

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

2 September 2024

Members present

M. Harries, M. Canton, M. Hammond, J. Gale and A. Peach.

Clerk – N. Neumann.

Firstly as a mark of respect to the late Cllr. Peter Morgan, a minute's silence was observed.

2098 Apologies

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

2099 Declaration of interest

A. Peach declared an interest pertaining to *'foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch'*.

2100 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 1 July 2024

Proposer M. Canton and seconded by J. Gale.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2101 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – No update provided on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: No update provided on this occasion.
 - Victoria Hall: M. Harries provided the following update: Sadly the August Sunset Cinema was cancelled due to poor weather and limited ticket sales. The next upcoming event is the Annual Harvest Fair scheduled for the 6th October. Thereafter will be a Jazz Night in November.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – The clerk provided a detailed update on the key financials to date which suggested a total of £1,354.66 had been spent in total on consumables and cleaning labour. The clerk reminded members that there was another two months remaining on the lease and this season had only been a part season given the lease only commenced in early July. M. Hammond proposed the toilets should be locked at nights in the future as some minor vandalism had taken place when events were being held in the vicinity. M. Hammond proposed going forward the toilets should be chargeable which would provide a revenue stream that would ensure the sustainability of the public toilets longer term. The clerk proposed grants could be accessed to fund the capex for the door access systems and infrastructure. M. Canton suggested a lot of lessons had been learnt about running the toilets and what is required to optimise the operational costs and efficiency. The clerk proposed sponsorship from local businesses should be considered as a mechanism for raising revenue to offset operational costs for the toilets to which members agreed. M. Harries summed up the discussion by proposing further research needed to be undertaken to further understand a.) access control/door mechanisms/charging (options, cost and availability), b.) closing the toilets at nights, c.) installing ramp(s) and change of internal layout. M. Hammond agreed to research item a. Given there will now be a period of 6 months until the next season, it was agreed by members this time should be used constructively to undertake the required research, understand the options available, understand the potential costs and revenue streams, and potential grants for capital works required. M. Canton handed over proceeds from the donations box for the clerk to bank accordingly.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC regarding the HoT for asset transfer, sponsorship and grants, and M. Hammond to research access control/door mechanisms.

- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – No update available on this occasion.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – No update available on this occasion.
 - Action: 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 beach front road had been cleared of sand.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** –The clerk confirmed a representative from PCC had requested a call on this matter to which the clerk confirmed he would undertake shortly. This is the first correspondence received of recent times since the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant application submitted earlier this year.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – Clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Speeding vehicles on A487 between Simpsons Cross and Newgale** – Clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Dog Fouling in Roch Village** – M. Harries confirmed posters had been received from school children around the community. M. Harries confirmed these would be shared and put up around the community to highlight the issue, and proposed that this matter was resolved for now.
- **Town & Community Council websites** – M. Harries confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with web developers for Roch Village website.
- **Defibrillator Pads** – The clerk confirmed defib pads had been purchased and installed. This matter was considered resolved.
- **Newgale Campsite Licences and Planning** – M. Harries and members considered this matter to be resolved.

2102 Planning

- **PCC Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness – Campsite toilet/shower block.** Simpson Hill Farm, SIMPSON CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6ET. [24/0313/CL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*
- **PCNPA Proposal: Variation of condition No. 2 of NP/23/0477/LBA - Re-siting of an oil tank storage building for improved access & additional guarding to rooftop walkway to improve safety at height.** Roch Castle, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AQ. [NP/24/0299/S19] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*

2103 Finance

- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

2104 Correspondence

- Tenancy at Will signed document
- Review of community arrangements of the county of Pembrokeshire
- Presentations from NPA Engagement Event

- RE: Newgale Campsite Premises Licence
- Have your say on the future of regional transport in South West Wales
- Financial Assistance Request [URDD]
- Nolton & Roch Community Council – Insurance
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Partnership Plan 2025-2029 - draft for consultation / Consultation
- St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre Proposals
- Supporting Dyfed-Powys Neighbourhood Watch - Stronger Communities, Safer Neighbourhoods
- Council Tax Premium / Council Tax Premium Consultation – 2024
- Public Toilets cleaning invoice
- Without prejudice-draft HOTs for Nolton Public Convenience
- St Davids WRC Presentation
- Pembrokeshire Spotlight Awards 2024

2105 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- No update provided.

2106 Other items

- **St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre Proposals** – M. Harries explained the background to this matter which would potentially see the closure of the St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre. It is understood that the local councillor had made proposals to charge second homes. M. Hammond proposed an annual charge and permits for businesses similar to other parts of the country which could generate income to safeguard the centre. M. Harries proposed feedback and representation should be provided to PCC via the consultation mechanism. Members felt the centre was a well-used and highly regarded facility on the peninsula and it's closure would have a negative impact on the communities it serves. Members felt that PCC should look at alternate proposals for income generation to safeguard the centre, improved efficiency, and consistent implementation of commercial charging/fee scheme.
 - Action: Clerk to make representation to PCC accordingly.
- **Proposal for Deep Space Advanced Radar Capability (DARC) at Brawdy** – M. Harries explained the background to this matter which would see the siting of 27 radars at Brawdy MOD facility. Members felt more information was required to make an informed decision on this matter. The clerk confirmed whilst NRCC was not a statutory consultee on this matter, the proposal could potentially impact the community and therefore needed to be well considered.
- **Election of County Councillor for The Havens** – M. Harries outlined the official timeline and key dates for the pending by-election for The Havens. Nominations would be open between 5th – 13th September, and if the Election is contested, the poll will take place on THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024. Notices will shortly be erected on the community notice board to inform members of the public.

2107 PCC report

- No update provided.

2108 AOB

- **Nolton Haven beach signage** – M. Canton confirmed new signage had been erected by PCC/PCNPA near the slipway onto Nolton Haven beach, and permanent bins had been removed and replaced with wheelie bins.
- **Overnight parking in Newgale Car Parks and Passing Places** – M. Canton explained unauthorised overnight parking had been a real issue over the summer months and recent times. Members felt this issue should be raised with PCC.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC.

2109 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.18pm

Next meeting: Monday 7th October 2024 at Victoria Hall, Roch.

Signed

Chairman