

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

**4 December 2017**

**Members Present**

D. Smith (Chair), J. Gale, M. Canton, R. Thomson, A. Peach, M. Harries, Cllr. J. Adams

Clerk - A. Jones

1329 Apologies

J. Hancock, A. Ricketts

1330 Declaration of interest

A. Peach declared an interest in respect of the new footpath by the Old Post Office as the proposed route goes through land which belongs to A. Peach's mother-in-law, Sue Berry.

M. Harries declared an interest in respect of the donation to Victoria Hall, Roch as he is chair of the Victoria Hall Association.

1331 Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved with a slight amendment to the Solar Speed Signs narrative: *'the internal battery lasts approximately two months **without** a solar trickle charge'*; proposed A. Peach seconded R. Thomson.

1332 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **New bench / old bench progress** - Cllr. J. Adams and M. Harries confirmed that the old bench had been removed and the new bench will be installed this week. The top soil will then fill in the hole of the previous bench.
- **4 Hilton Crest** - no update.
- **Yellow lines at Nolton** - the Clerk provided an overview of the email correspondence with Darren Thomas, Head of Highways. Although the current consultation only takes into account yellow lines on the beach side of the road, D. Thomas has offered to examine restrictions on the landward side of the road in the next consultation in a few months' time. M. Canton also asked that the lines extend beyond the new AED installation which might otherwise offer a further pull-in possibility.
  - Action: Clerk to make sure this extension request is taken into account in the next consultation.
- **PALC / One Voice** - the Clerk confirmed that NRCC were now members of One Voice Wales.
  - Action: Clerk to find out any login details and pass details on to D. Smith.
- **Creation of a new footpath by Old Post Office in Church Road, Roch** - D. Smith confirmed that the new footpath is likely to finish at the end of S. Berry's land and taper neatly into the road. He also confirmed that PCC will fund the drainage and that Richard Thomas has been asked to provide a quotation for the fence which was supported by all the Councillors. R. Thomson is also going to enquire with Pembrokeshire College about training possibilities with regards to the fence construction.

D. Smith then discussed the Safe Routes bid being put together by Sue Lewis from PCC for safety improvements associated with travel to and from Roch School. There are multiple elements

to the bid including NRCC's footpath proposal. S. Lewis hopes that we will find the funding and in turn help strengthen the bid. All Councillors examined the map and details provided and were in favour of supporting S. Lewis's bid.

Both the Clerk and D. Smith gave an overview of their meeting with Paula Ellis of the Retreats Group at Roch Castle who was very supportive of the project. In terms of funding possibilities, P. Ellis kindly offered a night's stay as a raffle prize and the possibility of an open house day at the Castle and was interested to see a breakdown of the costs when we have the detail together.

It was agreed that Mason Bros are likely to support the project in kind, for instance, with the supply of materials. However, it is uncertain at this point whether this could prove complicated with council contractors.

D. Smith attended the PAVS funding fayre on 15 November 2017 and found the Community Facilities Programme (a £25k scheme) to be the most hopeful. Although the project may qualify for funding, as they do not fund a public body we would have to create a charity to undertake the project or alternatively use a suitable local charity. M. Harries suggested that the Victoria Hall Association has strategic importance to the local community and may well be suitable.

- Action: R. Thomson to enquire re the fence at Pembrokeshire College and D. Smith to look further into the Community Facilities Programme scheme.
- **Solar speed signs and traffic calming** - D. Smith has been in touch with Darren Thomas at PCC who sent over a helpful breakdown of further sign options; all of which cost in the region of £5k. It is now a case of comparing the quality, warranty etc of each of the 6 options. It was noted that D. Thomas will need to approve any sign chosen and feel that it is justified on the basis of speed observations. We will also have to demonstrate we have public support for the lottery bid. It was agreed by all that a form to collect signatures could be put in the pub, shop, school etc. PCC also dismissed any mains operated signs given the lack of mains provision available. R. Thomson still thought it may be worth speaking to Western Power. D. Smith to speak to Solva Community Council to find out more about the process as they have recently installed one.
  - Action: D. Smith to speak to Solva Community Council and report back.
- **Nolton defibrillator** - R. Thomson reported that the first training session is due to take place on 6 December 2017; they are hoping for a good turnout of some 20 people. It is hoped that training will be offered twice a year and held in Nolton Reading Rooms.
- **Roch Gate Motel** - no update to report.
  - Action: Clerk to get in touch with Nicola Gandy in January to receive an update.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Action Plan 2018** - unfortunately D. Smith and the Clerk were unable to meet with Karen Scott from PLANED as planned as K. Scott was unwell. They hope to rearrange the initial meeting in due course. There was also a more general discussion with regards to the Action Plan and how it might be structured. Previously only one attendee from Nolton turned up. It is hoped that this time there will be a far more proportionate turn out from Nolton, especially given the excitement and involvement around the AED fundraising. It was also discussed by the Councillors that the Action Plan should include both Nolton and Roch although it was agreed that after a more general discussion, perhaps separate 'Nolton' and 'Roch' tables, where issues can be listed, will be helpful in order to address the issues specific to each community.
  - Action: D. Smith to rearrange with K. Scott.
- **Nolton Haven beach erosion** - Cllr. J. Adams had mentioned the concern to D. Thomas at PCC. M. Harries also agreed to follow up on the issue.
  - Action: M. Harries to speak to the relevant person.

1333 Planning  
None.

1334 Finance

- **Annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel** - D. Smith provided an overview of the draft report which essentially looks at the roles of councillors and has decided that they ought to be remunerated to reflect the level of responsibility and activity required. As NRCC's precept is under £10k, our Council falls into category D which recommends that every Councillor be awarded £150 a year plus expenses. If we were to pay NRCC's 8 Councillors this figure, this would equate to 20% of the precept. All Councillors were in agreement that they were not in this role for any monetary return and would want to opt out of any such arrangement. D. Smith did raise the concern that as the opt out is only on an individual basis any new Councillor might decide to receive their payment. All Councillors were in agreement that the Council would defer a decision in this regard until they have to officially vote.
- **Budget** - Clerk provided details of NRCC's current account figures. Currently NRCC's account is £1000 up on the previous year's figures and all the relevant donations to the churches etc have now been paid. It was therefore proposed by J. Gale and seconded by D. Smith that £1000 should be donated to Victoria Hall as this had been previously discussed at the beginning of the year. All Councillors were in agreement given the importance of the Hall to the community and the fact that the Hall are currently still in the process of finishing off a much needed extension.
- **Agree precept for 2018 / 2019** - it was agreed by all and resolved that the precept for the next financial year be increased by 3% (the current rate of inflation) as it has the previous years. Proposed by J. Gale, seconded by M. Canton. *NB This amount has now been increased following a material change of circumstances requiring an Extraordinary Community Council Meeting held on 8 January 2018 following the PCC email from Finance Officer Jon Haswell dated 12 December 2018 re PCC electoral budget reductions and other financial concerns with the result being that all town and community councils must adequately prepare to pay for their own elections (at the cost of approximately £6k) and the likelihood of other devolved local services.*

1335 Correspondence

- **Email from PCC: Have Your Say on Proposed Changes to Household Waste & Recycling Collections** - the Clerk gave an overview of the proposed changes (3 weekly black bag collection, kerb-side sorting etc) and handed out the relevant literature. The Councillors were concerned about an increase in fly-tipping and the bonfires that may follow. D. Smith also raised the concern of what to do if you are away and miss the 3 week black bag collection and J. Hancock was concerned about the problem of additional waste if a large number of family members visit for instance. There is also the global problem of excessive packaging generally with little we can do to avoid it.
  - Action: Clerk to respond to the online consultation accordingly.
- **Email re aviation statutory consultation process** for the proposed implementation of new satellite-based instrument approach procedures (RNAV (GNSS)) at Haverfordwest Aerodrome - the Clerk provided an overview of the proposal which was agreed by all as a positive development.
- **Hywel Dda Community Health Council Questions** - the Clerk read out the list of questions she had received with regard to health care services provided by Hywel Dda Community Health Council. The Councillors agreed that the questionnaire was worth responding too, notably with regard to the

concern over reduced A&E provision and pediatric care at Withybush with the nearest alternative, Carmarthen, being nearly an hour away.

- Action: Clerk to respond to the questions accordingly.

1336 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **Planning training workshop on 10 November 2017** (attended by D. Smith, J. Hancock and Clerk) - both the Clerk and D. Smith gave a brief overview of the workshop which did provide some useful information as regards to the PCC planning process, however, it was noted that it would also be useful to have some training with regard to PCNP given the dual planning status of the Nolton and Roch parish.
- **LDP2 engagement event** Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 3pm-5pm (currently no attendees) and Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 5.30pm-7.30pm (D. Smith and Clerk) - the Clerk reminded the Councillors of the LDP2 engagement events coming up. Councillors are to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend on the 6 December 2017.

1337 Other items

- **Dates of meetings for 2018** - the Clerk is to email round the dates for next year. Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that he is away for much of February and will unfortunately miss the 5 February 2018 meeting.

1338 PCC report

Cllr. J. Adams confirmed that he was against the increase in council tax currently being mooted by PCC and will be actively fighting against it. It is likely the increase will be 12.5% at least and as much as 10% every year over the next 4 years. It was agreed that it is hard pressed families again who will be hardest hit.

1339 AOB

- **Pebbles on Newgale road** - J. Gale raised her concern with regards to the large number of stones / pebbles on the road behind Newgale this year - this isn't in relation to the recent storms / bad weather - rather the general wear and movement of the pebble bank, particularly from tourist footfall. These wayward stones have in the past been regularly swept up, however this does not seem to have been the case this year. J. Gale reported that a number of both locals and tourists have commented on the surprising number of stones in the road, which is of grave concern given the damage they can cause if hit by a car.
  - Action: Clerk to speak to Natural Resources Wales / PCC to resolve this issue.

1340 Items for the next agenda

None.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next meeting: 7.30pm on 5 February 2018 at Victoria Hall, Roch

Signed

Chairman