

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

5 February 2018

Members Present

D. Smith (Chair), J. Hancock, M. Canton, A. Peach.

Clerk - A. Jones

Visitor - Gary Meopham, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Estates Officer

1345 Guest speaker presentation - G. Meopham

G. Meopham gave a detailed laptop presentation of PCNPA's charging decisions with regard to Park-wide car parks and how Nolton's car park fits within that provision.

He has spent the last 2 years trying to iron out the charging inconsistencies that have existed across a number of the PCNPAs car parks to instill a fair standard charge across all car parks that will bring in a reasonable income (overall the car parks earn approximately £300,000 net). There is a cost and benefit associated with car parks: there is a cost to maintain the site for the benefit of the car owner to park their car there and the public generally expect to pay for this right. There are now 4 car parks which are due to be added to the charging portfolio - Nolton, Amroth, Penally and Angle. There are approximately 35 / 40 spaces in Nolton Car Park.

M. Canton queried the title / registration details of the land in question as he was always led to believe, as many Nolton people do, that the land was sold on the basis of a no car parking charge, something his father had always campaigned about. However, G. Meopham believes there is nothing in the title restricting how the car park can be operated, it is therefore up to the landowner to decide how to charge with regard to what is reasonable, equitable and fair, with all money going back to PCNPA.

M. Canton also raised his concern about the public trying to avoid the charge by parking up the hill and grass verges of local properties. As there is a problem now and the car park is free, with charging he is worried the problem is going to get out of hand. G. Meopham confirmed that it will be the PCC Highways who will enforce any parking concerns or the landowner in question.

G. Meopham stated that there will now be a public consultation with a view to the charging period beginning the following March. M. Canton enquired whether this was a done deal and whether a petition against this charge would have any effect on a decision. G. Meopham thought that this was unlikely, looking across the portfolio, the Parks want to create a sense of fairness and standardisation as opposed to historic anomalies and he struggles to see why Nolton should be any different.

G. Meopham confirmed that the charging period for 2019 will run 9-7pm 15 March - 7 November; currently the charging period runs from 9-5pm. There is a 30 minute no charge ticket available from all PCNPA car parks. D. Smith raised the concern that although this is currently the case, it is not at all clear on the main charging boards and needs to be listed there, especially for visiting tourists, and not just in the small print. The following charges will then apply:

Up to 1 hour - £1

Up to 2 hours - £2

Up to 3 hours - £3

All day - £5

Their current season tickets will also be available and will cover Nolton. Although the single beach season tickets do not currently cover both Nolton and Newgale, as they are in the same parish, G. Meopham was hopeful that in the future they might and that there will eventually be a parking system whereby you can purchase one season ticket and park anywhere in Pembrokeshire - whether the land is owned by the National Trust, PCC, PCNPA etc. The ultimate aim is to have an easy to use standard parking charge system which sends a clear message that Pembrokeshire is open for business.

1346 Apologies

R. Thomson, J. Gale, A. Ricketts, M. Harries, Cllr. J. Adams

1347 Declaration of interest

J. Hancock declared an interest with respect to the Rochgate Motel as he has been contacted re removal work at the site.

A. Peach declared an interest in respect of the new footpath by the Old Post Office as the proposed route goes through land which belongs to A. Peach's mother-in-law, Sue Berry.

J. Gale wrote to declare an interest in respect of the Newgale Road, as someone whose family's livelihood depends on the Newgale Road remaining open for as long as possible and it **not** crossing the land they farm.

1348 Minutes of the previous meeting 4 December 2017 and extraordinary meeting 8 January 2018

Approved; proposed A. Peach seconded M. Canton.

1349 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **New bench / old bench progress** - D. Smith confirmed that M. Harries is chasing weekly to get the bench installed. The hole in Church Road has been filled in but the bollard still needs to be removed.
- **4 Hilton Crest** - no update.
- **Yellow lines at Nolton** - the Clerk provided an overview of the email correspondence with Darren Thomas, Head of Highways and John Price. The Clerk confirmed that the lines on the sea-ward side should be painted within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting. The Clerk also confirmed that the lines will finish in front of the AED preventing a further pull-in possibility. The Clerk had also received a plan setting out the lines on the land-ward side which met with the agreement of the Council.
 - Action: Clerk to confirm agreement with the land-ward lines.
- **Creation of a new footpath by Old Post Office in Church Road, Roch** - D. Smith has asked R. Thomas to provide a quote for the fence which he is still waiting on. He confirmed that there is a long way to go, especially given the cost involved.
 - Action: D. Smith to chase for quote and look further into the Community Facilities Programme Scheme. R. Thomson to enquire with Pembrokeshire College as to the possibility of constructing the fence.
- **Solar speed signs and traffic calming** - D. Smith gave a brief overview of an email exchange with PCC and Mel Stephens who is in charge of road signage etc asking for a meeting to better

understand what PCC want from us so that we can decide on the right type / number, obtain a positive quotation and put a bid together.

- Action: D. Smith to arrange a meeting; Clerk to also attend if possible. D. Smith to enquire with Solva Community Council to find out more about the process as they recently installed a sign.
- **Roch Gate Motel** - Clerk read out the letter received dated 22 January 2018 from Rhodri Bevan who is the Planning Enforcement Officer responsible for the site. A site visit was undertaken on 19 January 2018 which confirmed that the site is in an unsightly state with debris spread across the courtyard, with a section of the roof also found in the trees and bushes across the road. As a result, the owner has been contacted and requested to clear the debris and arrange for the removal of the roof with a further site visit to be undertaken in approximately 2 weeks to assess the situation. If the site is not cleaned up, further action will be taken. A building inspector also attended the site who concluded that the building structures do not currently represent a hazard. J. Hancock confirmed that he has been contacted re removal work at the site which is hopefully another positive sign that action is now being taken.
 - Action: Clerk to contact R. Bevan next week to receive an update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Action Plan 2018** - D. Smith confirmed that a date has been set for 17 April 2018 and a note will go in the next Roundup. It was agreed by all that we need to encourage Nolton residents to come along and contribute.
 - Action: D. Smith and Clerk to meet with K. Scott (Planned) to plan the event.
- **Nolton Haven beach erosion** - no update; M. Canton reported that the road is now in a terrible state and action needs to be taken.
 - Action: Clerk to chase M. Harries to speak to the relevant person.
- **Pebbles on Newgale road** - Clerk wrote to PCC as NRW do not deal with any road issues. Darren Thomas confirmed that he will pass on the concern about debris in the road to the highway maintenance team to either organise directly or refer to the street cleansing team.

1350 Planning

- PCNP Decision: Application: NP/17/0515/FUL - permission granted with conditions proposed entrance porch and replacement of domestic outbuilding - Hope Cove, Druidston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3NE.
- PCC Proposal: Replacement turbine head (nacelle and blades) on existing wind turbine (proposed hub height 14m and blade tip 20m). Application: 17/0945/PA. Site Address: Trapps, SIMPSON CROSS, Haverfordwest, SA62 6ET. No objections.
- PCC Proposal: Replacement turbine head (nacelle and blades) on existing wind turbine (proposed hub height 14m and blade tip 20m) Application: 17/0946/PA. Site Address: Nolton Cross Farm, NOLTON HAVEN, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NP. No objections.
- PCC Proposal: Extension and alterations (partly in retrospect) and erection of a car port. Application: 17/1021/PA. Site address: Castle Farm House, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AQ. No objections.

1351 Finance

- **Precept and local services: letter to Jon Haswell, PCC Finance Director and responses received:**
 - **Re proportionality of elections cost query:** the Clerk read out an email dated 23 January 2018 from Caroline Maddocks, senior accountant, confirming that the figure of £6k

allocated to Nolton and Roch as an election cost is likely to be somewhat proportionate, although it was agreed by the Councillors that the Nolton figure did seem somewhat high given the number of electorate (estimated cost for Nolton - electorate of 100 - £2,790; estimated cost for Roch - electorate of 530 - £3,207). As Roch is a warded community there may be two elections held: one for Roch and one for Nolton.

C. Maddocks confirmed that the initial average election cost figure provided was based on the cost of holding the Community Council elections in May 2017 for the 17 contested Councils and is an indicative figure only as we do not have the costs for the Community Councils that were uncontested. To calculate the amount per Community Council they take into account the number of eligible electorate, number of postal votes, and the number of nominations received per community. They also allocate some costs such as a share of the cost of the count centre and count staff by the number of elections held.

- **Re local service devolution meeting and 150% second home precept charge query:** the Clerk also read out an email received from Bob Kilmister, Cabinet Member for Finance, who confirmed that he has met with representatives of some Town & Community Councils relatively recently and that they have requested something very similar to our suggestion. As soon as this year's budget is complete it is his intention to explore how we can all work together more effectively. That means not simply passing the cost on to Town & Community Council's but looking to see who is best to deliver certain services at the lowest cost.

He also confirmed that a Community Grant scheme for 2nd home Council Tax is in its final stages of development, which he is hoping Cabinet will approve on the 19/03/18. The whole process will then be explained in depth to all Town & Community Councils by way of seminars. They hope to have this scheme available from early April onwards.

1352 Correspondence

- **PCC Budget Consultation 2018 - 2019 (see detail included below)** - the Clerk provided a brief overview of the options and encouraged all Councillors to also look at Appendix D where the cuts are due to be made. It was decided that this is something which should be responded to individually.
- **Newgale Road update - Emyr Williams email dated 8 January 2018 and corresponding meeting held on 23 January 2018 (D. Smith)** - D. Smith gave a summary of the meeting he attended with Atkins and various interested parties, including Community Councils and some local businesses, including Southwood. In brief, the original planning and Weitag process which Atkins consulted on is no longer applicable, rather the Welsh Assembly have created 5 new pots in which you have to choose one to structure and place your bid. The Road however cuts across all '5 pots' - it has an importance and impact on community, economics etc. The team are now effectively having to build a new case and complete this first stage by the end of March and are trying to engage businesses to assess the impact the lack of a road would have whilst at the same time arguing that this new assessment criteria does not work for a project like this which cannot be shoehorned into just 'one pot'. D. Smith was also very concerned with the negativity in the room and the number who wish to ignore the studies, in many ways it felt like the project has gone backwards.

Perhaps one of the more significant points related to PCNPA reconsidering their coastal erosion planning policy, i.e. where coastal erosion may affect property they will consider relocation / redevelopment nearby.

- Action: D. Smith to confirm whether this coastal erosion policy may be applicable to Newgale businesses.

- **Letter from Paul Davies, AM** - the Clerk confirmed that as part of P. Davies' intention to better engage with local councils he will attend our 3 September 2018 meeting.
- **Email exchange with Hywel Dda Community Health Council** - the Clerk confirmed that Helen Williams who is due to take over as DCO of the CHC Pembrokeshire locality hopes to attend our 14 May meeting as part of their consultation on Hywel Dda's Transforming Clinical Services.
- **The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority is consulting on the Annual Monitoring Report 2017** - the Clerk confirmed that the consultation period will run until 12 midday on Friday 1 June 2018 and provided the Councillors with the link (<http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/Files/files/Dev%20Plans/LDP%20AMRs/LDP%20AMR%202017.pdf>).

1353 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **LDP2 engagement event Wednesday 13 December 2017 (D. Smith attended)** - D. Smith raised the fact that these events would be a lot more efficient if they incorporated both PCC and PCNPA as there are so many communities who are split between the two. This sentiment was echoed by many Councillors in attendance. It was also agreed that it would be helpful for PCC / PCNPA representatives to come out and talk to Community Councils.
- **Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils South West Wales engagement event** (Tue 13 March 2018 9:30am – 12:30pm (Carmarthen, St Peters Civic Hall, 1 Nott Square, Carmarthen, SA31 1PG)) - the Clerk and the Councillors discussed this engagement event where representatives from Town and Community Councils have been invited to share their views with the panel, to help Community and Town Councils play the best role they can in their communities and hear from the panel on their findings to date. As the Clerk and D. Smith recently attended a Planned event on the same topic and have kept up to date on the findings so far, it was decided that there wasn't a great need to attend at this present time.

1354 Other items

1355 PCC report
None.

1356 AOB

M. Canton enquired about new signs for Nolton, e.g. 'Welcome to Nolton, please drive carefully' and who would be financially responsible. It was hoped that the existing posts could be used. D. Smith assumed that it would be NRCC and not PCC.

1357 Items for the next agenda
None.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Next meeting: 7.30pm on 5 March 2018 at Nolton Reading Rooms, Nolton

Signed

Chairman