

NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at Nolton Reading Rooms on 11 OCTOBER 2021

Members Present: R. Thomson, M. Canton, M. Harries and D. Smith

Clerk: A. Jones

1. Apologies

A. Peach, J. Gale, J. Hancock, D. Weale and Cllr. J. Adams

2. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by M. Canton, seconded by R. Thomson and agreed by all that M. Harries be elected Chairman for 2021/22.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by D. Smith, seconded by M. Canton and agreed by all that R. Thomson be elected to continue as Vice Chairman for 2021/22.

4. Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Conduct

All Councillors present signed the declaration of acceptance of office including agreement to the code of conduct. All declarations of office were signed and returned by the remaining Councillors at a later date.

5. Community councillor remuneration entitlement for 2021/22 financial year

Individuals who have accepted office as a member of a community or town council are entitled to receive payments as set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. **Seven Councillors notified the Clerk and declined any such remuneration payments for the 2021/22 financial year. D. Weale notified the Clerk that he wished to receive his £150 entitlement based on the principle reason being that it ensures the office is open to all.**

6. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the AGM held on 5 October 2020 having been circulated to Councillors be confirmed and signed. Proposed D. Smith, seconded M. Harries.

7. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

8. Appointment of Committees, Representatives, Officers etc

a) **Planning Committee**

It was resolved that the following serve on this Committee:

Chairman, Vice Chairman, M. Canton and D. Weale. With membership to rotate round to other Councillors at the next AGM or earlier if deemed appropriate.

b) **Victoria Hall Committee**

It was resolved that M. Harries continue as representative on the Victoria Hall Committee.

c) **Roch School**

It was resolved that J. Gale continue as community school governor at Roch School.

d) **Press Officer**

It was resolved that the Clerk be appointed Press Officer.

e) **Signatories on Council cheques**

It was resolved that the Clerk plus any two of the following sign community council cheques:

D. Smith
J. Hancock
R. Thomson
A. Peach

f) **Proper Officer**

It was resolved that the Clerk be designated Proper Officer of the council.

g) **Financial Officer**

It was resolved that the Clerk be designated as the Responsible Financial Officer.

h) **Internal Auditor**

It was resolved that Bevan Buckland be appointed Internal Auditor.

I) **Clerk's Salary**

It was resolved that the Clerk's salary be paid according to the Local Government National Joint Council recommendations (NJC payscale point TBC on new appointment).

9. Future Council Meetings – date; venue; time

Date: that wherever possible, council meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month (August and January excepted)

Venue: Meetings to alternate, wherever possible, between the Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall, Roch.

Time: council meetings to commence at 7.30pm unless an alternative time to be approved at the previous full council meeting.

10. To adopt Standing Order No 1

Voting procedures at Council meetings

“Voting at council meetings shall be by a show of hands by Councillors may by resolution adopt such other method of voting as they consider expedient on any particular matter.”

It was resolved that Standing Order No 1 be adopted.

11. To adopt Standing Order No 2

Procedures for examining Planning Applications

“If any member of this Council's Planning Committee, or any other Councillor, raised an objection or shows concern regarding a planning application, the Council must be convened to examine that application.”

It was resolved that Standing Order No 2 be adopted.

12. To adopt Standing Order No 3

“Any purchase of goods or execution of work authorised by this Council in excess of £700 will be by tender of at least two sealed quotes. To be opened in the presence of at least two persons and a full record of the contents of the tenders should be signed by all those present at the opening.”

It was resolved that Standing Order No 3 be amended and adopted as follows:

“Any purchase of goods or execution of work authorised by this Council in excess of **£1500** will be by tender of at least two sealed quotes. To be opened in the presence of at least two persons and a full record of the contents of the tenders should be signed by all those present at the opening.”

13. To adopt Standing Order No 4

“Members of the public can approach the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting being allowed three minutes to address any issue on the agenda. The number of speakers and time allowed to be at the discretion of the Chairman to allow efficient transaction of the business in hand.

Members of the public to notify the Clerk of their wish to speak and the subject being raised at least 4 days prior to the meeting.”

It was resolved that Standing Order No 4 be adopted.

14. Chairman's report

Awaiting the report.

15. **Any other business**

None.

Chairman

Date: