

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

7 SEPTEMBER 2020

Members Present

R. Thomson, M. Canton, J. Gale, M. Harries, D. Smith, D. Weale

Clerk - A. Jones

1605 Apologies

A.Peach, J. Hancock, Cllr. J. Adams

1606 Declaration of interest

- None

1607 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 20 July 2020

Proposer J. Gale, seconded D. Smith.

1608 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - as agreed previously, all agreed that looking into extending the play area may be the best way forward. There was some discussion about looking into outdoor gym equipment and exploring options for toddlers and teenagers as these were raised as project ideas in the Community Action Plan a couple of years ago. There was also some discussion about conducting a Facebook poll to see what the needs of the community are now. The current playground also needs the roundabout replacing, which may cost approximately £3k.
 - Action: M. Harries and Clerk to look at additional playground options for younger and older members of the community and cost options when the Victoria Hall Committee start meeting again.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - the CLT are still waiting for a meeting with PCNPA to discuss possible plots they would give consideration to. D. Smith did confirm that he had a useful meeting with PCC with a follow up meeting hopefully happening soon.
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - no update. J. Gale mentioned previously that the 'slow' written on both sides of the road by the junction are no longer there and need repainting.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.
- **Keep Wales Tidy: Local Places for Nature scheme** - M. Harries confirmed that there is an underused area of the field behind the hall down the far side, towards the corner. All agreed that it would be great to start the fruit garden / orchard / wildlife community space here. Clerk is to get in touch with Keep Wales Tidy and anticipates starting to plant the fruit garden in October, it is likely that it will be just the Clerk and the KWT rep due to COVID.
 - Action: Clerk to confirm location for fruit garden with M. Harries and liaise with KWT for delivery and planting.
- **COVID 19 grant for community halls** - M. Harries confirmed that the Victoria Hall Committee were also successful with the £10k grant which is great news.

- **State of bridleway by Pilgrims Way** - Clerk followed up with PCC who confirmed that a third party had walked the route and that the condition was deemed to be acceptable for a bridleway.
- **Explore options for a footpath down to Newgale** - there was some discussion about a footpath from the Motel which could link up with Nolton and the Coastal Path.

1609 Planning

- **Planning Inspectorates decision for appeal 3251447 – 3 Church Road, Roch, Haverfordwest, SA62 6BG (LPA ref: 19/0792/PA)** - appeal dismissed.
- **Temporary Traffic Restriction Notices in relation to prohibition of overnight parking for Caravans and Motor Caravans on the A487 and Welsh Road, Newgale** - this prohibition has been extended by 21 days from 2 September 2020. There was a discussion about the large number of signs present along the Welsh Road, but that there are still a lot of people parking there. There seems to be a lack of enforcement.
- **PCC car park charges increase from 9 September 2020** - a number of local car park charges are increasing, this includes the PCC car park at Newgale.

Newgale changes:

1 hr from 50p to £1

2 hr from £1 to £2

4 hr from £3 to £4

24 hrs etc no change

1610 Finance

- **Budget review** - the Clerk ran through the budget for the financial year. As things stand, there will be approx £1-£2k spare at the end of year, if donation amounts are between £100/200.
- **Clerk's salary** - increase from £9.96 per hour to £10.24 w/e from April 2020.

1611 Correspondence

- **The Sustainable Development Fund is open for applications** - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund is changing its focus over the coming year in response to the growing climate change emergency. Following recommendations of the Park Authority's Climate Change Emergency Action Plan, an emphasis will now be placed on supporting decarbonisation. This new approach will see applicants applying for one of three specific carbon reduction projects – installing renewable energy generation facilities to community buildings, promoting the reduction of carbon emissions in transport, or installing community facilities that minimise waste – with a fourth option for any other community-based carbon reduction initiative. There was some discussion about whether the CLT may be able to benefit and D. Smith confirmed that he will get in touch with the SDF team.

1612 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None

1613 Other items

- **Footpath/cycle path around the dangerous corner in Roch** - D. Smith confirmed that he has been in touch with PCC again with regards to funding for the footpath; a project which NRCC had explored a couple of years ago. PCC were supportive initially, even conducting a survey and providing an estimate of approximately £20k to carry out the works. D. Smith has since heard that PCC has received

£1.2 million for cycle paths and footpaths and therefore emailed them enquiring as to whether £20k could be made available for this project. PCC have since told him that that particular fund is ring-fenced but he was redirected within PCC to the minor works division and is waiting to hear back.

- **BT telephone box removal in Nolton Haven** - to the shock of NRCC councillors, the telephone box was removed in Nolton Haven over the summer, despite incredibly well-made and evidenced safety arguments to the contrary made by members of the public which were included in our opposition letter to PCC dated 21 January 2020. PCC were to then respond to BT opposing the removal by 19 February 2020. Sadly, after many emails from the Clerk to both BT and PCC it was revealed that PCC failed to send the opposition in time which resulted in the removal.

NRCC are incredibly disappointed by this action and are pressing for what is going to be done to rectify the situation - whether this is a reinstatement of the phone box or support / funding for a mobile mast. Nolton is currently without a safe 24/7 form of communication on a beach that is used all year round.

- **Opening of the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - Clerk confirmed that at the moment Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room is still not open. M. Harries confirmed that the Victoria Hall Committee are looking to open up the hall this Saturday with Amethyst Dance.
- **AGM at October meeting and hope to meet in person** - the Clerk asked the Councillors for their thoughts about meeting in person in October.. Of course, the situation may change over the next month so Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know their thoughts over the coming weeks. The AGM will be held at the next meeting.

1614 PCC report

- None

1615 AOB

- **Cars on roadside in Church Road causing obstructions** - it has been noted by members of the community that some residents in Church Road are leaving their cars parked on the roadside, not in their drives. This then causes the road to be a single lane, with traffic having to move over to pass them and pedestrians needing to walk around them or on the other side of the road. The issue has been noted and will be monitored.

1616 Items for the next agenda

- **Speeding traffic coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting: 5 October 2020

Signed

Chairman