

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

5 September 2022

Members Present

M. Harries, M. Canton, R. Thomson, J. Gale, J. Hancock, A. Jones, D. Weale and Cllr. P. Morgan
Clerk – N. Neumann

1845 Apologies
A. Peach

1846 Declaration of interest
M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee
J. Hancock declared an interest to proposed development off Pilgrims Way

1847 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 4 July 2022
Proposer R. Thomson and seconder M. Canton

1848 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed that an application had been submitted for Victoria Hall playground equipment, and Nolton Village Hall application was 'work in progress' and would be submitted before the deadline of 12th September. It is believed that confirmation of approvals will be provided sometime in October.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – J. Gale updated on a recent meeting CLT members had with Beattie Passive Homes who provide sustainable house building solutions. It was a positive meeting in which Beattie introduced their products and services. The clerk will meet with the chairman and secretary of NRCLT on the 6th September and will provide an update at next month's community council meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to provide CLT update at October's meeting.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall; "a schedule of fund raising events has been agreed for the year ahead by the new committee; a recent sand castle competition on Nolton Haven beach and bingo event both went well". M. Harries provided an update for Victoria Hall, Roch; "a recent bingo event at the hall was well attended and outdoor cinema showing Top Gun was attended by over 400 people. Future events at the hall will include, a Harvest Fair and Christmas Bingo."
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Canton confirmed that the landowners (who live overseas) are currently visiting Nolton Haven and have cleared some of the area concerned although much work was still required to resolved the issue. The clerk also confirmed that contact had been made with the landowners of the East Nolton Riding Stables regarding the Knotweed infestation near Eiras Cottage.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – Clerk confirmed that PCC and Atkins have hosted a site visit at Newgale/Wood Farm to update members of the Task and Finish Groups (TFGs). Representatives from PCC, Atkins, The National Trust and PCNPA were in attendance and facilitated the discussion which touched on the new road route, scheme objectives, next steps and timeline for the scheme.
J. Hancock asked how much had been spent on the scheme to date.
 - Action: Clerk to submit FOI application to PCC to request level of spend on scheme to date.

- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – M. Harries confirmed no further update available at this time.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with point of contact in PCC.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** – D. Weale confirmed no update.
 - Action: Clerk and D. Weale to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed no further update at this time and will continue to work on preparations for the training sessions.
 - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed contact had been made with PCC to request an increased presence of enforcement officers. Councillors expressed concern over the ice cream van which had been trading from the beachfront on the double yellow lines. Councillors felt a letter should be sent into PCC enforcement team to express concern on this matter and ask for reassurance that no concessions are given in the future due to safety concerns on the beachfront and limited parking in Nolton Haven.
 - Action: Clerk to write letter to PCC enforcement team regarding the double yellow lines and PCNPA regarding the EV charging points. Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with both PCC and PCNPA stakeholders.
- **Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed that PCC were currently re-designing/formatting the current signage although the Welsh Road to address parking issues raised. It is expected that the signage will be replaced later in the year.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Road Safety – Folkeston Road and Simpson Cross** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed no further update and that PCC have visited both sites and are currently considering improvement options, and will revert in due course.
 - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC stakeholders.
- **Pebbles Café Catering Units** – Clerk confirmed a letter from PCNPA enforcement team had been received confirming enforcement action was ongoing against the owners of Pebbles Café. It was also noted that an ice cream unit had begun trading adjacent to the Duke of Edinburgh pub and the former PCC toilet block. PCNPA also confirmed that enforcement action had been taken against the landowners.
- **Highway hedgerow maintenance and vehicle safety** – J. Hancock reiterated his concern regarding hedgerow encroachment around the county and vehicle safety. M. Canton seconded this concern and raised specific issues regarding Bathersland and Folkeston roads with hedgerow encroachment.
 - Action: Clerk to write letter to The National Trust regarding hedgerow encroachment. Cllr. P. Morgan also confirmed he would follow-up with PCC highways stakeholder(s).
- **Speed Limit Signage for Nolton/Nolton Haven** – R. Thomson confirmed a speed monitoring survey was ongoing as agreed by PCC. It is understood that the results and any mitigation actions from the survey will be published shortly after the survey has been completed.
 - Action: R. Thomson and clerk to follow-up with PCC.

1849 Planning

- PCC proposal: Replacement rear extension with internal modifications. Chy Gwyn, 39, Church Road, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BG [22/0359/PA]

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

- PCNPA proposal: Replacement 2 storey dwelling on alternative footprint on redundant farmyard together with highway improvements, ecology mitigation & landscaping Eira's Cottage, Nolton, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NW [NP/22/0478/FUL]

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No objections were raised although concerns should be raised to PCNPA regarding Japanese Knotweed on or near the development site. It was felt that the developers should put forward a management plan for the eradication of the knotweed as part of the proposed development of the site. Action: Clerk to feedback official response.

- PCC proposal: Pre application consultation (PAC) for housing development on land to the east of Pilgrims Way, Roch, Pembrokeshire.

Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No objections were raised by councillors although two concerns were raised which should be raised to the authority to seek further information on access through Pilgrims Way and sewerage capacity. Action: Clerk to feedback official response.

1850 Finance

- Requests for donations – Nothing received.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1851 Correspondence

- A Fairer Council Tax Consultation
- CAVS - Community Halls Funding Opportunities
- Grasslands Management Kit
- West Wales Community Cohesion Grants
- Resilient Communities Grant Update
- Community Camp | Eden Project Communities
- Save the Date Preseli Cares - online launch event 8th September 2022
- Consultation on Fee Scales 2023-24
- Nature Networks Fund
- Community Orchard – Keep Wales Tidy
- Southwood Estate Sounding Boards – National Trust

1852 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing declared.

1853 Other items

- Former Roch Gate Motel Site – The clerk confirmed letters had been received from concerned local residents regarding the general appearance, and health and safety of the site. It is understood that PCC have visited the site recently and contacted the landowners to resolve matters of concern.

1854 PCC report

- No update provided.

1855 AOB

- Concerns were raised by councillors regarding the recent wildfires above Newgale and Nolton Haven. Specific concern was raised that there appeared to be no firebreaks across the entire Southwood Estate. Moreover, it was felt that the rewilding approach adopted by The National Trust is increasing the fire risk on the estate and neighbouring properties in the community. Action: Clerk to invite National Trust and Fire Service representatives to a future Community Council meeting to discuss this matter further and agree upon potential control going forward.

1856 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting: Monday 3 October 2022

Signed

Chairman