 as the rent increased but PCC were not able to charge tenants the increased rate due to the notice letters not being sent out in time.

County Councillors Di Clements and David Bryan questioned why a new contract was given to the same company and not put to tender.

The webcast where they call it in is available to watch online.

- Signs on A40 need cleaning

D Clements will contact the Trunk Roads Agency.

- Blocked drains on the belts / damage to verges on the road from Rhos to Picton / road verge damage by A40

Blocked drains on the belts – causes infrequent flooding. The Council would like to request a temporary water on road flood sign for when there is heavy rain. Di Clements will look into it.

- Withyhedge

Di Clements will forward an email from Will Bramble which outlines PCC's liaison with NRW.

Environmental health – whilst the Council do not regulate the waste, PCC have become involved due to environmental health concerns.

The Council has reason to believe that there has been a breach of the volume/type of materials which are allowed within the licence. They note that the response from NRW is slow.

## **6. Planning Applications**

No new applications were received.

## **7. Reports for decisions**

Consider membership to Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – The Council agree to pay for the clerk's membership to SLCC in the next financial year.

Clerk expenses – The Council agree to pay the clerk £50 towards work-from-home expenses for the financial year ended 31 March 2024. This will cover costs associated with the use of the clerk's personal laptop for work purposes.

Internal audit – The Council agree for the clerk to contact Dylan Harries and organise the internal order for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

## **8. Reports to note**

There were no reports to note.

## **9. Audits and Accounts**

*Bank reconciliation:*

	Feb-24
Bank balance (13/12/23)	7257.14
Less unpresented cheques	1229.55

Balance in the banking  
record 6027.59

*Budget report Feb 2024:*

Expenditure to date: £7499.46

Annual budget remaining: £3676.54

**10. Accounts for Payment**

08/02/2024	000065	Uzmaston Parish Church	Uzmaston hall hire	30
08/02/2024	000066	R Williams	Clerk work-from-home expenses	50

**11) AOB**

Streetlights are off at St Thomas Green and it is a danger to pedestrians. Di Clements will investigate.

Marmalade show – 9<sup>th</sup> March

Boulston to roundabout – monthly litter pick

**12) Date of next meeting**

Thursday, March 14th – Rhos hall

Meeting closed at 8:58pm