

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

13 September 2021

Members Present

R. Thomson, M. Canton, M. Harries, J. Hancock, D. Smith, D. Weale, Cllr. J. Adams
Clerk - A. Jones

1725 Apologies

A.Peach, J. Gale

1726 Declaration of interest

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

1727 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 July 2021

Location of meeting amended to 'Victoria Hall, Roch'. Proposer R. Thomson, seconder M. Canton.

1728 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed that the project ideas around the Victoria Hall site currently include: structural changes - development of the "old" meeting room in terms of installing a new patio door where the current window is facing the field. Installation of a platform / decking / patio outside of the patio door leading onto the field, ensuring it does not impede with current disabled access or install new access. Re-configuring and development of the female toilets to include an external door with a single toilet, an indoor door to the remaining toilets and an alternative access to the facility via the hall. Playing field development - including improvement to the field in regards to flattening and to install a low maintenance track around the field. Play area - to replace items which have broken or fallen into disrepair and to install a potential pump track in the area where the containers were located. D. Smith said that match funding would be a great way to extend the project to the play area if needed, and all agreed that this was something worth looking into. M. Harries wants to take these ideas to the Victoria Hall committee for feedback when they next meet before getting some designs drawn up and then going out to the community for further input.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that he had positive news from Ateb re funding and hopes to meet with them in the next week or so. He has also written twice to Julie James, Minister for Climate Change which includes housing, sadly her response seems to suggest that CLT funding is not on her agenda. There is the possibility of funding which may help with exploratory work via PCC from any further increase in second home council tax, but nothing is confirmed as yet.
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - no update. Cllr. J. Adams thought that the markings through the village had been remarked. He'll double check to see if the 'slow' is back.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up.
- **Community garden** - Clerk hopes to weed over the next month and possibly look to tidy up during a community action day (see below).
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed that Amethyst Dance are regularly holding classes again at the hall and 2 other groups are also returning shortly. M. Canton confirmed that he has no update as yet from Nolton.

- **Speeding traffic coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven** - see below update.
- **Parking enforcement in Nolton Haven** - see below update.
- **No parkings signs in passing places on the Welsh Road** - Clerk wrote to Highways to stress that the signs should make it clear that these spaces are passing spaces and not for parking and to enquire re parking / speed enforcement. PCC confirmed that they do regularly patrol Nolton Haven but are struggling across the county. They have passed our concerns on to the team on the ground. With regards to the signs in Newgale, Cllr. J. Adams has chased Highways and can confirm that they won't be changing the signs.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams will follow up on enforcement and clearing sand from the yellow lines.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** - no update, seasonal treatment often starts in June. If the knotweed is on private land they can pass the details on. Possible National Trust or National Park land.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow up.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Digital Pembrokeshire - Broadband Programme: Broad Haven Project Area** - no update.
 - Action: Clerk to follow up.
- **Removal of recycling bins and re-siting general bin in Pilgrim's Way** - Clerk confirmed that the general waste bin still needs to be re-sited in the village, M. Harries has confirmed that this should happen shortly.
- **Catering units sited on Newgale campsite and a new 'slush and desserts' unit on Newgale (Pebbles end)** - no update.
 - Action: Clerk to follow up.
- **Southwood NT workshops** - Clerk confirmed that a report had been sent out to all attendees after the conclusion of the workshops.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** - D. Smith confirmed some fantastic news - the Church Road footway in Roch has been approved by PCC for the 2021-22 Minor Works programme. The design will be undertaken by the PCC Highway Design Team. The construction of the footway will be subject to design, any required approvals and agreement with landowners if required. All congratulated D. Smith on his commitment and resolve on this issue over the last few years.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** - D. Weale confirmed that the wardens and deacons are meeting very soon to make a decision as to the viability and how the church will progress. D. Weale did note that the bell and roof are both in need of repairs.
- **Clerk candidate selection** - 4 CVs received - interviews w/c 13 September. Clerk to arrange a time for A. Peach and R. Thomson to interview the candidates.

1729 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Proposed demolition of buildings and redevelopment to provide 14 no. dwellings, landscaping, access and associated works. Location: Rochgate Motel, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AF (NP/20/0155/FUL)** - D. Smith presented to the Development Control Committee at its virtual meeting on 8 September 2021. Nolton and Roch CLT also made representations. Despite the community input with regards to the comprehensive housing needs survey undertaken, establishing that the overwhelming local need is for 3 bedroom homes, the Committee approved the 14 unit development of 10 x 1 bedroom and 4 x 4 bedroom properties. The Section 106 agreement which will cover the affordable housing and management terms will require the homes to be rented.

- **PCNPA Proposal: Proposed garden shed within curtilage of Bwthyn Y Coed, Bwythyn Coed, Wood Hill, Newgale (NP/21/0444/FUL)** - emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings, the only comment sent to PCNPA was in regards to the height of the shed, which the Councillors agreed was rather tall at 3.384m given the proximity to the next door.
- **PCNPA Proposal: Change of use of land to provide two self contained units of holiday accommodation (caravans) drainage, landscaping and associated works. land south west of Ferny Glen, Roch (NP/21/0384/FUL)** - emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings, concerns with regards to the plans re foul water disposal were emailed to PCNPA.
- **PCNPA Proposal: Replace white uPVC and stone cladding on north and south elevations; and stone cladding on west and east piers; with ZClad natural stone cladding Classic. Raise existing roof by 100mm to incorporate insulation. Location: 48 Folkestone Hill, Nolton Haven (NP/21/0461/FUL)** - emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings, no comments.
- **PCC Proposal: Dual single storey replacement extensions and conversion of garage to bedroom, 31 St Brides View, Roch (21/0425/PA)** - emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings, no comments.
- **PCNPA Proposal: Change of use of existing restaurant and craft workshops to 3 No self catering holiday cottages. Location: Hilton Court Manor, Hilton Court Garden Centre, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AE (NP/21/0485/FUL)** - no objections.

1730 Finance

- **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** - statement of payment returns for 2020 - 2021 submitted.
- **Budget and accounts** - the Clerk confirmed that there is currently £5819 in the current account and £6000 in the savings account to fund possible election costs next year. With the usual budgeted expenditure and donation amounts at £200, there would be a surplus of £4,844 at the year end. This figure would allow for extra donation sums, projector expenditure and welcome sign improvements which have been discussed previously.
- **Requests for donations**
 - Friends of Roch
 - St Madocs Church, Nolton and St Mary's Church, Roch
 - Nolton Haven Chapel - request received

If any organisation would like to be considered for a donation please encourage them to email the Clerk.

1731 Correspondence

- **St Davids Peninsula Great Big Green Week 18 - 26 September 2021** - the Climate Coalition and Climate Cymru are organising The Great Big Green Week to highlight and celebrate community action and to raise awareness of climate change prior to COP26 in Glasgow this October. EcoDewi is organising a range of local events. Organisations already involved include PCNPA and Oriel y Parc, the National Trust, Wildlife Trust, Solva Community Cinema, St Davids Cathedral, LifeSeeker and TYF. M. Harries confirmed that he would like to organise a community event on Saturday 25 September. The thoughts on different projects to be undertaken or at least try to tackle include;
 - Stain the play area.
 - Repairs to play area, including bin and replacing missing pieces.
 - Litter pick around the village and tidy up of where recycling bins used to be.
 - Installation of concrete plinth for bench and picnic table in play area.

- Pruning and planting in the community garden.
- Cutting back of hedgerows.
- Installation of new defib on the shop wall.
- **Pethau Bychain** - a green network for Town and Community Councils; a new forum, meeting fortnightly to discuss environmental issues, policies and funding and to share best practice and ideas. Run by the Local Places for Nature officer from One Voice Wales. Councillors to let the Clerk know if they would like to attend.
- **Age Cymru Dyfed** - helping people in Pembrokeshire aged 50+ - need help spreading the word, now have an office in Market Street, Hwest. Contact: fiona.brown@agecymrudfyfed.org.uk for more information.
- **Phase 2 of Pembrokeshire County Council's consultation on Active Travel which has now gone live at:** <https://pembrokeshirephase2.commonplace.is>. Clerk has commented re connecting Hwest with St Davids and paths to local beaches.
- **Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation:** <https://gov.wales/local-taxes-second-homes-and-self-catering-accommodation>. Comments due by 17 November 2021.

1732 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

1733 Other items

- **Paved Lane between Pilgrims Way and Maes Ffynnon** - resident complaint received concerning the maintenance of this lane: uneven drain, rubbish is being dumped, it is overgrown and there are low hanging branches which people have to duck under.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow up.

1734 PCC report

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

1735 AOB

- None

1736 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting: 4 October 2021

Signed

Chairman