

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

10 December 2018

Members Present

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

1453 Apologies

A. Ricketts (sent with notice of resignation)

1454 Declaration of interest

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

1455 Minutes of the previous meeting 5 November 2018

Approved; proposed M. Canton, seconded A. Peach.

1456 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith reported that P. Ellis at Roch Castle was supportive re possible help with welcome planters and had cc'd in their head gardener to the email who would be in touch. There was some discussion re the appropriate position for the welcome planters. All were supportive of planters and welcome sign enhancements in both Roch and Nolton. The yellow lines on the way into Simpson Cross were also mentioned favourably by councillors and there was some discussion as to whether Roch or Nolton could also benefit from such a scheme.
 - Action: D. Smith to arrange for himself, M. Canton and R. Thompson to meet with Rob Evans from PCC to discuss the most appropriate placements for the welcome planters and sign enhancements. Clerk to query re yellow lines for Roch / Nolton.
- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - A. Peach confirmed that Roch School are still deciding on where the fund would be best spent taking the criteria into account.
- **Children playing signs either end of Hilton Crest, Nolton** - R. Thomson sent an update. The national speed limit sign in Hilton Crest will be replaced and the SLOW / ARAF markings will follow. The cost of 2 x children playing signs and 2 x 30 mph signs is £154.58 + VAT and R. Thomson is happy to arrange the fitting. All agreed to go ahead with the purchase.
 - Action: R. Thomson to contact the relevant team.
- **Sponsored benches Newgale** - D. Smith read out an email response from PCNPA re benches which was unclear as to the ownership of the potential plot in question behind the lifeguard station. The potential difficulties with the shifting pebbles and cost implications of an access path were also discussed.
 - Action: D. Smith to chat with relevant parties and ask permission re the bench. D. Smith to also liaise with Emyr Williams as there may be studies on the shingle bank which may prove useful re an access path.
- **Newgale bin** - M. Harries confirmed that he has enquired with his team and there is no information as to its whereabouts. The team will look to reinstate the bin in the Spring.
- **Newgale road developments** - Cllr. J. Adams updated the councillors on the recent PCC Cabinet meeting where route J was voted as the preferred route and a feasibility study is the next step. Cllr. J.

Adams asked what weight would be given to public opinion and it was confirmed that it would be taken into account, however it is the evidence (geology, environmental impact etc) that will be most important in determining the ultimate route which could still change.

- **Nolton Haven bin** - M. Canton again raised the issue of the rubbish problem down on the beach which is frequently overflowing. It is known by the councillors that PCC are highly unlikely to install additional bins or increase the amount of times it is emptied as it is the cost of emptying which is expensive. However, it was agreed by all to offer to purchase a larger bin which may go some way to alleviating the issue.
 - Action: Clerk to write to PCC with the offer to purchase a larger bin and the options available.
- **Drain at entrance to Wood Village** - Clerk confirmed that the problem has been received by Highways who are looking into it.
- **Car abandoned at Ocean Drive** - M. Harries confirmed that as the car is now taxed and MOT'd and legally on the road there is nothing that can be done to move it.
- **Rat bait boxes by recycling bins** - M. Harries confirmed that it would cost £78 for PCC to come out and put the bait down. It was agreed that this may be a bigger collective problem that will not be solved in one visit and one that perhaps the housing association should step in on.
 - Action: Clerk to write to the housing association re help with rat problem.

1457 Planning

- **PCC: Pre-application consultation re building 20 homes on land adjacent Cornerways, Hill Lane, Simpson Cross, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6EP (documents previously emailed)** - Clerk confirmed that this pre-application has been sent to us as the neighbouring community council. All agreed that it was great to see an application for affordable housing in the area. It was noted that there was an expectation that appropriate sewerage and surface drainage would be in place.

1458 Finance

- **Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall meeting payments** - M. Harries confirmed that Victoria Hall will be invoicing NRCC £50 for hire over the last 3 years as a goodwill for all the donations gratefully received.
 - Action: Clerk to check NRCC accounts for the last 3 years re any payments to Nolton Reading Room.
- **Budget** - Clerk gave an overview of the budget which currently leaves £2,327.81 at the end of the financial year accounting for £100 per usual donations and £1500 towards a potential election.
- **Precept for 2019/2020** - all agreed that the precept should be increased in line with inflation.

1459 Correspondence

- **PCNPA National Park Management Plan review and LDP update** - Clerk reported that any comments are due by 4 January and would be circulating all relevant documents by email after the meeting.
- **PCC 8 week consultation on Pre-deposit LDP documents between 17 December 2018 and 4 February 2019** - Clerk to circulate all relevant information by email after the meeting

1460 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **Loneliness and Social Isolation, Welsh Government conference - 13 November 2018** - Clerk attended, nothing too much to take away only for the community to make more of an effort to look out for those most likely to be isolated geographically, by age or health.
- **PAVS Funding Fayre - 14 November 2018** - Clerk attended and spoke to a variety of attendees, though there was nothing new available that may cover footpath / speed cameras at present.

1461 Other items

- **Councillor vacancy** - Clerk confirmed that A. Ricketts has resigned as councillor and that there is now a vacancy on the council.
 - Action: Clerk to send a card to A. Ricketts thanking her for her contributions over the years and to also liaise with PCC electoral services re notice of casual vacancy requirements.
- **NRCC meeting dates for 2019** - Clerk confirmed that she would be emailing round meeting dates for the coming year.
- **Rubbish dumped by recycling bins** - M. Harries reported that he has been continuing his investigations with regards to fly tipping by the recycling bins and has had some great success. A number of recently dumped bags of rubbish contained addresses in Roch and Pelcomb. It is hoped that this evidence and anymore that can be collected will result in fines by the new enforcement powers in the county.

1462 PCC report

- J. Adams discussed the Council Tax budget which is possibly increasing by another 10% again. J. Adams will be opposing such an increase as a rise of 5% would appropriately hit the budget.
- J. Adams also sent his apologies as he will not be able to attend the February meeting.

1463 AOB

- **Nolton bridge drains** - M. Canton mentioned that a road brush is needed as the drains are blocked up.
 - Action: J. Adams will follow up.
- **Hole at Southwood** - there was some discussion with regards to a hole that was repaired at Southwood which is now an issue again as the natural route of the water has been blocked.
 - Action: J. Adams will follow up.

1464 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next meeting: 4 February 2019, Victoria Hall, Roch

Signed

Chairman