

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

**6 March 2023**

**Members present**

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

Clerk – N. Neumann

Member(s) of public – M. Ablitt

1906 Apologies

A. Jones and M. Hammond

1907 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee and Friends of Roch School

Clerk declared an interest to Camrose and Roch Playgroup and CLT

J. Hancock declared an interest with respect to the CLT and Penuel Chapel

J. Gale declared an interest with respect to the CLT and Roch School

A. Peach declared an interest to land associated to the new footpath on Church Road

1908 King's Coronation Community Event

M. Ablitt joined the meeting representing the Victoria Hall Sports Committee (The fund raising arm of Victoria Hall Association) and introduced initial ideas for a potential community event in collaboration with the Community Council to celebrate the King's Coronation. M. Harries reflected on learnings and experiences from past community events such as the Queen's Jubilee Event. There was much deliberation amongst councillors about the format, date and venue of such an event. It was resolved to plan for a Coronation Party / BBQ evening with entertainment on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 5:30pm til late. M. Canton proposed a £300 donation from Community Council towards the event which was seconded by R. Thomson.

1909 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 February 2023

Proposer R. Thomson and seconder M. Canton

1910 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed that Victoria Hall Committee had submitted an application for this grant which would fund the replacement of aged playground equipment at the hall. The outcome of the application should be known shortly following PCC cabinet review and approvals on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk read out a general update provided by Dave Smith chairman of NRCLT: *“Solicitors for ateb and the land owner are in discussion regarding the terms of an options agreement. This will enable the land to be bought by ateb on receipt of planning approval, assuming satisfactory completion of surveys and searches. NRCLT will shortly begin to create a complementary agreement that will see the freehold transferred to NRCLT in exchange for a long-term lease back to ateb for them to manage the site, receive rental income and recover their investment costs. Community ownership of the freehold will ensure that the properties we build will always remain "affordable" and be preferentially occupied by people with a strong connection to our local area. Once agreement is reached on the options agreements, ateb will allocate funding and*

resources to the project for the creation of a Design team, which will include NRCLT. In parallel with this activity, links with Cwmpas have been strengthened to the extent that their Community Led Housing Officer, who has experience in the housing industry, has offered to chair our first business meeting(s) with ateb. PCC has declared that revenue from the second homes tax will be used to help create affordable homes for local people in Pembrokeshire. Ever eager to help, we are engaging with them to seek funding for us to purchase the land outright, without the complex three-way agreements described above. Importantly, if PCC funding can be secured for our Affordable Housing Project then it will reduce pressure on the Social Housing Grant and enable a higher specification to be realised.”

- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall and confirmed that the new kitchen had been recently installed. M. Harries provided an update for Victoria Hall, Roch; “a recent family bingo event was well attended (>100 people); the panto has been postponed to later in the year; a Roch Gate reunion event is being planned for the end of March, and a duck race is to be held at the end of May at Roch Mill”
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk read out a brief response that had been received from Atkins following a request for an update on the scheme: *“Just a note to acknowledge your request. I will be discussing the scheme with our client at PCC and it is certainly on our minds to inform on how the WG Road Review impacts on the scheme and will get back to you in due course.”*
  - Action: Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – A. Peach and clerk confirmed no further update had been received from PCC on this matter.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed that conversations had been had with a local trainer who has agreed to run a session(s). The planned venue would be Victoria Hall Roch in early summer. The clerk confirmed that the supplier of pads recently purchased had agreed to providing a free Rescue Ready Kit as form of compensation due to the pads ordered being less than 2 years expiry date. M. Harries also committed to checking the expiry dates on both the defibs in Roch and feeding this information back to the clerk.
  - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on training arrangements and M. Harries to check Roch defibs.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Clerk confirmed that no further update had been received from PCC on this matter. Cllr. P. Morgan agreed to follow-up on this matter and communicate with the related stakeholders at PCC. It was noted that a basic provision had been installed near the bridge at Nolton Haven to go some way to preventing vehicles or persons falling down into the river outflow.
  - Action: Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up and monitor progress of agreed actions with PCC stakeholders.
- **Highway hedgerow maintenance and vehicle safety** – Clerk confirmed that Folkeston Road hedges had been trimmed back in the autumn by PCC. Bathersland Road remains untrimmed. It was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda going forward as the window for hedge trimming season is now closed until September.
- **Public toilet provisions at Newgale South and Nolton Haven** – Clerk confirmed further information on the operational costs of the toilets at Nolton Haven and Newgale South had been received but still lacked the granularity in data required for NRCC to make decisions upon. Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed an extension had been agreed by PCC cabinet which would ensure the toilets would continue to operate until early November 2023. M. Harries confirmed a letter had been sent on behalf of Community Council to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) highlighting the potential consequences of closures, and requesting financial support from PCNPA for the running costs of both Newgale South and Nolton Haven toilets.

- Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to support and feedback on PCC and PCNPA discussions.
- **Entrance Gates and PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed quotations had been received from suppliers of both village entrance gates and speed radar signs. The clerk confirmed further communication with PCC was required for compliance and signoff. Initial feedback from PCC had indicated it was unlikely the scheme would be approved/implemented before the end of FY22-23. Councillors felt that monies would be better spent on speed radar signs rather than entrance gates.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Solva Surgery Consultation** – Clerk summarised with a general update from Hywel Dda on the future of the surgery: *Hywel Dda management Committee have agreed to take on the management of the surgery for a period of 12 months whilst alternate options for the surgery can also be considered. Prescriptions would cease with the retirement of the GP and patients would need to get future medication from either St Davids or Haverfordwest pharmacies.*
- **Fees for Seasonal Carparking Passes** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed conversations were ongoing regarding carparking charges and whether PCNPA should contribute towards the running costs of the toilet provisions. It is understood that this matter will be discussed at the next PCNPA Management Committee meeting.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up and update councillors at the next meeting.
- **Nolton Village Sign** – Clerk confirmed PCC streetwise team had been informed the village entrance sign was missing and PCC had confirmed a replacement sign had been scheduled.

#### 1911 Planning

- No new applications received

#### 1912 Finance

- Requests for donations
  - It was resolved (Proposed R. Thomson, seconded by A. Peach) to donate £250 to each of the below local organisations:
    - St Mary's Church, Roch
    - Nolton Haven Chapel
    - Friends of Roch School
    - Camrose and Roch Playgroup
    - Victoria Hall Association Roch
    - Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust
    - Penuel Chapel Roch
- It was agreed these organisations were local worthy causes with a positive contribution to our community. The total for all donations would be £1,750. The clerk confirmed letters would be sent to the organisations as above, and donations would be made before yearend (end of March 2023).
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

#### 1913 Correspondence

- Richards Bros - Coastal Bus Route Cancellations
- New Hospital Site Consultation: Invitation to a meeting for Town and Community Councils
- Sport Pembrokeshire grants
- Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Panel February 2023
- EcoDewi: NEW Home Energy Advice Team project & introduction to Nadia
- Request for Nominations for the Kings New Year 2024 Honours
- Temporary road closures/restrictions - Surface Dressing Programme 2023

- Local Development Plan 2 (Annual Monitoring Report - Report of Consultations - Supplementary Planning Guidance Consultation)
- Community Grants 2023 (PCNPA)
- The Roch Roundup

1914 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing declared.

1915 Other items

1916 PCC report

- No update provided.

1917 AOB

- **Monthly Community Coffee Event** – M. Harries confirmed a request had been received as to whether the Community Council would contribute towards this monthly community gathering at Victoria Inn. Councillors felt donations and/or financial support should only be given to community-led events held at either Victoria Hall or Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room. This request was therefore not supported.
- **Roch School Charitable Events at Victoria Hall** – J. Gale raised concerns over Victoria Hall charging Roch School for charitable events at the hall. M. Harries proposed that this matter should be raised with Victoria Hall Management Committee not Community Council.
- **Victoria Hall Carparking Maintenance Fee to Roch School** – J. Gale raised concerns over Victoria Hall charging Roch School for car parking maintenance fees given the budget pressures of the school. M. Harries confirmed that this matter had been discussed at a recent meeting of Victoria Hall Management Committee, and the removal of the fee was not supported by the Victoria Hall Management Committee. J. Gale proposed that Community Council should pay the fee however other councillors felt the matter was not clearcut and should be deferred for further consideration.
- **Roch Roundup** – Clerk confirmed a letter had been received regarding the community news leaflet. The secretary of St Mary’s Church Roch confirmed they will takeover the editorial and delivery of the Roch Roundup with the first monthly edition to be circulated shortly.
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt and Litter Pick** – M. Harries proposed a £50.00 donation to support a community-led Easter Egg Hunt and village litter pick in collaboration with Eco-Dewi. The proposal was supported by all councillors present at the meeting.
  - Action: Clerk to procure £50.00 easter eggs as donation towards the event.

1918 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting: Monday 3 April 2023

Signed

Chairman