

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of *Uzmaston Boulston and Slebech Community Council*
Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7:30pm at Rhos Hall

Attendees: Cllr G Campbell, Cllr S Evans, Cllr S Green, Cllr W Griffiths (Chair), Cllr B Thomas, Cllr M Williams; Cty Cllr D Clements (PCC)

Also in attendance: Lizzie Lesnianski (Temporary Clerk)

In the Chair: Cllr W Griffiths

Public Session: No representations

25/027: Chairperson's welcome: The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

25/028: Apologies for absence: Cllr L Screen

25/029: Declarations of members interests: Cllr Sheila Green reiterated link to the Frolic.

25/030: Approval of previous minutes: The minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 1st May 2025 were reviewed and approved. The Chair signed them as an accurate record.

25/031: Existing business:

031/01 Speed limit in the Rhos: The Clerk confirmed she was in receipt of the documentation from Cllr Screen. The Clerk has contacted an officer in the local authority for confirmation as to whether the matter is PCC or Welsh Gov responsibility and is awaiting a response. Cllr Clements reiterated Cllr Screen is arguing for the reduced speed limit on a matter of legislation. Cllr Evans noted the presence of vulnerable groups such as children using the road and they must be considered.

031/02 Frolic maintenance – update: Cllr Green reported the upper gate is now fine. Her husband has made some dog walker signs and will put them up in due course. Cllr Green has spoken to Sean Tilling asking for a replacement public footpath post for the one on the green. Cllr Campbell stated people were happy with the current maintenance of the Frolic. However, the path from Higgins Well to Uzmaston is very overgrown and needs cutting back. There was a safety incident involving a dog walker where the fence has deteriorated due to the overgrowth masking the edge of the path. Cllr Clements will raise this matter with the authority.

031/03 Newsletter: Cllr Clements reported newsletter to be delivered before next meeting.

031/04 Quarry in the Rhos: Cllr Clements reported on a response received from a planning enforcement officer at Pembrokeshire National Park. She confirmed there had been a meeting with the minerals department at Carmarthenshire County Council and National Resources Wales. It was agreed the operators, under the terms of the waste licence, could dispose of subsoil and aggregate from Haverfordwest car park in the quarry. The work did not require prior approval. The planning enforcement team have been down to the site on several occasions since. Not much activity recently, but they will continue to monitor the site.

031/05 Dog Walker Signs – update: As 031/02 above. Cllr Green's husband has manufactured signs and will put them up in due course.

031/06 Litter on A40 – update: Cllr Clements had provided the clerk with a historic response from the Director of Transportation at Pembrokeshire County Council. The local authority had been waiting for updated legislation putting the onus on the Welsh Government. This had not materialised. So the onus is still with PCC as per the recent email from the Welsh Government to the clerk. Cllr Clements confirmed there is no appetite by Pembrokeshire County Council to do this work, and no budget. The Trunk Road agency will also not want to cone off the A40 for litter picking. Members asked the clerk to enquire from the local authority as to whether there were opportunities to work together on this matter.

031/07 Parking on New Road – update: Cllr Thomas stated the community council had been focused on this matter for some time having written to the local authority several times, completed a survey, which was overwhelmingly in favour of yellow lines, and asked the County Councillor to engage with the relevant departments within Pembrokeshire County Council. Members tasked the clerk to write to the relevant department within the authority reiterating their opinion, and residents, that this is a dangerous stretch of road. The members will make sure residents are aware data is required for action and all incidents and near misses should be reported to the police for a reference number, so Dyfed Powys can build an intelligence file of the safety issues. Cllr Williams asked for emphasis to be put on the current situation and the additional danger caused by increased traffic because of the traffic lights and works on the A40.

031/08 One Voice Wales – Motion for AGM: The clerk is working to complete this task and will send in the motion prior to the closing date.

25/032: New business

025/01 Hywel Dda Clinical Services Consultation: The clerk confirmed the clinical services consultation was live, and members should complete the survey if they wanted to. The clerk presented the members with the details of the drop in event closest to them, at the Haverhub, Haverfordwest, SA61 1BG on 27th June from 2pm until 7pm. A general discussion followed regarding the poor state of health services in the area. It was noted the new hospital previously discussed, to be located near Whitland, was no longer likely to proceed.

025/01 Casual Vacancy: The clerk raised the issue of the casual vacancy. Cllr Griffiths proposed advertising the vacancy. Cllr Williams seconded the motion. All present in favour. Clerk to action.

25/033: Planning

033/01 PCC – Planning Decision: 25/0001/PA, 15 Clover Park, Haverfordwest, SA61 1UE. Application refused.

033/02 PCC – Planning Decision: 25/0023/PA: Campbell Farm, Wiston, SA62 4BD. Conditionally approved.

25/034: Reports for decision

034/01 Removal of Noticeboards: The clerk confirmed she had been in contact with the contractor with regard the removal of the noticeboards. Correspondence in May had suggested they would be removed by the end of that month. The clerk had further correspondence with the contractor on 12th June. The noticeboard is now due for removal by Monday 16th June. Concerns from members it is now dangerous and must be removed as soon as possible or cordoned off. Cllr Griffiths to follow up with contractor.

Cllr Campbell confirmed the metal noticeboards are still seized up. Work on these will continue.

25/035. Reports to note: None

25/036. Audits and accounts

036/01 Summary of Accounts: The Clerk delivered the financial report attached to these minutes. Two payments made in May, the clerk salary and bank charges. Current balance as at 31/05 £5618.80.

036/02 Audit: The clerk confirmed she is working with the Internal Auditor to get the Audit ready for approval as quickly as possible. Upon completion it will require a brief meeting with the council to approve the Annual Return.

036/03 Online Banking: The clerk confirmed information required from each councillor. Full name, address and date of birth. Information was gathered during meeting. Clerk to continue to work toward opening an online bank account with authorisation facility.

25/037. Accounts for payments

037/01 Zurich Insurance. Annual premium. £267.39 Cheque no: 000110

037/02 Information Commissioners Office: Annual subscription £52.00 Cheque no: 000111

037/03 Audit Wales. Invoice ARINV/013221. 2023/2024 external audit. £230. To replace cheque no 000109 due to error. New cheque no 000113

037/04 Clerk Salary: May Salary Report emailed to all councillors. Unanimously agreed. Cheque no: 000112

25/039. Questions for the Chair/Councillor Update:

039/01 One Voice Wales Training: The Clerk confirmed she had sent training schedule from One Voice Wales to all councillors.

039/02 PCC Code of Conduct Training: Clerk recommended members attend the free Code of Conduct online training being run by the local authority on 14th July at 6pm.

039/03: Training with Other Community Councils: The clerk is working with One Voice Wales, looking at joint training sessions with Martletwy Community Council.

039/04 State of local Roads: Cllr Williams raised concerns regarding the state of the roads around Picton Point. Cllr Clements confirmed she had raised it with the officers at PCC. Cllr Williams confirmed there were parts that were quite dangerous. Cllr Clements asked if Cllr Williams knew who was carrying out the work. It was thought to be contractors from away. Cllr Clements will investigate. Cllr Williams will try to get more details.

Cllr Williams also raised concerns the Millins Manse to Cotts Park Road. Damaged by large machinery. Needs re-ditching. Cllr Clements to report.

Cllr Evans raised concerns regarding the roads up to The Rhos. Very overgrown and overhanging. Cllr Clements reported the cutting back work is being done and they will get to this area soon. She will monitor.

039/05 County Councillor Update: Cllr Clements confirmed she has been chasing the trunk road agency with regard to Salutation Square. She had a conversation with a representative at Eluned Morgan MS' office requesting a meeting. Now received an update from the relevant PCC officer. A meeting is being scheduled with SWTRA (South Wales Trunk Road Agency). Cllr Clements to report back upon completion of the meeting.

25/038. Date of next meeting – Thursday July 10th, 2025 at The Rhos Hall. 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8:41pm.