

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

**6 June 2022**

**Members Present**

M. Harries, A. Jones, M. Canton, J. Hancock, A. Peach, R. Thomson and Cllr. P. Morgan

Clerk – N. Neumann

1821 Apologies

D. Weale and J. Gale

1822 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee

A. Peach declared an interest to land associated to the new footpath on Church Road

1823 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 9 May 2022

Proposer R. Thomson, seconder M. Canton

1824 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries confirmed a new architect had been secured to draw up plans for Victoria Hall bid.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** – Clerk confirmed no update had been provided by D. Smith on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall; three quotes have been received for a kitchen upgrade at the hall which will be put forward as part of a funding application for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. M. Harries provided an update for the Victoria Hall; meetings have been held recently by the Victoria Hall Management Committee and the Sport Committee (The funding raising arm of Victoria Hall), dates agreed for committee AGMs, and a schedule of fund raising events has been agreed for the year ahead.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Canton confirmed that the landowners (who live overseas) will be visiting Nolton Haven in mid-June. M. Canton committed to making contact with the landowners upon their return and providing feedback to council at the next meeting.
  - Action: M. Canton to follow-up and make contact with landowners.
- **Newgale road developments** – Clerk confirmed attendance to the second TFG session hosted by PCC / Atkins to discuss the Newgale Adaption Project and business resilience options being explored. Time was spent understanding the direct and indirect risks faced by businesses from coastal change at Newgale, and identifying opportunities to support existing and potential new businesses and planning for action.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – M. Harries confirmed a site visit is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June by engineers from PCC and it's understood that the project continues to progress behind the scenes.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with point of contact in PCC as we move forward.
- **St Madoc's church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed no further update on this matter.
  - Action: Clerk and D. Weale to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.

- **Roch village dog fouling and requirement for bins/signage** – M. Harries confirmed a new bin will be sited on the grassed area near the bus shelter on the entrance to Pilgrims Way on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Existing bins on church road and outside the shop would remain in place.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC.
- **Use of impromptu fireworks on local beaches** – M. Canton confirmed the signage had been erected but shortly after had been vandalised. M. Canton committed to re-site the signage with more robust posts.
  - Action: M. Canton to follow-up.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – R. Thomson confirmed preparations were underway for training sessions at two locations across the community (Nolton and Roch village Halls) and trainers were currently being sought.
  - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Queens Jubilee celebrations** – M. Harries confirmed the Victoria Hall Sports Committee ran a very successful Queen’s Jubilee Event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June which was attended by *circa*.200 people. Councillors reaffirmed their support to the event and a donation of £100.00.
  - Action: Clerk to process donation to Victoria Hall Association.
- **Nolton Haven Car Park** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed he had communicated with PCNPA on this matter. A PCNPA representative confirmed providing more EV charging points for their car park users was a key objective for the future and decarbonisation plans. Cllr. P. Morgan echoed the concerns of councillors regarding the car park and the displacement of conventional parking spaces by EV chargers in what is already a small busy car park. With regards to the enforcement of double yellow lines, Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed PCC enforcement team pass through Nolton Haven, Newgale and onto St David’s on a daily basis and fixed penalty notices are being served. There was much discussion between councillors regarding the enforcement of parking restrictions in Nolton Haven and both M. Harries and Cllr. P. Morgan committed to following up with related stakeholders at PCC.
  - Action: M. Harries and Cllr. P. Morgan to communicate to related stakeholders at PCC regarding enforcement of double yellow lines at Nolton Haven.
- **Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed he had communicated with stakeholders within PCC and is awaiting feedback.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with related stakeholders in PCC.
- **Road Safety Concerns (Folkstone Road and Simpson Cross)** – Cllr. P. Morgan confirmed he had communicated with stakeholders in PCC and is awaiting feedback.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with related stakeholders in PCC.
- **Newgale Beach Access** – Clerk confirmed contact had been made with PCNPA and Visit Pembrokeshire regarding this matter. A PCNPA representative confirmed the following: *“the boardwalks at Newgale were provided by PCC and they took the decision to remove them about 3 years ago, for safety reasons. The profile of the shingle bank has become progressively steeper over recent years thanks to the action of weather and waves and that meant that the boardwalks had become too steep to be used safely and had become a risk to people trying to navigate them. The shingle bank is under constant movement as the sea tries to push it inland, and currently it has to be pushed back again onto the beach to keep the roads and car parks clear and open. This means that it’s really impossible to come up with a way of providing easy access onto the beach – any flattening of the bank would provide a breach which could potentially let the sea through and cause flooding so there isn’t really an answer currently. Hopefully in the longer term the Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme will be able to provide a solution to this issue.”*

It was agreed that the clerk should continue follow the Newgale Coastal Adaption Scheme and advocate improved accessibility to the beach for all.

- **Community Notice Boards** – Clerk confirmed two new notice boards had been procured and erected at Roch Stores. The clerk also confirmed the total cost of £140 + vat which was in line with prior approvals by council.

1825 Planning

- **PCNPA proposal: East Nolton Farm, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NW** Change of use of agricultural feed store to housing for biomass boiler and flue to serve East Nolton Farmhouse, The White House, Eira Cottage and a farm office (in retrospect)

[NP/22/0258/FUL]

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

1826 Finance

- Requests for donations
  - Keyston Young Farmers Club (YFC)
- Clerk confirmed the annual audit had been prepared and signed off by auditors Bevan and Buckland LLP, and the clerk requested final approval from council for filing – Resolved by council.
- Clerk confirmed insurance had been renewed online - Zurich £308.82 - paid 29 May 2022, policy effective 1 June 2022, and ICO data protection fee of £35.00 will be taken on 18 June 2022.
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.

1827 Correspondence

- Age Friendly Wales; an update on our Strategy for an Ageing Society - April 2022
- Local Places for Nature - 2022 Applications
- Future Wales: the national plan 2040 - Newsletter Issue 019 - May 2022
- Circular Economy Innovation Communities programme
- Calling all town and community councils – we need your views
- PCC Landscape Architect Services Letter

1828 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Clerk attendance to Newgale Adaption Project Meeting (*Refer to 1824 “Newgale Road Developments”*).

1829 Other items

1830 PCC report

- No update provided.

1831 AOB

- **Pebbles Café Catering Unit(s)** – Councillors raised the question of whether the catering units located at Pebbles Café Newgale had been granted a Certificate of Lawfulness to operate at the site. Questions were raised last season on this matter and councillors felt the question should be raised to PCNPA to seek clarity on the matter once again. It was noted that the catering units had recently returned to the site and resumed trading.
  - Action: Clerk to communicate with PCNPA enforcement team to seek clarity.

- **Highway hedgerow maintenance and vehicle safety** – J. Hancock raised his concerns regarding the hedgerow maintenance and overhanging vegetation along numerous stretches of highway through the county. J. Hancock felt that numerous lengths of hedgerows were being neglected and overgrowth causing safety concerns for larger vehicles such as lorries and buses. It was felt that concern should be raised to PCC on the matter. It was acknowledged it was probably a slow burn in terms of a fix but it should be raised to PCC as a safety risk for all road users.
  - Action: M. Harries to communicate with the new cabinet for environment.
  
- **Speed Limit Signage for Nolton/Nolton Haven** – R. Thomson and M. Canton both raised concerns regarding vehicles speeding through Nolton and Nolton Haven village. It was felt that more signage would be of benefit, in particular 30mph repeater signs down through the village.
  - Action: R. Thomson and M. Canton to review the current signage provisions through the village, and report back to council at the next meeting with a considered proposal for signage which could be taken forward to PCC.

1832 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Next meeting: Monday 4 July 2022

Signed

Chairman