

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

4 April 2022

Members Present

M. Harries, J. Hancock, D. Smith, M. Canton, J. Gale, R. Thomson and Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk – N. Neumann

1797 Apologies

A. Peach and D. Weale

1798 Declaration of interest

J. Hancock declared an interest with respect to the CLT

1799 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 7 March 2022

Proposer M. Canton, seconder R. Thomson

1800 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries – No further update to provide at this time.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed the NRCLT AGM will take place on the 5th April 2022 (tomorrow) at Victoria Hall, Roch. It will be an F2F format with representatives from PLANED and ATEB presenting at the event. The objectives of the event will be to outline the progress made by CLT over recent time, to summarise intended next steps and elect CLT board of directors.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room; a charity event is currently in planning (Easter egg hunt), connectivity to broadband/Wi-Fi is being organised for the hall, and new signage for the hall is in design. Good progress by new members on the hall committee. M. Harries provided an update for the Victoria Hall; a few groups have decided to leave the hall whilst Pembrokeshire Talking Newspaper have decided to relocate to the hall. In partnership with Eco Dewi, 125 sapling trees have recently been planted in the grounds of the hall with the help of volunteers, and the hall has also been successful in gaining a new grant funded bench for the garden area.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – Clerk confirmed research had been completed on the laws and regulations for the control and eradication of knotweed which has been circulated to all councillors for their consideration. Clerk also confirmed that this matter had been registered with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), an incident number and email confirmation received however no further response/action had been received from NRW. Cllr. J Adams suggested that PCC should be able to assist in checking the land registry database for the landowners details.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams and M. Canton to follow-up on asserting the area/boundaries of the land concerned, and checking with PCC on ownership details.
- **Newgale road developments** – Clerk confirmed that PCC / Atkins have requested community participation in a series of Task and Finish Groups (TFGs), and that the literature had been shared via the community council social media account to encourage local community participation. The TFG sessions are now scheduled for 26th-28th April, 24th-26th May and 21st-23rd June. Those that requested to join the sessions should have now received confirmation.

- **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 follow-up with point of contact in PCC.
- **St Madoc’s church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed no further update on this matter although a meeting with the congregation of St Madoc’s was imminent.
 - Action: Clerk to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Roch village dog fouling and requirement for bins/signage** – A proposal was put forward by M. Harries to relocate the council owned bin from outside the village shop to the lower part of the village. The shop and immediate surrounding area would continue to be serviced by the bin provided by the shop itself. It was agreed that this idea should be perused.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC.
- **Nolton sign and general gateway improvements** – The clerk confirmed that:
 1. The gully by Nolton Riding Stables, and BT manhole by Folkeston Farm have been rectified.
 2. The Nolton village sign replacement had been logged with PCC and is ‘work in progress’.
 3. Roch speed bollards had been replaced following a road incident, and the exposed manhole on the Roch entrance layby had also been rectified. Cutting back the overgrowth on the layby area has also taken place to improve the appearance of that area of the village.
- **Use of impromptu fireworks on local beaches** – Resolved that Community Council would procure signage to be sited on or near the slipway of Nolton Haven beach. Clerk to procure signage and M. Canton to suitably install.
 - Action: Clerk and M. Canton to follow-up on this matter.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed that training could be arranged for June/July at two locations across the community (Potentially Nolton and Roch village Halls). Prior advertising should also be organised to make known the training sessions around the community.
 - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Queens Jubilee celebrations** – M. Harries confirmed the Roch Sports Committee (the committee responsible for funding raising for Victoria Hall), were intending to run an event and further information would be available shortly.

1801 Planning

- **PCNPA proposal: Roch Mill, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6JX**
Change of Use - conversion of an existing stone garage into a holiday let and transfer of existing holiday let permission from The Granary to the proposed garage conversion, enabling The Granary to become part of the main dwelling house. [NP/22/0134/FUL]
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.
- **PCNPA proposal: The Old Barn, Barch Farm, Roch, Pembrokeshire, Public Path Diversion Order 2022.** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Public Footpath Pp 29/30 (Part),
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.
- **PCNPA proposal: 24, Folkestone Hill Chalets, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, SA62 3NJ** Erection of decking to the front of chalet [NP/22/0199/FUL]
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.
- **PCNPA proposal: Newgale Campsite, Woodhill, Newgale, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AS** Display of replacement directional signage [NP/22/0200/ADV]
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

1802 Finance

- Requests for donations
 - Clerk confirmed all donations (as agreed at the 7 March meeting) had been made and letters of thanks received from most of the organisations concerned.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.
- May 2022 Council Elections – All nomination forms have been collated & submitted to PCC by clerk.

1803 Correspondence

- Local Elections (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2022
- Notice Of Election 2022 – PCC community notices
- Co-ordinating Volunteers to respond to emergency situations in Wales
- Pembrokeshire Community Notice Boards - WCFD Poster Help
- Big Meadow Search
- Community Ownership Fund

1804 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Nothing noted.

1805 Other items

- **Nolton Haven Car Park** – Concerns over insufficient car parking spaces have been raised to Community Council in the past and further concerns have now be raised following the installation of two additional EV charging points at the car park displacing a further two spaces. It is believed that there are now four EV charging points at the car park accounting for circa. 13% of spaces at the car park believed to be 30 spaces in total. It was proposed by M. Canton that a letter of concern should be sent to the owners of the car park (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA)). Moreover, concerns should also be raised to PCC on the policing of the double yellow lines throughout the village.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with letters to PCNPA and PCC.
- **Road Safety (Folkeston Road)** – Details of a serious road incident were shared at the meeting by M. Canton. It was proposed that cautionary blind summit signs should be erected at the point of the incident and a request should be made to PCC. Moreover, it's important to add the location of the incident has seen previous road incidents and it is felt something should be done to mitigate the risk of further incidents.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.
- **Road Safety (Simpson Cross)** – J. Hancock raised concerns regarding the traffic calming bollards on the A487 at the Nolton/Cuffern crossroads in Simpson Cross village. For large vehicles it's extremely difficult to navigate the junction without mounting the kerb and pedestrian walkway. It was felt the bollards are sited too close to the junction and require resitting further down the A487 to allow sufficient room for larger vehicles to turn without comprising pedestrian and road user safety.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.

1806 PCC report

- No update provided.

1807 AOB

- **Community Notice Boards** – Clerk raised a concern from a local resident about the condition of the community notice boards in Roch. It was felt that the boards were in a state of disrepair and possibly a more weatherproof material such as aluminium could be procured for replacement boards in the future. It was resolved that the clerk should undertake some research on price and availability of replacement boards.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up on price and availability of new boards.
- **Roch Village Litter Pick and Easter Egg Hunt** – M. Harries proposed a potential collaborative event in partnership with Eco Dewi, for a Roch village litter pick and easter egg hunt. It was resolved that the Community Council would fund the cost of the easter eggs with budget *circa.* £50.00 – £60.00.
 - Action: Clerk and M. Harries to follow-up with arrangements alongside Eco Dewi and the procurement of the easter eggs.
- J. Hancock enquired to village boundaries and maintenance of verge grass cutting. It was felt the grass should be cut down past the Victoria Inn to the Roch village sign, and this should be communicated to the contractors.

1808 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next meeting: Monday 2 May 2022

Signed

Chairman