

MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE - DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

1 MARCH 2021

Members Present

A. Peach, R. Thomson, J. Gale, M. Harries, D. Smith, D. Weale
Clerk - A. Jones

1665 Apologies

M. Canton, J. Hancock and Cllr. J. Adams

1666 Declaration of interest

1667 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 1 February 2020

Proposer R. Thomson seconder A. Peach

1668 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - A. Peach provided an overview of the development of the idea following on from last month's meeting to make better use of the field behind the Victoria Hall as a community space with seating as well as creating a social meeting place within the Victoria Hall. The idea being that this makes the improvements much more multi use - for the families in Roch and Nolton (especially all those at the school) as well as other social groups who may like to use the space when the hall itself is booked etc. All agreed that those Councillors that would like to be involved in this - almost as a sub committee - should email the Clerk and go along to the hall to have a look at the idea in more detail and also invite members of the community who would like to be involved to attend.
 - Action: Clerk to arrange a meet up at the hall with all interested Councillors and community members.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that there has not been much progress since the last meeting. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the model they were sold doesn't apply here in Pembrokeshire - sadly Wales is way behind the curve on using CLT's - in fact the only ones we are aware of are in Pembrokeshire. D. Smith did have a good meeting with Paul Davies this week. J. Adams is hoping to get D. Smith a meeting with PCC finance and housing.
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - 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.
- **Keep Wales Tidy: Local Places for Nature scheme** - no update until the spring!
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed that the Victoria Hall AGM was held last week. After many years the Vice Chair, Bill Hall, stepped down, and Mike Harries thanked him for all he has done for the hall which was echoed by the Councillors. The new Vice Chair will be elected next June, this gives time for more interest to spread around the community. M. Harries also noted that community halls are likely to remain closed for at least another month.
- **Speeding traffic coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven** - Cllr. Adams has passed this information to PCC but no further update as yet.

- **No parkings signs in passing places on the Welsh Road** - Cllr. Adams has passed this information to PCC but no further update as yet.
- **Overhanging trees along Trefrane and Folkeston Road, Nolton** - Clerk confirmed that these trees have now been cut back and received an email from the NT with photos; she replied with thanks on behalf of NRCC.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** - no update. M. Harries will follow up re seasonal treatment.

1669 Planning

- **PCNPA planning decision (from November 2020): Proposed 2 storey reception building and extensions to existing amenity building, retrospective grass tent pitches, flagpole and proposed CCTV camera. Location: Newgale Campsite (Application No: NP/20/0220/FUL) - refused. Query over procedure to be discussed.** - the Councillors discussed the fact that the refusal was decided by delegated decision in November last year rather than by committee based on the interpretation of NRCC's letter dated 11 May 2020 which sought clarification regarding measurements of the proposed development in order to make a more informed decision. This clarification was never received. Although the Councillors acknowledge that the decision is likely to have been the same even if it had have been escalated to committee, given the fact that the new Local Development Plan resists all new built development in the coastal change area, there is, however, an important procedural point here which may have resulted in a different outcome in a different instance and is worth formally noting and setting out in a letter to PCNPA.
 - Action: Clerk to draft a letter to PCNPA setting out the Councillors disappointment in this instance and asking how we might reflect and ensure this does not happen again.
- **Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme (7612030) at South Nolton Farm - the scheme involves the planting of new native woodlands on the margins of three fields** - email sent to Councillors between meetings and all agreed that any tree planting is a positive thing. Clerk sent a letter of support to HW Forestry Ltd.

1670 Finance

- **Requests for donations** - the Councillors were asked to encourage any organisation who would like to be considered for a donation to please email the Clerk.

1671 Correspondence

- **PCC is asking residents to give their views on local walking and cycling routes** - the Council aims to make journeys on foot and by bicycle easier, safer and more enjoyable for everyone. In order to design a network that works for all, the Council would like to get the views of as many people as possible, particularly those who don't currently walk or cycle. This will help ensure the routes built for walking and cycling work for the whole community. Councillors were encouraged to add their views here: <https://Pembrokeshire.commonplace.is/>. The Clerk also shared this link on social media. All Councillors agreed that the community would really benefit from a footpath between Roch and the beach.
- **New draft Guidance on the Code of Conduct for members of County and Community/Town Councils:**
<https://www.ombudsman.wales/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Code-of-Conduct-PSOW-Community-Co-uncils.pdf>.

- **Email from PLANED** - they are creating an interactive map of all community councils, which pinpoints the meeting places of each town and community council in Pembrokeshire. Clerk has responded on NRCC's behalf.

1672 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **Pembrokeshire Area Committee Meeting** to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 March 2021, on a remote basis using Star Leaf remote conferencing software..

1673 Other items

- **Friend's of Roch report** - both A. Peach and M Harries thought it might be useful to add frequent updates from the Friends to our meetings going forward as a way to better link up events, what is going on in the community and Roch School. The Clerk is an active member of the Friends and was thrilled to let the Councillors know that they donated £12.5k to the School to put towards a new trim trail (£2.5k of this was from the LNG fund which the Friends applied for). This is something the Friends had been saving to contribute towards for the last few years. Over £2k of this was raised at Christmas which was quite a superhuman effort during COVID and included a raffle, online bazaar, online family bingo and school calendars. All Councillors expressed their well wishes and congratulated the Friends. J. Gale asked whether NRCC might consider a donation to the Friends and asked the Clerk to enquire about donations to PTAs.
 - Action: Clerk to clarify whether councils can donate to PTAs and report back at the next meeting.

1674 PCC report

- None

1675 AOB

1676 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting: 6 April 2021

Signed

Chairman