

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

**3 September 2018**

**Members Present**

R. Thomson (Vice-chair), M. Canton, J. Gale, J. Hancock, M. Harries, Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk - A. Jones

1418 Apologies

D. Smith, A. Ricketts, A. Peach

1419 Declaration of interest

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

1420 Minutes of the previous meeting 2 July 2018

Approved; proposed M. Harries seconded M. Canton.

1421 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Yellow lines at Nolton** - M. Canton reported that the lines are now in place, all agreed that it is crucial to ensure they are enforced.
- **Solar speed signs and traffic calming** - Clerk reported on behalf of D. Smith that sadly the application to the Lottery has been unsuccessful. He is not entirely happy with their arguments for refusal so will question the decision, in the meantime Councillors thought it would be a good idea to look into adding flowers and fence work by the village signs in the hope that this may help slow drivers down and will be relatively easy and inexpensive to achieve.
- **Roch Gate Motel** - no update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Action Plan 2018** - Clerk reported that the acceptance meeting was held on 3 July 2018. Councillors would like to hold a separate meeting to discuss the projects prioritised, how they can be progressed and think about where the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant should be spent.
- **Nolton Haven beach erosion** - M. Harries confirmed that this has now been filled in.
- **Nolton Haven car park** - Clerk produced a copy of the letter received from PCNPA rejecting NRCC's offer to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the car park and the email she had received from PCC detailing the proposed changes to parking charges including that at Nolton Haven. All agreed that it was sad to have had our offer rejected but that we had done all we could do and unfortunately the decision was now out of our hands.
- **Nolton benches** - R. Thomson confirmed that both benches were fitted by the community over the holidays and have been very successful and well used already.
- **Nolton salt box** - R. Thomson confirmed that he will be in touch with PCC in the coming weeks to install the box after September.
- **Grass verge by Roch sign / Victoria Inn** - all confirmed that it would be nice to have this section cut next year and M. Harries confirmed it would not cost too much extra.

- **Littering by recycling bins at entrance to Ocean Drive** - M. Harries frequently checks the area and all agreed that, relatively, it is well kept and most of the problems are down to laziness - simply not putting the rubbish in the correct bin.
- **Nolton Reading Room** - M. Canton and R. Thomson confirmed that the Reading Room may be closing soon, if so M. Canton agreed to explore the option of NRCC meeting in Nolton Chapel Vestry.
  - Action: M. Canton to let the Clerk know re Nolton meeting venue.
- **Children playing signs either end of Hilton Crest, Nolton** - R. Thomson asked the Councillors whether more signs could be placed in the area to help slow down cars which frequently do well over 30mph. R. Thompson stressed that there are now 3 young families on the street, all playing on bikes, and with no pavements and fast cars it can be a dangerous road. He also enquired as to whether it might be possible to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. J. Adama confirmed that although reducing the speed limit would be unlikely purchasing signs should be easy and inexpensive - Camrose CC bought signs for the green in Keeston from Highways (approximately £25 each) they come with brackets and you mount them yourself. All in favour of purchasing such signs.
  - Action: R. Thomson to contact Highways and enquire as to what signs are available to purchase.
- **A traffic observation mirror on the junction of Leys Lane and the Nolton Cross Road** - R. Thomson described how this junction dangerously involves having to emerge blind into oncoming traffic and whether it would be possible to have Highways put a mirror up. J. Adams confirmed that PCC will not put these mirrors up - any mirror would have to be put up on a private basis.
- **Sponsored benches** - all agreed that a donation towards any new benches would be welcome, but it would not be expected for anyone to pick up the whole cost of a bench. M. Harries confirmed that PCC charge £1200 for a memorial bench or if a bench is in place you can pay to put a plaque on the bench, this would also allow a number of people to 'sponsor' a bench. A plaque costs £100 (including VAT) and is supplied by PCC. Any interested party can then write to the Clerk with a request to sponsor including the terminology they require on the plaque. It was agreed by all to discuss the prospect of purchasing / sponsoring benches for Newgale at the next meeting.

#### 1422 Planning

- **St Brides View build** - there has been some discussion in the community with regard to the new build, it was noted that a formal complaints process is ongoing with regard to the planning process. All agreed that any parking concerns would be a Highways issue and if anyone was to contact NRCC with respect to this issue then this could be further explored.
- **Road closure for resurfacing by Roch School (no way through past Roch Mill etc) over October Half Terms** (29 October for 5 days) - the Clerk provided the details to the councillors and will be sharing the closure on NRCC's Facebook page for wider circulation.
  - Action - Clerk to share road closure of Facebook and all to promote.

#### 1423 Finance

- **Paid Bevan Buckland** - £180 has been paid online by the Clerk
- **Statement of Payments made to its members as per Annex 4 of the Panel annual report to be published** - nil return has been emailed to the relevant person and published by the Clerk as required

#### 1424 Correspondence

- **Letter from Round Up** - previous cheque needed to be readdressed and signed

- **Independent Review Panel - report on town and community councils** - Clerk gave a brief overview of the findings, most notably the importance of the role of the Clerk was emphasised as well as the possible requirement of mandatory councillor training. The report will be looked at again at the next meeting when the Chair is present. The report will now go to Welsh Government for review.
- **Household enquiry form response rate** - Clerk encouraged all councillors to promote in the community as residents can be fined if they do not return the forms / fill out the information online - currently our dual ward is at 69% and 61% response rate.
- **Email from Duke of Edinburgh re Newgale bins / dog bins** - Clerk read out a letter from the Duke of Edinburgh which detailed the problems they have been having this year with an accumulation of rubbish, especially dog mess bags, as a result of the PCC bin being taken away from outside the toilets by the pub in Newgale north. Many Councillors agreed that there has been a greater rubbish problem down on the beach this year. Clerk confirmed with M. Harries that dog mess is to go into the main bins and there is no longer any provision for specific dog poo bins.
  - Action: M. Harries agreed to follow up and look into getting the bin reinstated. Clerk to reply to the Duke accordingly.

1425 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area meeting - September (Clerk attending)
- PLANED Action with Rural Communities - 11 September 10-12.30 Bloomfield Centre (Clerk attending)
- National Parks Community Council Seminar - 11 September 7pm Letterson Memorial Hall (A. Peach attending)

1426 Other items

- None

1427 PCC report

- **PCC LDP2 (Local Development Plan 2) online Community Council consultation questionnaire** - J. Adams gave an overview of the LDP process. The current LDP has now been in place for some 5 years or so and is under review - NRCC have attended information events in this regard. Crucially one aspect of the LDP will look at the site of housing developments and the number of houses to be built. Although the LDP2 will not affect Nolton so much as Nolton is part of PCNPA, there will be some cohesion between the Plans. Importantly Community Councils are being asked for their views on how many houses should be built and where they should be sited. Welsh Government are very town focussed, so it is up to us to ensure that we safeguard development in more rural areas. Currently in Pembrokeshire the split is 50/50 between rural and urban development and most County Councillors agree on that split and that we should be building slightly more houses than projections might predict. There is also a hierarchy of settlements, with certain communities, e.g. service villages like Roch, earmarked for some development, but with smaller communities missing out. It was therefore discussed how say Keeston, Simpson Cross and Pelcomb, although small communities on their own with sporadic services, when clustered together could thrive, share and strengthen resources and form a strong community for development - indeed the new cycleway linking them up is well placed. All Councillors agreed with J. Adams' points and also wanted to stress that affordable housing for local people should be at the top of the agenda.
  - Action: Clerk to fill out the questionnaire and circulate to Councillors for further comment before submitting.

1428 AOB

1429 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Next meeting: 7.30pm on Monday 8 October 2018 at Nolton Reading Room, Nolton

Signed

Chairman