

MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE - DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

1 FEBRUARY 2021

Members Present

A. Peach, R. Thomson, M. Canton, J. Gale, J. Hancock, M. Harries, D. Smith, Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk - A. Jones

1653 Apologies
D. Weale

1654 Declaration of interest

1655 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 7 December 2020
Proposer D. Smith, seconded J. Gale

1656 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - both the Clerk and D. Smith provided an overview of an idea proposed by a resident of creating a social meeting place within the Victoria Hall, appropriately decorated in a meeting cafe style, where coffees and cakes could be provided. All agreed that it is likely to be supported by a number of the community but would require volunteers.
 - Action: Clerk to contact the residents and explore the idea further and also clarify the amount of funds currently in our community pot.
- **Newgale road developments** - no update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that they have made some progress. The Heads of Terms have been reviewed by lawyers and can now be taken to Ateb to discuss the way forward. A plot of land has been identified and things are progressing on that front. Ateb however may have limited funds, so the CLT may need to look into the county wide Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant, which has been used to buy the land for Solva CLT's development.
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - J. Adams thought that the markings through the village had been remarked. He'll double check to see if the 'slow' is back.
 - Action: Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up.
- **Keep Wales Tidy: Local Places for Nature scheme** - no update until the spring!
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Harries confirmed that the Victoria Hall AGM is tomorrow night. Bookings at the moment are for Amethyst dance on a Saturday and obviously all others are non-existent. Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room are currently looking at having someone come to assess the roof and are discussing the best way to spend the grant money wisely.
- **Speeding traffic coming down from Newgale into Nolton Haven** - Cllr. Adams has passed this information to PCC but no further update as yet.
- **No parkings signs in passing places on the Welsh Road** - Cllr. Adams has passed this information to PCC but no further update as yet.
- **Overhanging trees along Trefrane and Folkeston Road, Nolton** - M. Canton confirmed that there has been no action.

- Action - Clerk to follow up with the National Trust.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** - no update. M. Harries will follow up.

1657 Planning

- **PCC planning proposal: Proposed dormer roof and rear extension to the existing bungalow (re-consultation due to amended plans). Site Address: 24, Grassholm Close, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AL (Application No: 20/0635/PA)** - application sent to Planning Sub-committee between meetings; no comments.
- **PCNPA planning application: Change of use of farm building to create 4 holiday letting units and ancillary amenity building. Location: Trefrane Farm, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BE (Application No: NP/20/0485/FUL)** - change of description to 'Proposed conversion and extension of barns to residential accommodation' (NB no change to the plans - Local Development Plan 2 is prioritising affordable housing over holiday lets, if PCNPA approve holiday lets for open market (which can still be used as holiday lets) PCNPA are able to achieve a payment towards affordable housing, in this case somewhere in the region of £40k).
- **PCC planning decision: Change of use and extension to farm outbuilding to create farm shop (farm diversification) Site Address: Nolton Cross Farm, NOLTON HAVEN, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NP. (Application No: 20/0689/PA)** - conditionally approved.
- **PCC planning decision: Proposed dormer roof and rear extension to the existing bungalow (re-consultation due to amended plans). Site Address: 24, Grassholm Close, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AL (Application No: 20/0635/PA)** - conditionally approved.
- **PCNPA planning decision (from November 2020): Proposed 2 storey reception building and extensions to existing amenity building, retrospective grass tent pitches, flagpole and proposed CCTV camera. Location: Newgale Campsite (Application No: NP/20/0220/FUL)** - refused. The owner of the campsite has emailed the Community Council with a number of documents querying the planning procedure followed. All agreed for the Clerk to forward all documents to all Councillors for a full considered discussion at next month's meeting.

1658 Finance

- **Budget for 2021** - Clerk provided an overview of this year's budget which had been emailed to all Councillor's prior to the meeting. With donation amounts around the same level as the previous year there would be approximately £5k left in the account at the end of the year to spend on a projector, welcome sign improvements, etc (leaving some in reserves to cover wages and expenses up until April 22).
- **£1590 has been transferred into our election savings account** - there is now the required £6000 saved should we need to fund an election in 2022.
- **Donation of £150 made to the Friends of Roch School for the 'Tree of Hope' on 22/12/20**
- **Precept requested for the year ended 31 March 2022 - £7123**
- **Audit Wales' invoice paid online on 15/1/21 - £258.75**
- **Audit Wales' schedule for the new audit arrangements** - NRCC 2020-21 and 2021-22 basic audit procedures will be applied and in 2022-23 the more detailed transaction based audit will be undertaken.

1659 Correspondence

- **Community play area - Roch: PCC Play Area Service Level Agreement** - M. Harries confirmed that it is the Victoria Hall which has responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the play area. PCC will no longer be undertaking maintenance as part of a public scheme, but the Victoria Hall committee can choose to sign the SLA and have weekly, quarterly and annual check ups. There is money available to fund this service this year and then hopefully fundraising the following year can cover it. The paperwork required for weekly inspections is quite straightforward.
- **CWBR project survey** - the Clerk and D. Smith had received an email from PLANED asking for our input as a Community Council. The survey aims to help PLANED and the CWBR team to support communities in identifying the type of support and advice which will be of use to everyone and their community in the future. All Councillors were happy for the Clerk to fill in the survey on the Council's behalf.
 - Action: Clerk to fill in survey.

1660 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

1661 Other items

- **Parking and abandoned vehicles, Roch** - a resident has complained about cars parked in St Brides View causing traffic problems. Councillors remarked that there are many households with multiple cars, it's just unfortunate that they park in this location by the junction. Although Councillors did remark that the situation seems to have improved, it will be monitored. There was also some discussion with regards to the high quantity of parked cars along Church Road which can make it difficult for larger vehicles to pass. All agreed that cars have got a bit out of hand, as they have everywhere. All agreed to monitor the situation so that it doesn't get worse and that this issue should always be brought to mind when looking at planning applications and adequate parking in the area.

1662 PCC report

- Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that he is still trying to get to the bottom of the exit payment made to the Chief Executive, with Audit Wales now also involved. Budget discussions are also ongoing - proposals back in December which came to PCC predicted a worse financial situation that that recently announced by the Welsh Government. Although the budget for councils was better than expected the administration have continued with a 5% uplift in Council Tax. However, 3 / 4 scrutiny committees have passed resolutions requiring Cabinet to reconsider and drop this uplift to around 3%. J. Adams would expect it to be closer to 3% to reflect the feeling in the community.

1663 AOB

- **Cycle paths** - J. Hancock raised the issue of the local cycle paths not being kept very clean meaning that many cyclists are on the road. A. Peach confirmed that a lot of paths are sadly treacherous this time of year - covered in leaves, slime and rubbish - more slippery than the road. There was some discussion about whether perhaps cyclists could come together to clean the paths. Sadly all agreed that the cycle paths should be cleaned like they do the pavements in the town. J. Adams believes that part of the problem is that they do not cover enough mileage for serious cyclists and as most are multi use paths this would also be a concern for cyclists who maintain a fairly high speed - runners, scooters etc. Councillors did remark that these paths are used by many walkers / runners etc. Perhaps if the paths can be extended they would be used more and better maintained. All agreed it is a difficult one to

balance as cyclists have as much right to the road as any other vehicle but not an easy one to solve given current constraints on resources.

1664 Items for the next agenda

PCNPA planning decision (from November 2020): Proposed 2 storey reception building and extensions to existing amenity building, retrospective grass tent pitches, flagpole and proposed CCTV camera. Location: Newgale Campsite (Application No: NP/20/0220/FUL)

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting: 1 March 2021

Signed

Chairman