

MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NOLTON READING ROOM, NOLTON

5 May 2019

Members Present

D. Smith, R. Thomson, M. Canton, J. Gale, M. Harries, A. Peach, D. Weale
Clerk - A. Jones

1501 Apologies

J. Hancock and Cllr. J. Adams

1502 Declaration of interest

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

M. Canton declared an interest with respect to the donation to Nolton Reading Room.

M. Harries declared an interest with respect to the donation to Victoria Hall.

1503 Minutes of the previous meeting 1 April 2019

Approved; proposed R. Thomson, seconded J. Gale.

1504 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith and M. Canton met with a representative from PCC to discuss the placement of the signs and planting. PCC did also discuss putting narrow lines on the road. D. Smith agreed to send photos of the signs and locations and continue discussions by email. PCC representative is to send on standard design of floral arrangements. All agree that spring and autumn heathers could look nice with minimal maintenance.
- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - A. Peach confirmed that the application is nearly complete. It has been submitted informally and awaiting helpful pointers before formal submission.
- **Newgale road developments** - see Paul Davies update below.
- **Nolton Haven bin** - all agreed to purchase the Derby double recycling bin (£489 + VAT) and keep the current bin.
 - Action: Clerk to follow up with PCC and purchase.
- **Drain at entrance to Wood Village** - Clerk confirmed that no update from Highways had been received but that the tarmac lip should be addressed when the team get round to checking the drain as they work through their maintenance list.
- **Nolton drains** - no update, as above, waiting for the team to get through the backlog of drains on their maintenance list.
- **Nolton car park** - no update.
- **Paul Davies AM - update on matters raised at previous meeting** - Clerk reported on an update from Paul Davies, AM re the Newgale Road. Ken Skates, Minister for Economy and Transport, has sent a letter confirming that PCC has submitted a further application of £490,000 from the Local Transport Fund for 2019-20 to undertake more survey and design work on the scheme. The application is currently being assessed.
- **The Great British Spring Clean** - M. Harries, A. Peach and Clerk agreed to look to set a date in May if possible.

1505 Planning

- **PCC application: erection of 5 residential units of accommodation and 1 retail unit. Site Address: 3, Church Road, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BG (application 18/1322/PA)**

The Councillors carefully considered the application and plans and instructed the Clerk to formally object to the application on a number of grounds, as set out below:

1. Design not in keeping: the design of the houses is not in keeping with the surrounding properties, which are single level dwellings and not terraced.
 2. Excessive number of dwellings: the number of properties planned for the size of the plot is excessive resulting in a lack of garden / recreation space. Furthermore, the lack of dimensions / scale provided in the drawings is also rather misleading as to the actual plot sizes available.
 3. Concern over the future of the village shop and post office: there is absolutely no design provision in the plans for the running of a successful village shop and post office, for instance, there is no direct access for deliveries nor is there a storage unit at all. The shop and post office is integral to many in the community and indeed Roch itself in its classification as a service village. It is also a key asset when considering the development opportunities that have been identified in the current candidate site consultation; with the possibility of additional homes in the village it is more important than ever that the future of local services and resources, such as a village shop and post office, are carefully planned for and safeguarded. Given the current plans, the Councillors queried how long the shop and post office will remain before it is turned into a fourth terraced house.
 4. Inadequate parking design: as the plans currently stand there is not enough parking or indeed space to turn around safely for any of the cars parked at the side of the terraced block particularly. Given the fact that most houses have at least 2 cars each, then allowing for visitors, deliveries, customers of the shop, it is clear that even with the layby in front the currently plans do not work as they are. The Councillors refer to the letter from S. Bengier, Highways Development Control Officer dated 29 April 2019 which also echoes the same concerns.
 5. Road safety concerns: the current number of properties and tight turn with a lack of turning space also raises concerns with regards to queuing traffic and road safety at the junction with the A487.
 6. Privacy and light concerns: given the height of the two detached houses at the back of the plot, there is concern that the windows at the rear will be overlooking the bungalows and gardens behind depriving the residents of both light and privacy.
- Action: Clerk to send formal objection to the Planning Authority.

- **LDP2 Additional Candidate Site Consultation - housing proposed for Roch and possible Community Land Trust (CLT) opportunity** - Clerk showed the Councillors the possible site in Roch which has been identified for development during the recent Additional Candidate Site consultation. Joanna Rees-Wigmore from Planed would like to attend the next meeting to discuss a possible Community Land Trust opportunity. All agreed that this could be a positive move for the village and to invite her to attend our June meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to invite J. Rees-Wigmore to next meeting.
- **PCC application: extensions and alterations. Site Address: 3, Beech Close, CUFFERN, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6HR (application 19/0065/PA)** - no objections.
- **PCC application: alterations and extensions. Site Address: Simpson Hill Farm, SIMPSON CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6ET (application 19/0071/PA)** - no objections.

1506 Finance

- **Budget for 19/20 financial year** - Business bank account will have £4500 in by end of financial year (savings for elections April 2022 - estimated £6k required). Budget for main treasurers account after new bin, donations and welcome sign improvements would leave £996 approx at end of the year., allowing some flexibility for additional donations and training etc.
- **Donation amounts for 18/19 financial year - bear in mind expenditure for welcome signs and bin at Nolton Haven**

Nolton Reading Room - all agreed to donate £200 in recognition of the hard work of new committee who are trying to invigorate the hall.

Victoria Hall - all agreed to donate £100.

St Mary's, Roch - all agreed to donate £100.

St Madoc's, Nolton - all agreed to donate £100.

Penuel Chapel - all agreed to donate £200 given the loss of the marquee last year.

Nolton Haven UFC - all agreed to donate £100.

 - Action: Clerk to send cheques on.
- **Donation to Round Up for 19/20 financial year** - all agreed to donate £100. The Councillors would like to pass on their huge thanks to all involved in the Round Up newsletter. They are very aware of the great deal of community effort and time involved and are very grateful for the service. In terms of assisting with the longevity and costs of producing the Round Up, they suggested adding an advertisements page(s) to promote local businesses which would also create additional income. The Councillors also enquired as to whether those involved might also consider printing some or all of the pages in black and white, perhaps on coloured paper for instance, which should save some money while still retain its appeal.
 - Action: Clerk to send cheque on with suggestions.
- **Councillor remuneration opt-out letters** - those Councillors that were not in attendance at the last meeting were asked if they would like to opt-out of receiving payments and sign the letter.
- **VAT claim made** - £214.91
- **Audit** - all agreed to appoint Bevan Buckland as internal auditor £155 +VAT (last year £150 plus VAT)
- **Insurance renewal by 1 June** - all agreed to renew and pay £308.82

1507 Correspondence

- **Ateb email re rodents near properties in Ocean Drive** - Clerk confirmed that the Pest Control Contract between Ateb and PCC from April 2019 includes 'gardens' under the term 'property' therefore any tenant experiencing rats entering their garden or house can report it to ateb and PCC will be instructed to attend.

1508 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None

1509 Other items

1510 PCC report

None.

1511 AOB

2 minute beach clean board for Nolton Haven - R. Thomson is going to look into installing a board in Nolton. There is now a board at either end of Newgale which is great news, all thanks to Paul Hill at West Coast Surf Wax.

Replacement 30mph / National speed limit road sign in Nolton - R. Thomson reported that there had been another serious crash on the corner of Hilton Crest in Nolton. The car involved hit the hedge and overturned, blocking the road for about 3 hours before it could be recovered. The driver damaged the recently replaced 30mph / National speed limit sign and he has asked PCC if they could you look into getting this replaced as soon as possible and whether there is now any chance of improving traffic calming measures along this stretch, for example rumble strips or chevrons.

Broadband issues in Nolton - M. Canton reported that Nolton residents have been having problems with their broadband since new fibre on reels have been installed on the poles ready for a future upgrade. Many have contacted Openreach / BT but nothing has been done. They hope that a complaint from the Community Council can get this problem resolved.

- Action: Clerk to contact BT / Openreach.

Traffic enforcement re yellow lines in Nolton Haven - M. Canton and others raised their frustration with the lack of enforcement of the yellow lines in the haven, with parking on the road again becoming a problem

- Action: Clerk to ask Cllr. J. Adams to follow up.

Changes to the county's Waste and Recycling Centres - M. Harries reported that from 3 June 2019, when visiting any of the WRCs in Pembrokeshire, general waste bags will be checked to see if they contain anything that could be recycled on site. Residents will be asked to place the recyclable items in the right containers and the rest of the non-recyclable waste will be disposed of in the general waste container. The reason behind introducing this process is to separate the recyclable material - over 40% of waste in general waste bags disposed at WRCs could have either been recycled or reused rather than sent to landfill or for incineration. It is vital we explore avenues to reduce the volume of recyclable material going to landfill. These changes will help towards improving our environment and support our county in meeting the statutory recycling targets set by Welsh Government. The consequence of not meeting these targets is that PCC could be fined £140,000 for every 1% of the target missed. PCC are

asking for the support of the council and the community to assist with these changes by spreading the message.

1512 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting and AGM: 3 June 2019 7pm Victoria Hall, Roch

Signed

Chairman