

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

**5 November 2018**

**Members Present**

D. Smith (Chair), R. Thomson (Vice-chair), M. Canton, J. Gale, A. Peach  
Clerk - A. Jones

1442 Apologies

A. Ricketts, J. Hancock, M. Harries

1443 Declaration of interest

J. Gale declared an interest with respect to the Newgale road.

1444 Minutes of the previous meeting 8 October 2018

Approved; proposed M. Canton, seconded J. Gale.

1445 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith sent the Lottery a copy of the Action Plan to show the community support for the speed signs, however our case was not strong enough to justify a further application. As discussed at the last meeting, 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. It was also discussed that it might be worthwhile involving the school in recording speeds along the road. D. Smith has written to P. Ellis at Roch Castle to discuss possible help with planters etc. R. Thomson also passed on an update from PCC which confirmed that applications by Community Councils to place planters in the Highway are normally treated favourably – but will need consent / licensing by PCC's StreetCare team.
  - Action: Clerk to also enquire with National Trust and PCNPA as to whether they might be able to help re planters and village sign improvements. A. Peach to speak to Roch School about them getting involved with traffic cameras.
- **Meeting re the Nolton and Roch Community Action Plan 2018** - Clerk read out the projects identified in the Plan and who will be taking the lead on each one. The Councillors all agreed that it was so encouraging to see that NRCC, the Victoria Hall Association and the community are already progressing with a number of the suggestions: an art class is due to start in Victoria Hall shortly, Nolton Reading Room have a new committee, the Victoria Hall association are looking into outdoor toilets and a disabled swing and NRCC have recently installed two benches in Nolton Haven. There was some discussion with regards to a Nolton playpark, however it was confirmed by our Nolton councillors that, sadly, there isn't an appropriate site. It was therefore agreed that Roch School might be best placed to receive the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant money as the school also benefits both community wards.

The project ideas which now have some momentum are listed below.

**Community activities**

- Mothers and toddler group
- Events to bring the communities together - litter picks, beach cleans, sandcastle competition
- Art class - *starting in Victoria Hall soon*
- Set up group to develop social events at Nolton Reading Room - *new committee now in place*

### **Community facilities**

- Group to look at funding opportunities to develop skate park and bike park, BMX pump track
- Disabled swing and outdoor toilets Roch - *Victoria Hall Association looking into this*
- Playpark in Nolton - *no suitable location*
- Better facilities at the school for pupils and access as a community resource - *school to decide priorities (trim trail mentioned in Action Plan)*
- Fixed seating at the beach - Newgale options - *NRCC currently looking into this*

### **Communications**

- Round up - paid advertising the Round Up. Local businesses can also advertise on Nolton and Roch Facebook groups.

### **Environment**

- Set up a Roch / Nolton in bloom initiative
- Village welcome signs and attractive floral displays - *NRCC currently looking at this*
- More rubbish bins - *NRCC are looking into this for Nolton Haven currently and resolving Newgale's missing bin*

### **Heritage and tourism**

- Access to Newgale beach for disabled users - *NRCC are looking into this but possibly unlikely given the nature of the pebbles with bad weather etc*
- No car parking charges at Nolton - *NRCC have tried unsuccessfully*
- Better footpaths and cycle routes - *group to be formed*

### **Services and businesses**

- Improvements to Rochgate motel - *Action Group to be formed*
- Full fibre broadband to replace unreliable copper - *NRCC to enquire re Welsh Government funding*

If anyone is interested in joining a group or getting involved in any of the above project ideas, they can email the Clerk for details: [noltonrochcc@gmail.com](mailto:noltonrochcc@gmail.com). The Clerk will be following up with all the groups / projects identified in the Spring to ask for updates.

- Action: A. Peach to speak to the school to find out whether the trim trail is still the top priority.
- **Nolton salt box** - M. Canton confirmed that the new box is now installed and the invoice will follow.
- **Children playing signs either end of Hilton Crest, Nolton** - R. Thomson sent an update. R. Thomson confirmed that PCC will arrange for the SLOW / ARAF road markings to be carried out once the 'children warning' sign has been installed for which NRCC need to liaise with a different team.
  - Action: R. Thomson to contact the relevant team.

- **Sponsored benches Newgale** - the Councillors discussed the possibility of installing two benches behind the lifeguard station as this is a relatively well protected / sheltered spot although there might need to be a platform installed, which could be rather expensive.
  - Action: there was some discussion with regards to land ownership; D. Smith to enquire with PCNPA.
- **Newgale bin** - no update.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Nolton Haven bin** - no update.

1446 Planning

- Clerk reported on the following planning applications both of which were supported:
  - PCNPA: single storey side extension and enlargement of first floor window opening to west end gable (part retrospective) at Brandy Cottage, Wood Village, Newgale, SA62 6AR. Application: 18/0628/FUL.
  - PCC: alterations and extensions at 12, Grassholm Close, ROCH, Haverfordwest, SA62 6AL. Application: 18/0807/PA.

1447 Finance

- Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall meeting payments - outstanding invoices still due
- Request for donation - Nolton URC - M. Canton to let Nolton URC know that all donations will now be looked at in the Spring 2019.

1436 Correspondence

- Hywel Dda Health Board - 111 literature - Clerk has been sent information by Hywel Dda with regards to the new 111 scheme introduced at the end of October which she has shared online and will post in the noticeboards. Essentially, for any non-emergency out-of-hours medical needs residents now need to dial 111 who will assess you on the phone and then make the appropriate appointments etc.
- Independent Remuneration for Wales - Draft Annual Report 2019/20 - Clerk gave an overview of the draft report which is due out in February 2019. There is likely to be additional money available to town and community councillors and any councillor who does not wish to receive payment will have to write to the Clerk to opt out.

1448 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Dementia Friendly Communities Regional Conference in conjunction with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales' office - 13 November 2018 - Clerk attending
- PAVS Funding Fayre - 14 November 2018 - Clerk attending

1449 Other items

- None

1450 PCC report

- None.

1451 AOB

- Drain at entrance to Wood Village - J. Gale stated that residents are reporting issues with the drain right by the entrance to Wood Village off the A487 (virtually at the junction) - there is a new piece of tarmac

there which seems to have stopped water going down the drain - water is apparently rushing down the road and missing the drain entirely.

- Action: Clerk to contact Highways Maintenance at PCC
- Rats in the vicinity of the recycling bins, Roch - residents have reported rats present which may be sheltering in the motel and feeding from the bins / houses. Councillors enquired as to whether bait boxes could be set up.
  - Action: Clerk to enquire with M. Harries.
- Abandoned car in Ocean Drive - Councillors enquired as to whether the car could be removed.
  - Action: Clerk to enquire with M. Harries.

1452 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting: 3 December 2018, Nolton Reading Room

Signed

Chairman