

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

6 February 2023

Members present

M. Harries, M. Canton, R. Thomson, A. Jones, M. Hammond and Cllr. P. Morgan

Clerk – N. Neumann

1894 Apologies

A. Peach, J. Gale and J. Hancock

1895 Declaration of interest

Clerk declared an interest in matters relating to The Roch Gate Motel site

1896 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 December 2022

Proposer M. Canton and seconder R. Thomson

1897 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 review and approvals.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk confirmed that no update had been provided. Clerk also confirmed that D. Smith would provide an update for the next NRCC meeting in March.
- **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; “since the last meeting the New Year’s Firework Display has been successfully hosted which was very well attended and financially rewarding for the hall. Upcoming events; the panto has been postponed to later in the year, family bingo has been scheduled for the Tuesday in February half term week, and a Roch Gate reunion event is being planned for the end of March.”
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed no further update.
 - Action: Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – M. Harries confirmed no further update.
 - Action: M. Harries 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. R. Thomson also brought forward a concern on the limited expiry date on the pads recently purchased (less than 2 years). The clerk agreed to follow up with the supplier. 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, M. Harries to check Roch defibs and clerk to liaise with supplier of pads.

- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Clerk confirmed that meeting minutes had been circulated to all stakeholders from NRCC and PCC following a productive meeting with PCC representatives in Nolton Haven carpark to discuss ongoing matters of concern in Nolton Haven and surrounding community. M. Canton briefed councillors of the key points and output from the meeting which included ice cream concessions, enforcement of parking restrictions, Welsh Road signage, Roch village signage and speed radars, realignment of double yellow lines and making safe bridge area and excess surface water flowing down Welsh Road.
 - 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 recently been trimmed back by PCC. Bathersland Road remains untrimmed.
 - Action: Clerk and M. Canton to monitor situation.
- **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. There was much discussion about the toilet provisions and potential options including a community council asset transfer, alternate uses or multi-use of buildings, potential impacts on environment if closures were adopted and learnings from other community run toilets. It was agreed that the clerk would go back to PCC and request further granularity in the costs in particular a breakdown of overheads. Moreover, we should also await the outcome of forthcoming meetings and discussions to be held within PCC and PCNPA. M. Harries reiterated the important role our public toilet provisions provide and the need for the community council to take a proactive role in securing the future of the provisions.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC on further operational data and Cllr. P. Morgan to support and feedback on PCC and PCNPA discussions.
- **Entrance Gates and PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed that this matter was discussed at the recent meeting with PCC representatives and was met with encouraging response. The clerk confirmed further communication with PCC was required for compliance and signoff which would be actioned shortly. The clerk also confirmed one quotation has been received for speed radar equipment and that other quotations would hopefully be received shortly.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC representatives and quotations.

1898 Planning

- No new applications received

1899 Finance

- Requests for donations – Nothing received. M. Harries encouraged local community groups to apply for donations before the end of the current financial year (End March 2023).
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.
- FY23/24 Precept – It was resolved that the precept should be increased by 2% y-o-y. Proposed by M. Harries, seconded by A. Jones and M. Canton.

1900 Correspondence

- Single-use Plastics Bill Infographic Material
- Keep warm, Keep Well in Pembrokeshire
- GMS Contract Resignation Stakeholder Notification – Solva Surgery
- Letter Regarding Toilet Budgets

- Working Better Together - diary marker (PCC)
- EcoDewi: NEW Home Energy Advice Team project & introduction to Nadia
- Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme - Update December 2022
- Monthly Coffee Morning (Pam Hughes)
- Keep Wales Safe this Winter – Viruses
- Solva Surgery - the future of services for registered patients: online meeting invitation for councillors (Also forwarded from Solva Community Council)
- Operation Nightingale 23 launched
- Sport Pembrokeshire grants

1901 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing declared.

1902 Other items

- Roch Village Shop Closure – The clerk confirmed no further update on the matter. The premises remain close to the public and for sale on the open market.
- Solva Doctors Surgery – It was resolved that NRCC should submit an official response via the health board consultation to support the retention of services at Solva Surgery.
 - Action: Clerk to submit official response via the health board consultation link.

1903 PCC report

- No update provided.

1904 AOB

- The Roch Gate Motel Site – The clerk confirmed the site had been recently bought by his wife and himself. The clerk continued to briefly outline their vision for the future redevelopment of the site, and openly acknowledged a potential conflict of interest going forward, which would be handled with full transparency and upmost integrity.
- Fees for Seasonal Carparking Passes – M. Harries brought the topic of increased fees for seasonal passes to the table for discussion. It was felt the 100% increased in fees put forward by PCNPA was significant and abrupt. Dissatisfaction was raised by councillors regarding the unwillingness of PCNPA to contribute towards the running costs of public toilets which provide much needed services to PCNPA carpark users.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to feedback sentiment on this issue at forthcoming meetings of PCC and PCNPA.
- Nolton village sign – R. Thomson reported that the village sign had disappeared and needed to be replaced.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC
- Traffic calming measures at Nolton Haven – M. Canton proposed the suggestion put forward by PCC for rumble strips to slowdown traffic going through Nolton Haven at a recent meeting should be progressed.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC
- The Kings Coronation – M. Harries requested feedback from councillors on whether NRCC should support the upcoming coronation event later in the year. Options were put forward and considered by councillors. A preferred option was to plant a tree in the community garden and host a celebration event (BBQ or picnic) at the hall. M. Harries proposed that NRCC should contribute in purchasing the

tree which was seconded by A. Jones and R. Thomson, and that a small one-off donation for running an event should be considered nearer the time.

- Action: M. Harries to follow-up with Victoria Hall Committee

1905 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 March 2023

Signed

Chairman