

**MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT VICTORIA HALL, ROCH**

**11 November 2019**

**Members Present**

R. Thomson, J. Gale, M. Canton, Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk - A. Jones

1561 Apologies

A Peach, J. Hancock, M. Harries, D. Smith, D. Weale.

1562 Declaration of interest

J. Gale declared an interest with respect to the Newgale road.

1563 Minutes of the previous meeting 7 October 2019

Approved; proposed J. Gale, seconded R. Thomson.

1564 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith met with the Roch Castle gardeners. They are hoping to use the outline plan provided by PCC to produce a planting scheme for each Roch sign. They'll discuss planting options with a local nursery and get back to D. Smith. The Retreats Group have kindly offered to help financially with the gardens, all agreed this is a wonderful gesture and much appreciated. Maintenance of the beds may be down to NRCC.  
PCC have asked for a speed survey along the A487 in Roch (this could take months) which will be used to determine any changes to the signage including positioning and speed restriction. All agreed that it makes sense to amalgamate the Roch signs with the speed restriction, which means moving one of them in each direction.
  - Action: D. Smith to finalise draft of signs for next meeting.
- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - all agreed that we need to rethink options as it seems that the issue of wider community access to the trim trail at the school is a sticking point. All agreed it would be helpful to look at what came out of the Nolton and Roch Community Action Plan in 2018.
- **Newgale road developments** - J. Gale confirmed that surveys of the ground by the river have again been attempted but the wet weather and ground conditions have made this exercise very difficult.
- **Drain at entrance to Wood Village** - PCC Highways confirmed again to the Clerk that the tarmac lip should be addressed when the team get round to checking the drain as they work through their maintenance list.
- **Nolton drains** - M. Canton confirmed that the sand has been cleared from the yellow lines but not the drains.
  - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to chase with PCC..
- **Nolton car park** - Clerk has not heard from Angle CC re strength of a procedural challenge, it may be that they are deciding on a different approach.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up with Angle CC.
- **Litter picking / beach clean event** - all agreed to defer this item to early spring.
- **Broadband issues in Nolton** - Clerk has contacted BT / Openreach again and now has a complaint reference. All agreed to also contact Paul Davies, AM who is a broadband champion for the area.

- Action: Clerk to follow up with Openreach and Paul Davies, AM.
- **Traffic enforcement re yellow lines in Nolton Haven** - All agreed to defer this item until the early spring when R. Thomson will look into additional signage ready for the start of the next holiday season.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that there are now 9 Steering Group members with possibly 1 more to come. The first meeting is scheduled for 21 November 2019 at Roch Castle. The formation is timely given the pre-application for 18 houses on the motel site. We will try to use this opportunity to create affordable housing for the village.
- **Newgale boardwalk** - M. Canton is still looking to speak to the relevant landowner re the possibility of reinstating the horizontal section of boardwalk at the top of Pebble's beach (the estimated cost would be around £3000). A grant for such a scheme may be possible but permission from the landowner would be required.
  - Action: M. Canton to explore landowner consent.
- **Nolton Haven sand sweep** - M. Canton confirmed that the yellow lines have been swept.
- **Overhanging trees on the road from Nolton Haven towards Nolton** - Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.
- **Overhanging tree on the A487 from Roch to Newgale** - Clerk confirmed that she contacted PCC and the branch has now been trimmed.

1565 Planning

- **Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 publicity and consultation before applying for planning permission notice under Articles 2C and 2D re proposed development at Rochgate Motel, Roch, Haverfordwest, SA62 6AF - demolition of buildings and redevelopment to provide 18 dwellings, access and associated works** - the Councillors considered the application carefully and although they fully support the redevelopment of the motel site for residential purposes in principle, and recognise the need for positive development, they also recognise the need for dwellings that are not only affordable but that also meet the housing needs of the local community. It therefore follows, unfortunately, that NRCC cannot support the current plans as they stand as there is no evidence that these plans represent the needs of the community. However, NRCC would look favourably on plans that provide affordable housing designed to reflect the housing needs of local people. The local community is forming a Community Land Trust that is keen to see affordable community owned housing developed that will serve local needs. The Council see this development as an excellent opportunity for the landowner to work in partnership with the CLT to explore the site being promoted in accordance with the exceptions planning policy - given that the site falls outside the current planning settlement limits - by providing affordable, community owned housing for local people that meet local needs
  - Action - Clerk to draft letter covering what was agreed to Barton Wilmore, the agent, before the deadline of 22 November 2019, circulating to all Councillors first for comment.
- **Securing Biodiversity Enhancements - letter from Welsh Government re guidance on securing biodiversity enhancements in development proposals** - the letter clarifies, in light of the legislation and Welsh Government planning policy 10, that where biodiversity enhancement is not proposed as part of an application, significant weight will be given to its absence, and unless other significant material considerations indicate otherwise it will be necessary to refuse permission. It is important that biodiversity and ecosystem resilience considerations are taken into account at an early stage in development plan preparation and when proposing or considering development proposals. Planning authorities should be proactive and embed appropriate policies into local development plans to protect against biodiversity loss and secure enhancement.

1566 Finance

- **Independent Remuneration Panel's draft Annual Report for 2020/21** (<https://gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-draft-annual-report-2020-2021>). - there were no comments re Determination 47 re financial loss compensation; the only change affecting Community Councils.

1567 Correspondence

- **Understanding Welsh Places - <http://www.understandingwelshplaces.wales/>** - the Clerk received an email re this new website that presents data of more than 300 towns and communities in Wales in a format that is accessible and easy to use. This resource is intended to support grassroots planning activities within communities, but more specifically towns. As well as exploring data about individual places, people can compare their community with other places, and find out about their community's relationship with nearby communities and others across Wales. Funded by Carnegie UK Trust and the Welsh Government, the project has been managed by the Institute of Welsh Affairs and build by WISERD, with support from CLES.
- **The Welsh Government is seeking views on the draft of the revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion** - the revised Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 was issued in 2004 and a review of its effectiveness was carried out in 2017. The Welsh Government has prepared an updated document which is now subject to consultation which closes on 17 January 2020. The link had been circulated to the Councillors. There was discussion re the high-level content and a lack of strategy re coastal relocation in planning policies.
  - Action: Clerk to fill in response online re coastal relocation strategy.

1568 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **Invitation to Citizens Advice Pembrokeshire's 80th Birthday Party & Project 40 launch - 22nd November 2019 - 12.30-2.00pm Pater Hall Pembroke Dock.**
- **CLT public meeting 9 October 2019 at Roch Castle - 7.30pm**

1569 Other items

- None.

1570 PCC report

- **Waste changes** - Cllr. J. Adams did voice his disappointment with the problematic roll out of the waste changes which had unfortunately left a number of residents, especially the elderly, attempting to call PCC for bags or collections etc but unable to get through given the sheer volume of calls. However, all Councillors were in agreement that the new system was a positive move for the county.

1571 AOB

1572 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting: 2 December 2019 7.30pm Nolton Reading Room, Nolton

Signed

Chairman