

**MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT NOLTON VILLAGE HALL AND READING ROOM**

**9 May 2022**

**Members Present**

M. Harries, D. Smith, M. Canton, J. Gale, A. Peach, D. Weale and Cllr. P. Morgan  
Clerk – N. Neumann

1809 Apologies

J. Hancock and R. Thomson

1810 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest to Victoria Hall Management Committee

A. Peach declared an interest to land associated to the new footpath on Church Road

1811 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 4 April 2022

Proposer D. Weale, seconder M. Canton

1812 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - M. Harries – No further update to provide at this time.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed the NRCLT AGM took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Victoria Hall, Roch. The attendance was satisfactory and membership increased as a result. D. Smith provided added context and progress made to date for Cllr. Morgan. D. Smith committed to providing further updates following his imminent stepping down as councillor.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room** - M. Canton provided an update for Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room; a recent charity event (treasure hunt) proved successful, and further funding raising events are also scheduled throughout the year. Work continues to progress with the installation of broadband/Wi-Fi for the hall, and new signage. Good progress by new members on the hall committee. M. Harries provided an update for the Victoria Hall; a recent “get the community together” event had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Another meeting is now scheduled to recruit new community members, explain the cause and objectives of the Victoria Hall, and gain new fresh ideas for fund raising events. An update will be provided at next NRCC meeting. Furthermore, the hall has also been successful in gaining a new grant funded bench for the garden area.
- **Japanese knotweed in the green lake, Nolton** – M. Canton confirmed that progress had been made in gaining the landowners contact details. Clerk confirmed research had been completed on the laws and regulations for the control and eradication of knotweed which has been circulated to all councillors for their consideration. Clerk also confirmed that this matter had been registered with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), an incident number and email confirmation received however no further response/action had been received from NRW.
  - Action: M. Canton to follow-up on asserting the area/boundaries of the land concerned, and land owners contact details.
- **Newgale road developments** – Clerk confirmed attendance to the first TFG session hosted by PCC / Atkins to discuss the Newgale Adaption Project and business resilience options being explored. Time was spent understanding the direct and indirect risks faced by businesses from coastal change at Newgale, and identifying opportunities to support existing and potential new businesses and planning for action. The second TFG session on business resilience is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> May and the clerk committed to joining the session and providing an update to councillors at the next meeting in June.

- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – D. Smith had received the following response from PCC: “We have completed the initial designs for the footway, including the necessary drainage and levels / cross sections. We are programming an internal designer review meeting, and will undertake any design amendments and advance to project estimating. We trust this a suitable update at this stage, and will share the proposals once available”. D. Smith also confirmed that there had been no response from PCC regarding the request for privacy fencing from the landowner. M. Harries agreed to follow-up on this issue and D. Weale agreed to attend site visits as required.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with point of contact in PCC as we move forward.
- **St Madoc’s church update re services and repairs required** – Clerk confirmed no further update on this matter although a meeting with the congregation of St Madoc’s was imminent. M. Harries confirmed a new vicar has recently moved into Simpson Cross vicarage and was due to start work shortly covering a number of churches in the area including St. Marys Roch and St. Madoc’s Nolton.
  - Action: Clerk to follow matter and engage with Canon Rowlands as and when.
- **Roch village dog fouling and requirement for bins/signage** – M. Harries confirmed a new bin will be sited on the grassed area near the bus shelter on the entrance to Pilgrims Way. Existing bins on church road and outside the shop would remain in place. Work to install the new bin is imminent.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC.
- **Use of impromptu fireworks on local beaches** – Clerk confirmed signage had been procured and delivered to M. Canton for installation. M. Canton confirmed the signage would be erected shortly.
  - Action: M. Canton to install signage.
- **Defibrillator training sessions** – Clerk confirmed June/July at two locations across the community (Potentially Nolton and Roch village Halls). Prior advertising should also be organised to make known the training sessions around the community. M. Harries confirmed the defibrillator at Roch shop had been used recently and pads had to be replaced, and NRCC paid for the replacement pads.
  - Action: R. Thomson to follow-up on arrangements.
- **Queens Jubilee celebrations** – M. Harries confirmed the Victoria Hall Sports Committee (the committee responsible for funding raising for Victoria Hall), were intending to run an event. M. Harries proposed the idea for a beacon event with BBQ, live music at Victoria Hall on the bank holiday. Councillors were supportive to the idea; it was proposed by D. Smith, seconded by M. Canton to a donation of £100.00 towards the event.
  - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with Victoria Hall Sports Committee.
- **Nolton Haven Car Park** – Clerk confirmed a letter will be sent to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority shortly raising the concerns of councillors regarding the car park; the displacement of conventional parking spaces by EV chargers in what is already a small busy car park. It was also agreed to make known concerns on the policing of double yellow lines and inappropriate parking throughout the Haven and concerns of access for emergency services to PCC.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up with letters to PCNPA and PCC, and Cllr. P. Morgan to communicate to related stakeholders at PCNPA and PCC.
- **Road Safety Concerns (Folkstone Road and Simpson Cross)** – Clerk explained the context behind the two road safety concerns to Cllr. P. Morgan who committed to following up on both issues.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with related stakeholders in PCC.

- **Community Notice Boards** – Clerk presented a selection of notice board options (material, size, format and cost) to community council. It was agreed that the first option (aluminium material) was the most cost effective and low maintenance option, and that two should be procured for outside Roch shop at a total cost of £140 + vat.
  - Action: Clerk to liaise with the owners of Roch shop regarding the replacement of notice boards, and clerk to procure and install notice boards following the approval of shop owners.
- **Roch Village Litter Pick and Easter Egg Hunt** – M. Harries confirmed the event was a great success with over 40 people attending and 12 bags of rubbish being collected across the village. It was resolved that the Community Council would reimburse for the cost of the easter eggs which was £51.78. M. Harries suggested the event should be carried out annually due to the success of the event.

1813 Planning

**PCC proposal: 3, Pilgrims Way, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AJ**

Rear extension and front porch [21/1194/PA]

*Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No further comments or concerns raised.*

1814 Finance

- Requests for donations
  - Keyston Young Farmers Club (YFC)
- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and Community Council bank account balances.
- Clerk requested approval for £240.00 6 months office sundries costs – Resolved by council.
- Clerk introduced the makeup of the Nolton and Roch Community Council to Cllr. P. Morgan, and community councillors introduced themselves accordingly.

1815 Correspondence

- Local Places for Nature Survey
- Pembrokeshire Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Planting for pollinators – <https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/File/809/en-GB>

1816 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Clerk attendance to Newgale Adaption Project Meeting (*Refer to 1812 “Newgale Road Developments”*).

1817 Other items

- **Folkeston Road Parking** – M. Canton raised concern regarding cars parking in passing passes/laybys along the Folkeston Road. Owners of the cars are believed to be walking the new permissive footpath across National Trust land from Folkeston to Maidan Hall. The parked cars are causing issues for road users who are unable to pass along the Folkeston Road.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC and clerk to send letter of concern to the National Trust.
- **Newgale Beach Access** – Clerk confirmed feedback had been received from local residents in Roch who raised concern about access to Newgale beach. D. Smith confirmed this is a legacy issue which he had tried to resolve in the past. It was believed the boardwalks were removed by PCC due to an injury and subsequent compensation claim (yet to be confirmed). Local residents felt strongly about having open access to the beach for the elderly and disabled, and have requested community council to help.
  - Action: Cllr. P. Morgan to follow-up with PCC and clerk to communicate with Visit Pembrokeshire re; ‘open access’ project which is currently ongoing.

1818 PCC report

- No update provided.

1819 AOB

- Councillors thanked D. Smith for his noteworthy contribution to the Community Council over the years as this meeting would be his last before stepping down as councillor.

1820 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 June 2022

Signed

Chairman