

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

6 December 2021

Members Present

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

Clerk – N. Neumann

1761 Apologies

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

1762 Declaration of interest

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

1763 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 1 November 2021

Proposer M. Harries, seconder R. Thomson.

1764 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries – Awaiting development of architects drawings for the hall extension to be produced to support grant application. Other grants also being currently considered to develop a toddler play area at Victoria Hall.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed NRCLT is engaging with PLANED to plan for an AGM of the CLT early next year. NRCLT will endeavour to hold a physical public meeting in the Victoria Hall which will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn of the developing project and to elect members to the CLT Board. NRCLT will also hold a board meeting this month (December) at which ATEB will join and present latest update on a potential collaboration with NRCLT. Site visits in both England and Wales have also recently taken place (and will shortly) to further understand zero carbon homes and renewables. Significant ongoing effort made to seek finances in terms of grants (not loans) to move NRCLT forward and potential development.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed no further update for Victoria Hall. M. Canton confirmed that Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room committee are waiting a quotation for the repair of the hall roof.
- **Nolton traffic concerns - speeding coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven, parking enforcement, yellow lines** – Clerk confirmed no further update from communications with PCC on this matter. M. Canton confirmed road had been cleared a number of times, and R. Thomson confirmed PCC were being proactive in managing the sand blow on the road.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Harries confirmed contact had been made with the responsible person within PCC and they had confirmed that the Japanese Knotweed was on private not public land, and is not the responsibility of PCC. They advised they would be happy to advise effected households however liability for control/eradication sits firmly with the land owner.
 - Action: Clerk to research laws and acts associated with the control of Japanese Knotweed, and share with councillors for their consideration of next steps.
- **Newgale road developments** – M. Harries updated council on a recent webinar hosted by Atkins and PCC. The meeting was attended by *ca.*15 delegates from community councils on the St David's Peninsula, NRCC and PCC. The objective of the webinar was to introduce the new website for the Newgale Coastal Adaption Scheme. The new website will inform all members of the public and

stakeholders on latest updates, progress of the scheme to date and as it moves forward. More interactive focus groups and collaboration with community was encouraged as beneficial in the past.

- **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 7% 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.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – No update regarding the start date as yet although work is believed to be under the 2021-22 Minor Works programme.
 - Action: M. Harries to make contact with PPC to seek anticipated start date.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed no further update on this matter although a meeting with the congregation of St Madoc's was imminent.
 - Action: Clerk to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Maintenance of paved lane between Pilgrims Way and Maes Ffynnon** – Concern was raised to the condition of the paved lane and the water ingress, eroding edges and potholes.
 - Action: Clerk and Cllr. Jamie Adams to follow-up with PCC.
- **Nolton sign and general gateway improvements** – R. Thomson confirmed that the damaged sign in Nolton was yet to be repaired, and the clerk committed to follow up with PCC on this matter. It was agreed that gateway improvements was a more longer term ambition for both Roch and Nolton, and agreed that further understanding was required on existing gateway improvements and the mitigation of potential risk.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Defibrillator maintenance** – R. Thomson confirmed current status of equipment (pads and batteries), what needs replacing and the related costs based on internet research. Decision was made to self-fund and buy new pads and batteries for both Roch and Nolton defibrillators, and clerk will procure the necessary items, and setup calendar notifications for future replacement dates for all defibrillators.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

1765 Planning

- **PCNPA proposal: Variation of condition No. 2 of NP/18/0604/FUL - Amended Plan/Design Windy Hill, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6JX (NP/21/0580/S73)**
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.
- **PCNPA proposal: Kitchen extension to create dining room at Roch Mill, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6JX (NP/21/0749/FUL)**
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

1766 Finance

- **Requests for donations currently received:**
 - Friends of Roch
 - St Madocs Church, Nolton and St Mary's Church, Roch
 - Nolton Haven Chapel
 - Camrose and Roch Playgroup
 - National Sheepdog Trials Association
 - Marie Curie
 - Welsh Air Ambulance
- Decision to be made on all donation requests at the February meeting.

- **Clerk contract of employment** – M. Harries proposed to approve contract, seconded by D. Smith.
- **Precept for year ending 31st March 2023** – All resolved to increase the precept in line with current Bank of England inflation rate.
- **Details of funds held within NRCC bank accounts to be shared at February meeting.**

1767 Correspondence

- Road closure - Class III (C3067) road near Roch – from its junction within the vicinity of the property known as High Gate, west to its junction within the vicinity of the property known as Brock Farm. Wednesday 1st December 2021 for 3 days. Water main maintenance.

1768 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Newgale Coastal Adaption Project webinar attended by M. Harries, D. Smith and Clerk

1769 Other items

- **Rochgate Motel – Proposed demolition of buildings and redevelopment to provide 14 no. dwellings, landscaping, access and associated works (NP/20/0155/FUL)** – As agreed at the November community council meeting, a letter has been sent forward to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) for their consideration and further comments. PCNPA have acknowledged receipt of the letter, and stated points raised will be considered in due course.
- **Dog Fouling in Roch Village** – Complaint received from member of the public living in Roch regarding dog fouling. Issue raised to councillors at meeting and agreed to increase social media awareness of the issue and duty of dog owners per se. Members of the public asked to remain vigilant and to report issues as and when.
- **Use of unadvertised / impromptu fireworks local beaches** – The issue of fireworks was discussed at our beaches and the distress caused to both farm and domestic animals, people and the environment. It was agreed appropriate signage would act as a suitable deterrent and the community council should actively support to mitigate the issue.
 - Action: Clerk to research laws and acts applicable to fireworks in public spaces. M. Canton and R. Thomson to think about signage content, design and positioning.

1770 PCC report

- Nothing received and Cllr. J. Adams absence on this occasion.

1771 AOB

- **Roch Motel safety concerns** – Member of public raised concerns over safety of roofing and other paraphernalia given the recent storms.
 - Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr. J. Adams and PCC enforcement/safety team
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson proposed training session(s) in spring/summer 2022 for those interested, with sessions at both Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall possible. Councillors agreed to take this forward and thanked R. Thomson for his suggestion and offer of support.
 - Action: R. Thomson to follow up.
- **Queens Jubilee celebrations** – Clerk raised recent correspondence for requests to support the celebrations. Agreed to take forward and discuss NRCC involvement at February meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to include matter on February 2022 meeting agenda.
- **WAG Tree Planting Initiative** – Explore siting options in public spaces across the community.
 - Action: All to consider and revert back at February 2022 meeting.
- Clerk will circulate the dates for next year's meetings over the next few weeks - Councillors should let the Clerk know if there are any dates they cannot make.

1772 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting: Monday 7 February 2022

Signed

Chairman