

MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOLTON VILLAGE HALL AND READING ROOM

4 July 2022

Members Present

M. Harries, M. Canton, R. Thomson, J. Gale and Cllr. P. Morgan

Clerk – N. Neumann

1833 Apologies

A. Peach, A. Jones, J. Hancock, and D. Weale

1834 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee

M. Canton declared an interest to planning application NP/22/0312/CLE

1835 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 June 2022

Proposer M. Canton, seconder R. Thomson

1836 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed that PCC have suggested that a joint application for Nolton Hall and Victoria Hall should be submitted for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. M. Harries provided more context regarding the grant, suitable projects, and agreed to follow up with the related stakeholder(s) in PCC regarding the application process and next steps.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk read out an update provided by Dave Smith (chairman of NRCLT) as follows: *Our CLT continues to engage with various stakeholders and we have recently had two encouraging meetings that suggest support for our aspirations is growing both locally (PCC) and nationally (WAG). NRCLT has been chosen to pilot a WAG affordable housing initiative. It's early days yet but, if we can negotiate the uncertain path being cleared for us by Cwmpas (formerly Wales Cooperative Centre), then we could receive some grant funding. This would enable us to purchase the land outright and undertake some essential surveys. A vital requirement of our CLT is that the land for our housing development is owned by Nolton and Roch community and remains so in perpetuity. At this stage we are trying to obtain a clear statement that the money would be in addition to any Social Housing grant that our Housing Association partner (ateb) might be bidding for. Clearly, there is no point in securing a grant from one source only to see it offset by a reduced grant elsewhere.*
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall; “a schedule of fund raising events has been agreed for the year ahead by the new committee, and the next event is a sand castle competition planned on Nolton Haven beach”. M. Harries provided an update for Victoria Hall, Roch; “the AGM for the Hall Committee has been postponed due to COVID and ill-health among committee members and will be rescheduled. The hall has received delivery of a new bench via the ‘talking bench’ initiative. Consideration is currently being given to hosting an outdoor cinema on bank holiday weekend; further information to follow. The hall has been successful in gaining a grant from the Moondance Foundation which will fund a new projector and screen at the hall.”

- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Canton confirmed that the landowners (who live overseas) are currently visiting Nolton Haven. M. Canton committed to making contact with the landowners and providing feedback to council at the next meeting. It was also noted that there is another outbreak of Japanese knotweed in Nolton village near the old riding stables, and it was agreed that the outbreak should be brought to the landowner's attention asap.
 - Action: M. Canton to follow-up and make contact with landowners regarding the Green lake issue. Clerk will write a letter to notify landowners of their responsibility regarding the outbreak opposite the old Nolton Riding Stables.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk confirmed that PCC and Atkins will host a meeting to update both Community and County Council stakeholders on Friday 8th July, and all councillors are invited to attend; clerk will register intent of councillors to join the meeting and provide dial-in details.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – M. Harries confirmed no further update on the matter although it's understood that the project continues to progress behind the scenes.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with point of contact in PCC.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed no further update.
 - Action: Clerk and D. Weale to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Roch village dog fouling and requirement for bins/signage** – M. Harries confirmed a new bin has been sited on the grassed area near the bus shelter on the entrance to Pilgrims Way.
- **Use of impromptu fireworks on local beaches** – M. Canton confirmed the signage had been erected but shortly after had been vandalised. M. Canton committed to re-site the signage.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed preparations are underway for training sessions at two locations across the community (Nolton and Roch village Halls) and trainers were currently being sought. R. Thomson proposed a contact in PCC as trainer and will follow-up.
 - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed contact had been made with PCC to request an increased presence of enforcement officers. R. Thomson confirmed sand was also obscuring the double yellow lines making it difficult for road users to see parking restrictions; Cllr. P. Morgan committed to reporting this issue to PCC.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed that PCC were currently re-designing/formatting the current signage although the Welsh Road to address parking issues raised. It is expected that the signage will be replaced later in the year.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Road Safety – Folkeston Road and Simpson Cross** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed that PCC have visited both sites and are currently considering improvement options, and will revert in due course.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Pebbles Café Catering Units** – Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to PCNPA enforcement officer requesting an update on activities at the site and COL applications. No response received to date.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCNPA enforcement.
- **Highway hedgerow maintenance and vehicle safety** – No update to provide at this time.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with the cabinet member for environment. Cllr. P. Morgan also confirmed he would follow-up with PCC highways stakeholder(s).

- **Speed Limit Signage for Nolton/Nolton Haven** – R. Thomson confirmed a response had been received from PCC highways team regarding speed limit signage throughout Nolton/Nolton Haven village. The highways team have agreed to a speed monitoring survey although a request for more 30mph repeater signs has been denied as this would contravene related traffic sign laws/regulations.
 - Action: Clerk committed to respond to the letter from PCC on behalf of the community council.

1837 Planning

- PCNPA proposal: Land near Upper & Lower Folly, Folkeston Road, Nolton Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NL Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing 2 x Wifi Masts [NP/22/0312/CLE]

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

- PCC proposal: 8, Castle Close, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AG Demolition of attached garage & replaced with side extension [22/0197/PA]

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

1838 Finance

- Requests for donations – Nothing received.
- Clerk confirmed donation of £100.00 to Victoria Hall Association for Jubilee Event had been completed and letter of thanks received.
- Clerk requested approval for audit fees of £200.00 + vat payable to Bevan and Buckland LLP – Approval given by M. Harries, seconded by M. Canton.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1839 Correspondence

- Welsh Government and National Lottery Heritage Fund – Applications now open!
www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding
- CWBR Youth - Invitation to Town / Community Councillors
- COF Round 2 EOI Launch <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-community-ownership-fund>
- 2022 version of the Good Councillor's Guide
- Statutory guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
- The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils
- GWR Community fund
- Hello and welcome from the Local Places for Nature officer!
- #WythnosNaturCymru / #WalesNatureWeek
- Shaping Wales' Future

1840 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing declared.

1841 Other items

- Nothing declared.

1842 PCC report

- No update provided.

1843 AOB

- Nothing declared.

1844 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.49pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 September 2022

Signed

Chairman