

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

**18 March 2024**

**Members present**

M. Harries, M. Canton, A. Jones, J. Hancock, J. Gale and M. Hammond.  
Clerk – N. Neumann

2037 Apologies

R. Thomson, A. Peach and Cllr. P. Morgan.

2038 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee and Friends of Roch School  
J. Hancock declared an interest with respect to the CLT and Penuel Chapel  
J. Gale declared an interest with respect to the CLT and Roch School  
Clerk declared an interest to Camrose and Roch Playgroup and CLT

2039 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 February 2024

Proposer J. Gale and M. Hammond.

2040 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – No update provided on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
  - Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton confirmed fitness classes have commenced from the hall with interest from other organisations to rent the hall as well. No fundraisers currently planned.
  - Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed the panto was very well received and ticket sales were strong. The hall is currently undergoing refurbishment of the female toilet facilities which is much needed and will be completed shortly. The next event planned for the hall is an Easter Bingo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- **Public toilet provisions at Newgale South and Nolton Haven** – The clerk confirmed that a letter requesting funding had been sent to PCNPA regarding Nolton Haven toilets, and no formal response had been received to date. Much discussion was had between councillors on this matter, and a proposal was tabled to ask PCNPA whether funding could be sought via the Open to All project focused on inclusiveness, diversity and accessibility. Councillors felt this was a plausible proposal given Nolton Haven is one of few beaches in North Pembrokeshire which had good beach access but no accessible toilets. Councillors remain of the opinion that the toilets at Nolton Haven need to be reopened. M. Harries agreed to approach PCC Business Manager to enquire how long it would take to complete all the related leasehold agreements if an asset transfer to NRCC was agreed in principle by councillors. It was also agreed that any further funding requests to PCNPA should be paused until feedback is gathered from PCC on leasehold agreements, and a decision made at next meeting of NRCC in April.  
Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC Business Manager.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk confirmed that no update had been received.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk confirmed that a response had been received from PCC transport planners which was shared with councillors ahead of the meeting. Councillors felt the response justified a challenge, and a site visit between PCC and NRCC was much needed to discuss concerns and reach mutual agreement on a resolution.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up with proposal to PCC for site visit.

- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – M. Canton confirmed no issues had been experienced recently.  
Action: Cllr. P. Morgan and clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** –The clerk confirmed a full application for the PCC Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant had been submitted which would fund the traffic safety project for Roch village. The application is currently being processed and awaiting approval.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries confirmed no update on this matter.  
Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed an email had been sent to PCC traffic department and planners informing them of The National Trust’s consent to adopt the Southwood footpath as a full public right of way, and requesting whether PCC would now be willing to explore options for a connecting pavement to the village of Roch. No response had been received to date and the clerk agreed to send a chaser email.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Relocation of community notice board** – The clerk confirmed the new notice board had been installed at the agreed location on Church Road, and no further complaints had been received to date.
- **Speeding vehicles on A487 between Simpsons Cross and Newgale** – The clerk confirmed an email had been sent to PCC traffic / roads department to request a speed survey. No response had been received on when the survey would be undertaken.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Simpson Cross 20 mph speed limit** – M. Harries confirmed he had approached local residents in Simpson Cross for feedback on the new 20mph speed limit who felt vehicles speeds through the village had not changed significantly although felt that vehicle speeds outside of the 20mph speed limit towards both Roch and Keyston directions had increased.  
Action: Clerk to follow-up with response to PCC.
- **Bus Shelter Repairs** – The clerk confirmed the bus shelter on the entrance to Pilgrims Way was owned by PCC and they had committed to making the necessary repairs. The bus shelter near the old motel (St Davids direction) was owned by NRCC. PCC have confirmed they could undertake the repairs and back charge NRCC. It was agreed that a quote should be pursued before any work commences, and the clerk agreed to obtain a quotation from PCC.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

2041 Planning

- **PCC Proposal : Proposed double garage with ancillary accommodation above.**  
THE FARMHOUSE, Little Hilton Farm, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AE  
[23/0827/PA] – *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*
- **PCC Proposal: Single storey rear kitchen extension.**  
THE FARMHOUSE, Little Hilton Farm, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AE  
[23/0819/PA] – *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*

- **PCC Proposal : Proposed residential development of 52 units – Re-consultation.**  
Land East of Pilgrims Way, Roch, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BQ [23/0568/PA] – *Concerns were raised by councillors on the proposed level of affordable housing and section 106 contributions. Councillors suggested further clarity on the level of affordable housing and section 106 contributions was required from PCC before a decision and feedback could be given by councillors on the planning application. The clerk agreed to follow-up with the related PCC planning case officer, and revert to councillors to ensure feedback is provided on the planning application before the required deadline.*

2042 Finance

- Requests for donations
  - It was resolved (Proposed M. Hammond, seconded by M. Canton) to donate £250 to each of the below local organisations:
    - St Mary’s Church, Roch
    - Nolton Haven Chapel
    - Friends of Roch School
    - Camrose and Roch Playgroup
    - Victoria Hall Association Roch
    - Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust
    - Penuel Chapel Roch
    - Newgale Surf Life Saving Club
- It was agreed these organisations were local worthy causes with a positive contribution to our community. The total for all donations would be £2,000. The clerk confirmed letters would be sent to the organisations as above, and donations would be made before yearend (end of March 2024).
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

2043 Correspondence

- NMB West Wales River Stakeholder Group Meeting 31-01-2024
- RE: Roch Bus shelters
- Planning meeting
- Final Engagement Phase of Wales Air Ambulance Service Takes Place in February
- Fwd: Newgale Diversionary route
- The county of pembroke (various roads) (speed limits) amalgamation order 2023 (amendment no.1) order 2024
- Joint event one voice wales and planning aid wales
- VoterID Social Media Images
- FW: D-day 80 flag of peace - community & town councils

2044 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

No update provided.

2045 Other items

- **Dog fouling in Roch Village** – M. Harries confirmed a complaint from a local Roch resident regarding dog fouling in the village had been received. Councillors felt that a social media post should be circulated via the NRCC Facebook page as reminder, and the school should be approached to re-run an awareness programme. Action: M. Harries agreed to approach the school and the clerk agreed to undertake social media post.

- **The county of pembroke (various roads) (speed limits) amalgamation order 2023 (amendment no.1) order 2024** – The clerk confirmed an official response had been provided to PCC on this matter within the allotted time.
- **Town & Community Council websites** – The clerk confirmed that PCC will no longer fund town and community website hosting from January 2025 and NRCC has to seek an alternative. M. Harries suggested an existing Roch Village website could be possibly utilised and would explore options with the related stakeholders.  
Action: M. Harries to follow-up with web developers for Roch Village website.
- **Withyhedge Landfill Odour Concerns** – J. Gale raised concerns relating to the landfill facility at Rudbaxton and the transfer of waste to Pembrokeshire from outside the county. M. Harries provided his understanding of matters relating to Withyhedge and specifically the unpleasant odours and emissions. It is understood that NRW and PCC are currently investigating alleged breaches and complaints at the site.  
Action: Clerk to submit an official complaint / report via NRW portal.

2046 PCC report

- No update provided.

2047 AOB

- Nothing raised.

2048 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Victoria Hall, Roch.

Signed

Chairman