

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

3 July 2023

Members present

M. Harries, M. Canton, M. Hammond, J. Gale and Cllr. P. Morgan
Clerk – N. Neumann

1957 Apologies

R. Thomson, A. Peach, A. Jones and J. Hancock

1958 Declaration of interest

Nothing declared

1959 Time allocated for members of the public to raise matters

M. Harris – Newgale Campsite regarding planning application [NP/23/0124/FUL]

M. Harris introduced the background to the planning application, the outcome from a recent PCNPA development management committee, and the process moving forward. M. Harris concluded by requesting whether NRCC would write a letter of support for planning application NP/23/0124/FUL. Upon further consideration, members felt it not necessary to write a letter of support for the application as a formal response had already been provided to PCNPA within the allotted time as consultee to the planning application.

J. Hoole – Response to Residential development of 52 units, including affordable housing units and associated works pre-application consultation (PAC)

J. Hoole spoke on behalf of the residents present at the meeting. J. Hoole introduced the background to proposed development plans and concerns of local residents. The concerns centred on the following issues: a.) the scale and size of the development, b.) the extra demand on public services such as the school and doctors surgery, c.) the time over which the development would take place and the disruption to the local community of Roch, d.) the suitability of roads and site access points at Maes Fynnon and Pilgrims Way, and e.) whether the houses would be saleable. Members of the residents group asked what NRCCs position was on the proposed development and M. Harries summarised the response given to both the former and present PACs for the proposed development.

1960 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 June 2023

Proposer M. Canton and J. Gale.

1961 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk read out an update provided by CLT chair D. Smith as follows: *Members of our CLT board met with ateb on 27th June to review progress to date and map out the way forward. Thanks to financial support from Pembrokeshire County Council we can now commit to creating a land purchase options agreement. This will commit us to purchasing the proposed building plot once planning permission has been obtained. There's a long way to go yet, but we have finally left the starting blocks on our community's much needed affordable housing project. Having started the ball rolling it is vital that we now build some momentum. Our award is time limited. PCC have earmarked our project for Social Housing Grant expenditure in the coming year or two. This timescale reflects the detailed work that now needs to be undertaken and the long delays currently being experienced in the planning process. But work can't begin until an options agreement on the land has been secured, after which ateb will fully commit resources to the project. We are*

sensitive to concerns that failure to meet PCC expectations could result in a hugely extended timescale.

- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: No update provided on this occasion.
 - Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed the AGM had been carried out and changes to the organisation structure implemented. M. Harries also confirmed the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant had been allocated and work on the new playground equipment would start imminently. The next event at the hall would be the Sunset Cinema scheduled for Saturday 2nd September.
- **Public toilet provisions at Newgale South and Nolton Haven** – M. Harries confirmed work is ongoing behind the scenes with regards to the toilet strategy and funding options, and further information would come available shortly. M. Harries reiterated the important role our public toilet provisions provide and the need for the community council to take a proactive role in securing the future of the provisions.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk confirmed that no update had been received.
Action: Cllr. P. Morgan and clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – Clerk confirmed no update had been provided from PCC on the scheme, and the last correspondence suggested the spend had been committed and the scheme would be implemented within FY23-24.
Action: Cllr. P. Morgan and clerk to follow-up.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – M. Canton confirmed the parking situation had been quiet over recent times and as such there hadn't been any issues with inappropriate parking in Nolton Haven. M. Canton also confirmed the ice cream vendor had not yet started to trade from the agreed location.
- **Entrance Gates and PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed an MS Teams meeting with a PCC representative had been held on this matter. The clerk confirmed PCC would fund the supply and installation of sign posts for the PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs in Roch, and NRCC would need to fund the signs. Clerk agreed to follow-up with PCC and obtain quotations for the signs.
Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC stakeholders and suppliers.
- **Nolton Haven unsolicited fireworks** – M. Canton proposed more signage and larger signage is required. Members agreed with this proposal, and the clerk will work with M. Canton to procure and install the required signage.
Action: Clerk and M. Canton to follow-up.
- **Ice Cream street trading licence application at Nolton Haven** – Clerk confirmed that this matter had been concluded following a site meeting with PCC representatives.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – Clerk confirmed a response had been received from PCC following an enquiry. The response did not provide any new information on how to deal with the matter more effectively. M. Harries agreed to communicate with a PCC representative on this matter.
Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Roch recycling point (Removal of redundant sign posts)** – Clerk confirmed no response had been received from PCC on this matter.
Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to the PCC Head of Infrastructure requesting a site visit and discussion, to explore options for a scheme that would safely link the village of Roch with the new Roch to Newgale permissive footpath. The clerk also confirmed no response had been received to date.
Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **Fire mitigation measures** – Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to The National Trust (Cc. Mid and West Wales Fire Service) highlighting the requirements for fire mitigation measures across the Southwood Estate given the time of year and recent dry weather. The clerk confirmed no response had been received to date.

Action: Clerk to follow-up.

1962 Planning

- **PCC Proposal: Proposed side extension & loft conversion [23/0225/PA]** – 1, Plasgrug, Church Road, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BG. *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*
- **PCC Proposal:** Change of use from C3 Dwellinghouse to C6 short term let [23/0251/PA] – Stable Cottage, Cuffern Manor Cottages, CUFFERN, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6HB. *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*
- **Planning Enforcement:** Former Nolton Riding Stables, Nolton – Alleged unauthorised engineering operations and buildings change of use from agricultural/equestrian to events venue. [Ref: EC23/0065] *Clerk confirmed no update had been received from PCNPA enforcement or PCC licencing. It was agreed to follow this matter to a conclusion.*

1963 Finance

- Clerk presented findings from the recent FY22-23 Annual Audit for NRCC and asked members for their approval – This matter was duly resolved.
- Clerk asked for approval to pay auditors Bevan and Buckland LLP £300.00 for their auditors services – This matter was duly resolved.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1964 Correspondence

- 20mph Communications and Engagement Toolkit
- Fwd: Highway Scheme - Church Road Footway, Roch – Cllr. P. Morgan
- Meeting Community Needs in Wales
- Tree Planting to Commemorate the PCNPA 70th Anniversary
- Remember this evening's meeting for Pembrokeshire Town and Community Councils
- Newyddion mis Mehefin 2023 - News June 2023 - Nolton & Roch Community Council
- Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme Update – Cllr. P. Morgan
- Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023
- FW: Feasibility Study Ice Cream Van Nolton Haven
- Disabled Public Toilets (Newgale Beach) – M. Harris
- Long Course Weekend 2023

1965 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

Nothing declared.

1966 Other items

- **20 mph speed limit rollout**

M. Harries advised Newgale village would remain at 30mph. M. Harries advised that PCC have the discretion on where to adopt the new 20 mph and not all speed limits would be necessarily change. Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed a consultation period had now ended.

- **Relocation of community notice board**

M. Harries agreed to discuss with property owners and PCC representatives the possibility of relocating the community notice board at the end of Church Road (at the A487 junction).

- Action: M. Harries to follow-up with stakeholders and clerk to research notice board options and related costs.

1967 PCC report

No update provided.

1968 AOB

Nothing declared.

1969 Items for the next agenda

Nothing proposed.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Next meeting: Monday 4 September 2023

Signed

Chairman