

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

2 December 2024

Members present

M. Harries, R. Thomson, M. Canton, J. Gale and A. Peach.
Clerk and County Councillor – N. Neumann.

2134 Apologies

J. Hancock, M. Hammond and A. Jones.

2135 Declaration of interest

A. Peach declared an interest pertaining to *'foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch'*.

2136 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 4 November 2024

Proposer M. Canton and seconded by A. Peach.
M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2137 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – No update provided on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Victoria Hall: M. Harries provided a full update on latest activities to include Sophisticated Swing Night which proved very successful, a future darts tournament in early December and the annual bonfire/fireworks night scheduled for New Year's Day. A new Facebook page has been recently launched for the hall which is hoped to better communicate community events and promote the hall. Victoria Hall is currently busy on most days with regular users of the facilities which is encouraging.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton confirmed everything was going well with the toilets and footfall had dropped off as expected. The clerk confirmed the 'tenancy at will' agreement had been signed off by PCC which extends the current shorthold lease to 31st March 2025 at which point the asset transfer and long term leasehold agreement would commence. M. Canton proposed a request should be made to PCNPA for a contribution to the running costs of the toilets for the 2025 season to which members agreed. M. Canton proposed NRCC should operate the toilets for another year before any significant investment is considered.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up on sponsorship and grants, and M. Hammond to research access control/door mechanisms.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk updated members on the scheme following a meeting with PCC representatives. A Community Engagement exercise is scheduled for the end of January 2025 at Victoria Hall, Roch. The event would be hosted by PCC and facilitated by the Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum, and members of the public would be required to book an appointment to attend. Going forward, PCC intend to submit a pre-planning application to PCNPA in spring 2025, a full planning application in late 2025 and dependant upon the outcome of the full planning application, would look to initiate works in 2026/27.

- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk updated members on the scheme following a meeting with PCC representatives. PCC have confirmed the scheme has been redesigned and will sent to the neighbouring landowner for consideration shortly. The redesigned scheme would see the widening of the carriageway by the removal of ~1.5m of hedge bank, a suitable raised pavement with raised curb, and the removal of the prioritisation road scheme as the roadway would be sufficiently wide enough for two vehicles to pass given the overall widening of the carriageway. A. Peach confirmed there had recently been a road traffic accident with two vehicles involved on the bend with police in attendance. Members felt the redesigned scheme as outlined would be welcomed by both pedestrians and road users of the area.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – M. Canton confirmed the beach front road had been cleared of sand and thanked the clerk for his assistance on this matter.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk updated members on the grant application following conversations with PCC representatives. PCC have now reviewed the funding application and have put it forward to the next panel review meeting for their consideration and subsequent approval.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries absent therefore no update on this occasion.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Speeding vehicles on A487 between Simpsons Cross and Newgale** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Town & Community Council websites** – M. Harries introduced the background on this matter. The clerk introduced a proposal from a company called Hugo Fox who has experience in providing Community Councils with websites and domain hosting. The clerk committed to sharing more information to members for their further consideration.
 - Action: The clerk to follow-up.
- **Naming of roads within the new housing development in Roch** – The clerk confirmed he had spoken with the headteacher of Roch school, and the children of the school would produce a shortlist of road names for the developer to consider.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Missing road signs** – The clerk confirmed 8 missing and/or damaged road signs had been identified around the ward and had been reported to PCC. The lead time would be 6-8 weeks as advised by PCC.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Glass collection at Hilton Crest** – The clerk confirmed the recycling box of glass had been removed.

2138 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Exchange of Certificate of Lawfulness approval NP/04/365 for unit of residential accommodation, with a replacement dwelling and ecological enhancements.** The Stables, Simpson Cross, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6ET. [NP/24/0560/FUL]
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.

- **PCNPA Proposal: Siting of two Air Source Heat pump units on a concrete base. This is to enable the installation of an ASHP system to replace the existing LPG system. Each unit is 1018mm wide x 530mm deep x 1270mm high.** Wood Farm, Wood Village, Newgale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AR. [NP/24/0553/FUL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*

2139 Finance

- FY25/26 Precept – It was resolved that the precept should be increased by 5% y-o-y to reflect inflationary headwind on general operational costs plus an additional £2,000 to reflect potential fiscal demands of the Nolton Haven toilets going forward. Therefore, it was resolved the FY25-26 precept should be rebased to £10,500. Proposed by M. Harries, seconded by J. Gale and R. Thomson.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances, and confirmed no requests for donations or expenses had been received.

2140 Correspondence

- FW: Tenancy at will extension for Public Convenience at Nolton Haven
- Invitation to National Park Planning training event
- Community and Town Councils - Statement of Payments 2023-2024
- Section 137 - Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2025-2026
- Pembrokeshire Music Service 2023-2024 review
- Re: Objection to NP24 0496 FUL Chaldon Cottage
- Training for Councillors
- Websites for Community Councils in Pembrokeshire

2141 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- No update provided.

2142 Other items

- **Re: Objection to NP24 0496 FUL Chaldon Cottage** – The clerk confirmed that representation had been made by neighbouring properties to Chaldon Cottage, objecting to the application on the grounds that the applicants are not active farmers, and an unauthorised track having been built. PCNPA have confirmed they have also received concerns and objections pertaining to the planning application, and the application would be resubmitted and would require consultation once again. Members agreed that the planning application would be reconsidered upon receiving the resubmitted application.

2143 PCC report – *Cllr. Neumann updated members on several matters throughout the meeting which are outlined in the meeting minutes herewith.*

2144 AOB

- **Slow children signage (St Brides View, Roch)** – M. Harries confirmed he had been approached by a member of the public requesting signage to warn road users of children playing in St Brides View. The clerk agreed to follow-up with PCC representatives.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **Blocked drains throughout Nolton and broken streetlight** – M. Canton raised the above issues which the clerk agreed to follow-up.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Christmas Tree by Rochgate Motel on A487** – The clerk asked members approval to erect a Christmas tree and lighting on the adopted highway land outside the motel. The clerk confirmed he would personally fund the tree and lighting to which members agreed and thanked the clerk.

2145 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting: Monday 3rd February 2025 at Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room following the January winter recess and adjournment.

Signed

Chairman
