

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

3 March 2025

Members present

M. Harries, J. Hancock, M. Canton, M. Hammond, J. Gale and A. Peach.

Clerk and County Councillor – N. Neumann.

Member of the public – Mr Peter Keeling representing STUN

2163 Apologies

R. Thomson and A. Jones.

2164 Declaration of interest

M. Harries declared an interest pertaining to Victoria Hall and Friends of Roch School

J. Hancock declared an interest pertaining to NRCLT and Penuel Chapel

A. Peach declared an interest pertaining to Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch

The clerk declared an interest pertaining to Camrose and Roch Playgroup and NRCLT

2165 Time allocated for members of the public present

M. Harries welcomed Mr Peter Keeling to the meeting and invited Mr Keeling to introduce the alternate plans to the Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme and background to STUN (Stand up for Newgale). Mr Keeling outlined the alternate proposal being put forward by STUN which would retain the current position of the A487, pushing back a 400 metre stretch of the pebbles bank seaward, and improving access to the beach which is currently an issue for many. Full costings have been done and a significant saving could be gained for the alternate proposal (~£500k vs. ~£40m). Active lobbying is continuing with Paul Davies MS, Cllr. David Howlett, First Minister Eluned Morgan MS and Ken Skates MS. Next steps are to increase community awareness by producing and delivering leaflets, continue lobbying, continuing to promote the alternate proposal and submit representations as and when consultation events arise. Mr Keeling also introduced alternate diversionary routes in the unlikely event the road would close. On behalf of members M. Harries thanked Mr Keeling for his time and agreed to keep communication channels open going forward. Mr Keeling agreed to share the presentation and other supplementary documents pertaining to the alternate proposal via email, and the clerk agreed to circulate to members accordingly.

2166 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 3 February 2025

Proposer J. Gale and seconded by M. Canton.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2167 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – No update provided on this occasion.
- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed the panto recently held was very well attended and has been another strong fundraiser for the hall. The next scheduled event is a 60's/70's disco night for the end of the month, and the annual Duck Race in May. Victoria Hall is currently busy on most days with regular users of the facilities which is encouraging.

- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton confirmed users of the toilets are using significant amounts of toilet paper for drying hands which is somewhat frustrating. The clerk confirmed no response or commitment had been given by PCNPA as yet but he would send a follow-up email shortly. M. Hammond confirmed he had reached out to two companies who provide Access Control Systems, and just awaiting a response. The clerk proposed time should now be spent to plan well, explore and submit grant applications as and when, with a view of spending next winter to implement the funded upgrades to the toilet block. In the near term it was agreed to explore sponsorship opportunities to support the operating costs for the coming season.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up on sponsorship and grants, facilitate a site visit and working group setup, and M. Hammond to research access control/door mechanisms.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk confirmed no update on this occasion.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Policing of double yellow lines in Nolton Haven and Welsh Road (Newgale – Nolton Haven) parking issues and signage** – M. Canton confirmed no issues currently apparent.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Speeding vehicles on A487 between Simpsons Cross and Newgale** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Missing road signs** – The clerk confirmed he had been in contact with PCC representatives who had stated there was currently a significant backlog and the lead time would be an additional 6-8 weeks.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Hedgerow Encroachment** – M. Canton confirmed local residents in Nolton Haven had resolved the local issue themselves. The hedgerows on Bathersland and Folkeston Roads still require maintenance and the clerk agreed to contact The National Trust to resolve.
 - Action: Clerk to contact The National Trust.
- **Nolton Haven Bins** – M. Harries updated members on a response from PCC which advised the current bin arrangements would remain.
- **Defibrillator Battery** – The clerk confirmed the battery would be ordered via Tenby Responders.

2168 Planning

- *No planning proposals received throughout the month of February 2025.*

2169 Finance

- **FY25/26 precept** – The clerk confirmed the request to increase the precept to £10,500 had been acknowledged and validated by PCC.
- **Expenditure requests** – The clerk asked approval for £180.00 for the defibrillator battery and £218.00 for the annual One Voice Wales subscription. Members approved the spends and this matter was resolved.
- **Accounts** – Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.

- **Requests of donations** – Requests have been received from:
 - Victoria Hall Roch
 - Nolton and Roch CLT
 - Camrose and Roch Playgroup
 - St Marys Church Roch
 - Penuel Chapel Roch
 - Nolton Haven Chapel
 - Friends of Roch School
 - Newgale Surf Lifesaving Club
- It was agreed to donate £250.00 to each of the 8 local charities as listed above. Proposed by M. Hammond and seconded by M. Canton.
- J. Gale questioned whether a one-off donation could be made to Roch School given the serious budget deficit position. It was agreed that the clerk should prepare a forward budget and cashflow forecast for the year ahead to enable a more informed decision to be made.
 - Action: Clerk to prepare budget and cashflow forecast to be presented at the next meeting.

2170 Correspondence

- Let Us Know How Your Council Will Support the 10th Great British Spring Clean
- Boundaries Commission changes to Community Councils
- Rhaglen Arolygon Etholiadol 2025 Electoral Review Programme
- Public Consultation - Local Flood Risk Management Plan
- Cyfarwyddyd Erthygl 4 (1) | Article 4 (1) Direction
- Community Asset Transfer Lease of Nolton Haven Public Convenience

2171 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None

2172 Other items

- None

2173 PCC report

- Cllr. Neumann updated members on several matters throughout the meeting which are outlined in the meeting minutes herewith.

2174 AOB

- **Community Asset Transfer Lease of Nolton Haven Public Convenience** – The clerk confirmed paperwork had been received from PCC. The clerk proposed that a solicitors should be engaged on NRCC's behalf to review and counsel upon the lease and legal connotations within to protect the best interests of NRCC. Members agreed to this approach and the clerk agreed to get quotations from local solicitors and revert back to members on a cost of engagement. Furthermore, the clerk confirmed that PCC require NRCC to consent an additional Tenancy at will agreement as the current agreement would expire on the 31st March before the asset transfer can be completed. Members supported the signing of an additional tenancy at will agreement as the interim solution.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up on quotations for legal support and signing of the extended Tenancy at will agreement.

- **PCC Expenditure** – J. Hancock expressed his concerns pertaining to the management of public funds and finances, drawing on capital project examples such as Haverfordwest Regeneration and 20MPH rollout yet council tax continues to rise and essential services cannot be delivered such as social care. All members concurred with J. Hancock’s sentiments.

2175 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting: Monday 7th April 2025 at Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room.

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY24-25

Member	Attendance											Total
	15-04	13-05	03-06	01-07	02-09	07-10	04-11	02-12	16-12	03-02	03-03	
M. Harries	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	9
R. Thomson	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y			6
A. Jones			Y	Y		Y		Y		Y		5
J. Hancock	Y		Y	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	7
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11
M. Hammond		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y	7
M. Canton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11
A. Peach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	10
Total	6	5	7	8	5	6	5	6	7	5	6	66

75% attendance for the year. (66 vs. 88)