

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

3 April 2023

Members present

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

Clerk – N. Neumann

Guest – Cllr. D. Clements (Chair of PCNPA and County Councillor for Martletwy)

1919 Apologies

A. Peach and J. Gale

1920 Declaration of interest

Nothing declared.

1921 Proposed Closure of Public Toilets at Newgale South and Nolton Haven

M. Harries welcomed Cllr. D. Clements to the meeting and provided context on the matter of proposed closures of public toilets at Newgale South and Nolton Haven, and the concerns held by Community Council. M. Harries went on and invited Cllr. D. Clements to provide further information on the matter from a PCNPA perspective. Cllr. D. Clements explained the key events and milestones over the past 6 months or so relating to the proposed toilet closures by PCC. Cllr. D. Clements confirmed a Task and Finish Group had been setup within PCNPA to explore options on this matter, and the output from the working group would be shared shortly. Discussion continued on the timeline, funding options, shared costs / ownership models, revenue stream opportunities, possible tourism economy contribution, possible second-homes funding, comms / education and recommended next steps.

- Action: Clerk to request condition / maintenance report for both toilets from PCC. Cllr. P. Morgan to report back on output from future Task and Finish Group sessions.

1922 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 March 2023

Proposer R. Thomson and seconded by J. Hancock.

1923 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed that Victoria Hall Association had been successful in their bid for funding from the PCC Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. ~£16,000 will be used to develop and upgrade playground equipment at Victoria Hall playground in Roch.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk confirmed no update received on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries provided an update for Victoria Hall, Roch; “a recent family bingo event was well attended (~60 people); the panto has been postponed to later in the year; a duck race is to be held at the end of May at Roch Mill, and an open-air cinema event for later in the summer, and a harvest fair in early autumn”
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk confirmed no update received on this occasion.
Action: Clerk and Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – M. Harries 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 the training session would take place on Saturday 10th June at 4pm at Victoria Hall, Roch.
 - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Clerk confirmed that an MS Teams meeting had been held with representatives from PCC on this matter and actions highlighted in the meeting minutes of the 16th January following the site visit with PCC representatives in Nolton Haven. Key points from the Teams meeting are as below:
 1. Welsh Road Signage – No Overnight Parking
 - Initial Temporary order was made permanent latter part of 2022.
 - No material issues reported during the summer months 2022.
 - Civil Enforcement Officers did not report any issues.
 - Visitor numbers across the county were significantly lower than 2021 “Staycation” year.
 - Proposed next steps
 - That PCC monitor the length of road this season with regard to offending vehicles (ad hoc drive thru’s and various time of day)
 - Liaise with CEO’s to determine extent of number of tickets issues
 - Seek feedback from Police
 - Gather data / evidence and reconvene a meeting to consider options Sept/Oct
 - Progress necessary action
 2. Realignment of DYL’s
 - The existing DYL are marked on carriageway and follow the alignment of road, diverting to back of highway on the bend would not be recommended
 - If motorists park on either side of the DYL they can be booked
 - Proposed next steps
 - No Action required – however PCC to investigate alternative measures to prevent parking on this area of tarmac without blocking users access to the beach and bench by foot or in a wheel chair
 3. Village Sign / Gateway Type sign
 - Proposed next steps
 - PCC to draught a combined settlement Sign & cost (forward to CC)
 - PCC to inspect existing sign and review its location (ie potential of two signs on each approach)
 4. Vehicle Activated sign / Driver Feedback sign
 - Many suppliers of units and designs (see attached)
 - 2 main types “Roundels” replicating speed limit example Portfield Gate. Speed display (Marloes, Hook, Johnston, Hubberston – Many more)
 - Some units capture speed data which potentially could be used to support a request for Police Enforcement if necessary
 - Preferred Solar Powered (avoids necessity of ducting / unmetered to connection / proximity to street lighting Column)
 - Previous installations across the County have been funded by the CCs or as part of the Community Works Fund
 - Speed display units can be reconfigured ie if the speed limit changes
 - PCC to see advice from colleague to determine whether the Community Works Fund will be available.

- If CWF unavailable – potential to share costs.
- Proposed next Steps
 - PCC to undertake a site survey - feedback to CC with a Plan indicating potential location of a Unit - one on each approach
 - Once agreement – PCC to undertake necessary Statutory undertakers check for services at proposed locations
 - Review of existing signs also on site visit – if identified as no longer required, arrange removal

Action: Clerk to follow-up and monitor progress of agreed actions with PCC stakeholders.

- **Entrance Gates and PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – Included in the above.

Action: Clerk to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.

- **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.

- **The King's Coronation and Easter Egg Hunt** – M. Harries confirmed posters and marketing for the events had been prepared and shared via various social media channels. The clerk confirmed easter eggs had been purchased in readiness for the Easter Egg Hunt, and EcoDewi will support the Easter Egg Hunt event providing the red litter bags, picker tools and undertaking the risk assessment, and providing H&S advice.

1924 Planning

- **PCNPA proposal: Land adjacent to The Burgage, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NN** – Proposed small seasonal caravan/camping site for 3no. pitches [NP/23/0137/FUL]

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting. Following a vote, the majority of councillors have NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed development in principle. However, it was felt that concerns should be raised to PCNPA regarding the following:

1. Ecological Impact – *The development site concerned is located within a small greenbelt dissected by a watercourse. Given this, councillors feel an Ecological Impact Survey is required to further understand the impact of the potential development to the native ecology of the site and surrounding area. Councillors request this is done and shared within the public domain for comments and feedback before the application is progressed.*
2. Foul water / Sewerage – *Councillors request more information to be shared regarding the disposal of foul water and sewerage. A watercourse dissects the proposed development site therefore councillors feel further detailed information needs to be provided to consultees to make more informed decisions on how foul water and sewerage will be correctly handled and disposed of and thus mitigating damage to the watercourse and surrounding soils.*
3. Invasive Species – *It is noted that the proposed development site is located in an area that has Japanese Knotweed. Councillors would like to request further clarification on any management action plans to eradicate and prevent the spread of this invasive species from the proposed development site and area under the ownership of the applicants.*
4. Site Access – *The access to the proposed development site is considered limited and gateway narrow, and the submitted plans lack detail of how the access may or may not be modified to enhance visibility and thus the safety of road users and those accessing the proposed development site. Councillors request further information on how this matter will be handled.*

5. Noise and Disruption – The proposed development site abuts established residential dwellings. Residents have approached the Community Council raising concerns over the potential for noise and disruption if the site is developed for the purposes of tourism. The site is in a valley (cwm) and noise is prone to travel.
6. Caravan / Unit Design – Councillors feel the design and appearance of the proposed units/caravans is visually intrusive and does not blend into the surroundings. The appearance is a shiny chrome-like finish which is highly reflective particularly in the sun. Councillors would request reconsideration to the design and finish of the caravans / units to something more in keeping with the local surroundings and greenbelt. Councillors request further information on how this matter will be handled.

Moreover, discussions with local members of the public feel that Nolton Haven needs to be protected from over commercialisation and ensuring any potential development should not visually affect the natural surroundings. The points raised, we feel need to be taken into consideration when assessing the application and potential future development of the proposed development site.

Action: Clerk to feedback official response.

- **PCNPA proposal: Redundant Toilet Block, Adjacent to Newgale Campsite, Newgale, Haverfordwest, SA62 6AS** – Change of use of surplus public toilets to takeaway ice cream parlour/coffee bar & beach themed retail with small rear extension to create kitchen together with new public disabled toilet as required by Pembrokeshire County Council [NP/23/0124/FUL] Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

1925 Finance

- Requests for donations
 - Clerk confirmed £250 donations had been made 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
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1926 Correspondence

- Public consultation event dates for location of new planned and urgent care hospital
- EcoDewi: Our FREE home energy advice service for residents on the peninsula is coming to an end soon. Can you help?
- Planning Policy Wales: Net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems' resilience
- Clerk's letters and Notice of Variation No. 10 2023
- Get involved with Scrutiny
- Public Toilet Funding - Nolton & Newgale South
- For local councils: Open spaces and paths: a new guide to protection
- Written Statement: Digital Health of Community and Town Councils
- Contacting Pembrokeshire County Council – A guide for City, Town & Community Councils

1927 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings
Nothing declared.

1928 Other items

1929 PCC report
No update provided.

1930 AOB

1931 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 May 2023

Signed

Chairman