

MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOLTON READING ROOMS, NOLTON

11 October 2021

Members Present

R. Thomson, M. Canton, M. Harries, D. Smith

Clerk - A. Jones

Observer - N. Neumann (new clerk from 1 November 2021)

1737 Apologies

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

1738 Declaration of interest

J. Hancock declared an interest with respect to the CLT and the potential land involved.

1739 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 13 September 2021

Proposer R. Thomson, seconder M. Canton.

1740 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries is looking into engaging a PCC architect to create a design as part of their volunteer hours before going out to the community for further input. There was some further discussion around play area developments and repairs, with the repair costs as explored by the Victoria Hall Committee coming in at around £1,700. All agreed that a small separate area for younger children which could be fenced off would also be well received by the community.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that he had positive news from Ateb after their meeting last week. Ateb have managed to reach an agreement with the landowner and the CLT have been allocated a project manager at Ateb who will be undertaking surveys and searches. It is still hoped that in the region of 20 homes will be built for the community. All Councillors thanked D. Smith for his dedication and perseverance and congratulated him on the great progress the CLT has made.
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - the markings through the village have been remarked.
- **Community garden** - to be looked at again in the spring.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed that Amethyst Dance are regularly holding classes again at the hall and 2 other groups are also returning shortly, including orchestra on Mondays. There are some birthday parties booked and a wedding next year. M. Canton confirmed he has no update as yet from Nolton re returning groups. They are still waiting for the roof to be repaired.
- **Nolton traffic concerns - speeding coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven, parking enforcement, yellow lines** - both M. Canton and R. Thomson stressed that enforcement and speed is still a concern, but more specifically the sand is now causing a problem behind the beach. As you come down the hill from Newgale it's particularly treacherous especially with the wet weather now turning, the sand on this part of the road is quite a depth and covering a good proportion of the road which really needs clearing right back (in fact some of the hedging has now grown out of the sand bank and it's actually encroached right over). It's a real skid risk and causes vehicles to veer right over to the right when heading up the hill. The sand is also covering the double yellow lines along the front.

- Action: Cllr. J. Adams and Clerk will follow up with PCC on clearing sand from the road and the yellow lines.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** - M. Canton confirmed that the knotweed is now spreading. M. Harries noted that the seasonal treatment often starts in June. If the knotweed is on private land they can pass the details on. Possible National Trust or National Park land.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow up.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Digital Pembrokeshire - Broadband Programme: Broad Haven Project Area** - the Clerk contacted Digital Pembrokeshire who confirmed that the Phase 6 areas have not been chosen yet, they are waiting for more sign ups to decide which areas to choose for the next phase. Roch is currently on 4% out of 738 properties, but if we could boost this past the 10% mark it could very well be considered for the next phase. All agreed to publicise the project on Facebook and out in the community.
 - Action: Clerk to publicise and follow up with Digital Pembrokeshire.
- **Re-siting general bin in Pilgrim's Way** - Clerk confirmed that the general waste bin still needs to be re-sited in the village, M. Harries has confirmed that this should happen shortly.
- **Catering units sited on Newgale campsite and a new 'slush and desserts' unit on Newgale (Pebbles end)** - the Enforcement Officer informed the Clerk that a Planning Contravention Notice was served on the landowner concerning the long term siting of the mobile catering unit at Newgale campsite. A site meeting took place between National Park officers and the landowner and the catering unit was to be removed within the first week of October. With reference to the siting of the mobile catering units at Pebbles Beach café, Enforcement confirmed that initial investigations were carried out last year regarding this particular site whereupon it was considered not expedient to take any formal action at that time due to certain circumstances. They are currently re-investigating this matter to ascertain as to whether formal planning permission is required or not and will provide NRCC with a full response as soon as they are in a position to do so.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** - no update re start date as yet under the 2021-22 Minor Works programme.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** - no update as to the outcome of the Deacons' meeting
- **New clerk appointment** - the Clerk was thrilled to announce the appointment of Nick Neumann as Clerk who will start on 1 November 2021.
- **Community day - Big Green Week** - M. Harries confirmed that the community day was a great success, with 18 volunteers turning up! They managed to stain the play area and cut back the brambles as well as fitting a new defibrillator in the village.
- **Maintenance of paved lane between Pilgrims Way and Maes Ffynnon** - no update.

1741 Planning

- **PCC decision: Dual single storey replacement extensions and conversion of garage to bedroom, 31 St Brides View, Roch (21/0425/PA)** - conditionally approved.

1742 Finance

- **Requests for donations currently received:**
 - Friends of Roch
 - St Madocs Church, Nolton and St Mary's Church, Roch
 - Nolton Haven Chapel

NB if any organisation would like to be considered for a donation please encourage them to email the Clerk

1743 Correspondence

- The National Lottery is offering funding of £1,000 to £10,000 to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change. If any community group is interested they can find out more information here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet#section-3>
- New planning policy advice from Welsh Government: Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion. This advice will introduce important changes to the way flood and coastal erosion risks are considered as part of development proposals in the planning process: <https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion>

1744 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Pembrokeshire Area Committee will take place via remote video link as at 7pm on Thursday 28 October 2021

1745 Other items

1746 PCC report

- None

1747 AOB

- **Nolton street light, near Rising Sun house** - M. Canton noted that the street light is missing it's cover leaving the wires exposed.
 - Action: M. Canton has reported it on the PCC website but M. Harries will also follow up.
- **Nolton sign and general gateway improvements** - R. Thomson noted that one of the 'Nolton' signs has most likely been hit, leaving it damaged and split. All agreed that looking again into replacement signs and new welcome gateways would be worthwhile.
- **Defibrillator maintenance** - M. Harries confirmed that we now have 2 defibrillators in Roch and 2 in Nolton, all of which need continued maintenance, including new pads. M. Harries confirmed that new pads are needed for the defib on the Victoria Hall, which will cost approximately £55. All agreed that the maintenance costs for all the defibrillators going forward should be funded by NRCC.

1748 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting: 1 November 2021

Signed

Chairman