

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

**5 December 2022**

**Members present**

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

Clerk – N. Neumann

Mid and West Wales Fire Service – T. Wass and R. Makepeace

1881 Apologies

A. Jones and J. Hancock

1882 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee

A. Peach declared an interest to the proposed foot/cycle path in Roch

1883 Presentation from the Fire Service

T. Wass and R. Makepeace provided a brief introduction to themselves and Community Fire Safety Team of the Mid and West Fire Service. T. Wass went on to provide an update on conversations with The National Trust regarding fire prevention on the Southwood Estate given the wild fires along the Newgale coastal strip in the summer of 2022. The National Trust have committed to proactively managing firebreaks across the estate, and via a collaborative approach, the fire service will monitor and assist where and when necessary. It was also suggested that an article will be published in the Coast-to-Coast magazine highlighting the 2022 Newgale wildfires and how such fires can be prevented going forward. Social media campaigns and community engagement with tourism operators to educate visitors to our county were also suggested actions that the Fire Service will follow up upon. M. Harries asked whether an official review had been carried out by the Fire Service to understand the causes of the wildfires. R. Makepeace committed to finding out more from the operational team at the Fire Service and reverting back to NRCC. It was also suggested that the Fire Service and NRCC should keep in regular contact going forward to review progress and support each other in driving forward inclusive fire safety and awareness.

- Action: Clerk to follow up with T. Wass on scheduling a springtime update and site visit.

1884 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 7 November 2022

Proposer R. Thomson and seconder J. Gale

1885 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries and M. Canton confirmed no further updates.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk presented full update provided by D. Smith.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall; “a cheese and wine event, and dressing the Christmas tree events were well attended.” M. Harries provided an update for Victoria Hall, Roch; “future events at the hall will include, a Christmas Bingo, New Year’s Firework Display and Panto which will be cast half-term February.” M. Harries also suggested that Nolton and Roch halls to better communicate in the future to avoid calendar and event clashes.

- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed no further update.
  - Action: Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – A. Peach confirmed no further update.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **St Madoc’s church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed that Canon Rowlands had confirmed that St Madoc’s church will close. At a recent meeting the congregation agreed to the closure of the church. Canon Rowlands confirmed that matters were now outside his control and that The Church of Wales will decide upon whether the church and school room would be put on the market. It was agreed by M. Harries that this item should now be removed from the agenda going forward.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed no further update at this time and will continue to work on preparations for training sessions in the New Year. Clerk confirmed that a new defib cabinet and pads had been procured for Nolton Haven, and R. Thomson and M. Canton committed to installing the new cabinet after the winter weather has passed.
  - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven** – Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been fixed with PCC and PCNPA representatives at Nolton Haven to discuss the ongoing issues relating to; the policing/enforcement of double yellow lines, ice cream van concessions, signage and displaced parking slots due EV chargers. R. Thomson, M. Canton, A. Jones, Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan agreed to join the meeting.
- **Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – It was agreed that this matter should be an agenda item for the upcoming site visit and meeting with PCC and PCNPA.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Highway hedgerow maintenance and vehicle safety** – Clerk confirmed that Folkeston Road hedges had recently been trimmed back by PCC. Bathersland Road remains untrimmed.
  - Action: Clerk and M. Canton to monitor situation.
- **Speed Limit Signage for Nolton/Nolton Haven** – Clerk confirmed that an email had been received from PCC along with the output from the speed monitoring survey in Nolton. The report states that no further action is required other than the lower of the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph in accordance to implementation and rollout of national policy. It was agreed by M. Harries that this item should now be removed from the agenda going forward.

1886 Planning

- No new applications received
- NP/22/0513/FUL – Newgale Campsite, Newgale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AS - *The above application will be presented to the Development Control Committee at its meeting on 07-Dec-2022. The application is being recommended for a Committee Site Visit only and will not be discussed at any length. We will write to you again when it is being reported back to the Committee so that you will have your chance to attend and speak at that meeting.*

1887 Finance

- Requests for donations – Nothing received. M. Harries encouraged local community groups to apply for donations before the end of the current financial year (End March 2023).
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1888 Correspondence

- Is the NHS getting better living with COVID
- Keep Warm, Keep Well - Press release
- Council Tax: Consultations on draft Regulations to extend exceptions to second home premiums and on Guidance
- Draft council tax (exceptions to higher amounts) (Wales) (amendment) Regulations 2023 | GOV.WALES
- Funding Opportunity for Outdoor Activities benefitting older people/integrational groups
- Resourceful Communities - Towards a Wellbeing Economy
- Hwb Natur - Pethau Bychain - Nature hub
- Future Paediatric Services
- Claire Williams PCC – Speed survey report

1889 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing declared.

1890 Other items

- Roch Village Shop Closure – M. Harries provided context behind the shop closure and the loss of services such as the post office and prescriptions. Clerk confirmed that an application had been put forward for a Post Office at Rainbolts Hill; the outcome of this application is pending due to Post Office checks and procedures. Clerk confirmed that D. Smith from CLT had also confirmed that CLT will continue to focus on affordable housing for our communities, and whilst the village shop closure was concerning for many, it wouldn't be a priority for CLT going forward.
- Entrance Gates and PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs for Roch and Nolton Villages – Clerk confirmed quotations had been received for PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs in the region of £2,000 - £2,500 per sign. Clerk confirmed that this matter had been put on the agenda for the upcoming site meeting with PCC and that feedback would be provided at the February NRCC meeting.
  - Action: Clerk to follow up with PCC.
- Community Councillor Vacancy – M. Harries confirmed that D. Weale had handed in his notice with immediate effect, and summarised the process of recruiting a new Community Councillor.
  - Action: Clerk to erect vacancy notices on a community notice boards, and follow official process.

1891 PCC report

- No update provided.

1892 AOB

- Public Toilets at Newgale South and Nolton Haven – The clerk confirmed an email and attached letter had been received from PCC regarding the public toilet provisions at Newgale South and Nolton Haven. Due to budgetary pressures, PCC are exploring options to a.) transfer assets to Community Councils or b.) the closure of facilities. Councillors felt that public toilets should be retained at the two car parks and Community Council should explore an asset transfer option. It was agreed to revert to PCC and request a breakdown of costs in running the toilets. This insight would assist in understanding the opportunities to save cost if the Community Council was to take on the management of the toilets going forward. Councillors also expressed concern that the blue flag status for our beaches maybe lost if public toilet provisions were withdrawn. It was resolved that this item should be further discussed at the February NRCC meeting.

- Action: Clerk to revert to PCC and request breakdown in operational costs for both toilet blocks.

1893 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 February 2023

Signed

Chairman