

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

**1 November 2021**

**Members Present**

M. Harries, R. Thomson, A. Peach, M. Canton, and Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk – N. Neumann

1749 Apologies

J. Gale, J. Hancock, D. Weale, and D. Smith

1750 Declaration of interest

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

Clerk (N. Neumann) declared an interest with respect to planning application NP/21/0632/FUL.

1751 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 11 October 2021

Proposer M. Harries, seconder M. Canton.

1752 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries – No further update available at this time.
- **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.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed that consideration had been recently given to holding fireworks and a bonfire on New Year's Day however concerns around COVID-19, grouping people together and, food and drink provisions, the considered risks would be significant, and as a result the event would not go ahead this coming year. 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** – Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that Darren Thomas from PCC had delegated the task to Emyr Llewelyn for follow-up action. R. Thomson confirmed the road had been cleared of sand twice however sand had reaccumulated due to the adverse weather conditions/high tides. M. Canton suggested that the road had also been widened however further work was required. M. Canton confirmed that the speeding issue had alleviated due to the time of year however a more longer term solution was required to address the speeding issue throughout the season.
  - Action: Cllr. J. Adams and Clerk will follow up with PCC on clearing sand from the road and the a more long term solution for the speeding issue.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Harries confirmed contact had been made with the responsible person within PCC to urge action on this matter. No further update.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow up.
- **Newgale road developments** - Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that site surveys (soil samples) had been undertaken over the recent summer months however no further information had been circulated on the development of the road scheme.
  - Action: Clerk to send email to Atkins (POC: Rob Morgan) to seek update.

- **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 6% 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.
- **Re-siting general bin in Pilgrim's Way** - M. Harries confirmed the bin had be re-sited.
- **Catering units sited on Newgale campsite and a new 'slush and desserts' unit on Newgale (Pebbles end)** – Clerk confirmed that no further update had been provided from PCNPA Enforcement.
- **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 Rob Evans (PPC) to seek anticipated start date.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk has received an update from Canon Michael Rowlands which suggests the church are currently engaging with the remaining congregation of St. Madoc's church to fully understand their wishes for the future of the church. Canon Rowlands confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with the congregation and conclusions on the future of St Madoc's church would be drawn shortly. Canon Rowlands confirmed the repairs to the church were minor although the current financial position of St Madoc's church was challenging.
  - Action: Clerk to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Maintenance of paved lane between Pilgrims Way and Maes Ffynnon** – M. Harris confirmed that vegetation maintenance had been completed on both the old and newer footpaths. Concern was raised to the condition of the newer paved lane and the water ingress, eroding edges and potholes.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up with letter to PCC.
- **Nolton street light, near Rising Sun house** – M. Harries confirmed this has now been rectified.
- **Nolton sign and general gateway improvements** – Clerk confirmed that email had been sent to Darren Thomas from PCC and a response received suggesting task delegation regarding Nolton sign. 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** – M. Harries confirmed that new defibrillator pads are being sourced for the Nolton units via Withybush Hospital. R. Thomson will seek quotation for new pads in the event that the hospital source is unsuccessful.
  - Action: M. Harries and R. Thomson to follow-up.

1753 Planning

- **PCNPA proposal: Expansion and further farm diversification of tourism with 5 self-contained bespoke holiday units, car parking and ecological enhancements. Location: Rainbolts Hill Farm, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AF (NP/21/0632/FUL)** – Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.
- **PCNPA additional information received re detailed drainage system design following NRCC's concerns - Change of use of land to provide two self contained units of holiday accommodation (caravans) drainage, landscaping and associated works. Location: Land south west of Ferny Glen, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6HD (NP/21/0384/FUL)** – Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

- **Road closure - Unclassified (U3067) road Eweston to Cuffern Mountain road- from its junction with the property known as Little Ryndaston, south east to its junction with the U3065 Little Rhyndaston road. Operational dates / times: Monday 8th November 2021 for 5 days. Reason for restriction: Carriageway reconstruction works. Alternative route: C3042 road towards Hayscastle, U3063 road via Gignog, and C3062 road.**

1754 Finance

- **Requests for donations currently received:**
  - Friends of Roch
  - St Madoes Church, Nolton and St Mary's Church, Roch
  - Nolton Haven Chapel
  - Camrose and Roch Playgroup
  - National Sheepdog Trials Association
- Decision to be made on all donation requests at the December meeting.
- **New clerk contract of employment** – Work in progress and to be completed before December meeting for M. Harries to approve.

1755 Correspondence

- Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets – Find further information here: <https://gov.wales/planning-legislation-and-policy-second-homes-and-short-term-holiday-lets>
- Over £22 million of National Lottery funds to help communities across the country celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>
- The National Lottery is offering funding of £1,000 to £10,000 to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change. If any community group is interested they can find out more information here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet#section-3>
- New planning policy advice from Welsh Government: Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion. This advice will introduce important changes to the way flood and coastal erosion risks are considered as part of development proposals in the planning process: <https://gov.wales/technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion>

1756 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

1757 Other items

1758 PCC report

- Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that the Boundary Commission have had their proposals for county council boarders agreed by the Welsh Government. This would now mean that our community council would fall under The Havens county council boundary.

1759 AOB

- **Rochgate Motel – Proposed demolition of buildings and redevelopment to provide 14 no. dwellings, landscaping, access and associated works (NP/20/0155/FUL)** – Councillors shared their concerns over the type of houses approved (one and four bedroom units) and whether the section 106 condition would be robust enough to ensure truly affordable houses would eventually be delivered for the local community. A letter prepared by D. Smith was readout to council outlining the key concerns; it was agreed that the letter should be sent forward to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire County Council for their consideration and further comments.

1760 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 December 2021

Signed

Chairman