

MINUTES UZMASTON, BOULSTON AND SLEBECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in The Rhos Hall

On Thursday 12th Jan 2017

Present:

Councillors, Mrs S Green, Miss B Thomas, Mr H Thomas, Mrs M Williams

Also in attendance: Clerk

1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman welcomed all to the meeting including a member of the public

2) Apologies for Absence Mr J Percy, Mrs S Evans, Mrs Campbell, Mr R Hancock, Cllr R Lewis

3) Declarations of Members Interests - none

4) The Minutes of the meeting of 8th Dec 2016 were checked for accuracy and were agreed and signed

5) Matters Arising

Highways, Ditches and Roads

Mr Nutting had sent comments to the Clerk and these were noted. The comments had been with regard to the November minutes which had already been approved. Cllr Lewis will be considering all of the issues raised (including those from Mr Nutting) during his visit to the sites - this being proposed for Tuesday 24th January at 10 am. The Clerk was asked to alert Mr Percy and Mrs Evans of the date and to request of Cllr Lewis that The Rhos sites are visited first followed by the area next to Mrs Green to allow Mrs Green's husband to be present. Mrs Williams gave her apologies as she would be in school during the 24th.

Cllr Lewis had asked officers at PCC to organise that moss be removed from the paths highlighted as potentially dangerous at the lower end of New Road to Clover Park

Broadband Letter

Mr Thomas would be writing again to the providers and will link to the Welsh Government consultation of providers. Members noted that works to the mast is underway to upgrade reception to 4G on O2.

Noticeboard

The Clerk had written to Norman Industries seeking a quote for the noticeboard. Cllr Lewis had also asked them to provide details and had spoken to Mr Mark Owen on the issue who recalled a previous discussion on the Notice Board proposal. Mr Hancock had left message with the clerk that his recollection was that consent for siting and locating the noticeboard had already been given by PCC in the past (together with a number of other community council licenses and consents) and that Mr Mathias may recollect this. It was anticipated that if this was still in-time then a new application and fee might not be required. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Lewis and the Council to progress in due course.

Bus service

Cllr Lewis had been in touch with Owen Roberts about the potential of running a service along the New Road and noted that the council is currently reviewing local routes with local companies.

Village Green

Signed:

Date:

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Members noted Cllr Lewis's email which confirmed that the new Common Land Officer Mr Jim Duckley had now been appointed and following discussions with him would now be meeting with Mr Mike Kent (legal team) and Mr Barry Cooke (property) to proceed.

6) **Planning**

No applications had been received

7) **Reports & Items for Decision or Comment**

701 Consultations & Notices currently open

Wales

Consulting on charging for social care and draft national dementia strategy. Members asked if Mrs Campbell might look at responding on behalf of the Community Council.

Pembrokeshire

Schools consultation Members considered the consultation and determined that Mr Thomas would respond on behalf of members taking account of previous concerns raised.

Members asked that the Clerk complete the Local Development Plan Rural Facilities Survey and the Transforming Temporary Space research.

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To consider applications for the Clerk's vacancy and agree the appointments process.

Members noted that one application had been received and circulated and agreed that the Clerk would meet with the respondent prior to the next meeting and invite the applicant to the next meeting

703 Members noted that the Clerk had written to Pembrokeshire County Council requesting a precept of £3650 for 2017/18.

704 Invitation for outgoing chairman to be included in the draw to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Members nominated Mrs Williams and Mrs Williams agreed to complete and return the form

8) **Other Reports & Correspondence to Note**

801 An Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales round table discussion event on its remuneration framework for community and town councils - Lampeter 2nd Feb - noted

802 Community Engagement network event - Swansea 17th Jan - noted

803 Letter from Mark Drakeford on Elections - posters for noticeboard - noted

804 Members noted correspondence from The Local Government Finance Policy Division of the Welsh Government confirming that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2017-18 is £7.57 per elector.

9) **Accounts & Audit**

Members noted that the receipts and payments was up to date and all entries were included.

Members noted receipt of the Nov/December Bank Statement and balance at 19th December of £7157.24 which was in line with budget projections

Members noted the PCC Remittance Advice showing the 3rd payment of precept from PCC for 1217.00

10) Accounts for payment

Members noted that the Audit Office Wales on 29th Dec issued an invoice for the External Audit works carried out by Grant Thornton. The invoice was for £186 total (with zero vat) rather than the £186+vat that was quoted by Grant Thornton. Members approved that the revised total has been paid and the receipts and payments book completed

11) Any other business

Members noted Paul Davies Advice Surgeries 2017

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Date of Next Meeting - 9th Feb @ Uzmaston Hall