

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

7 July 2025

Members present

M. Harries, M. Canton, M. Hammond, A. Peach, J. Hancock and J. Gale.
Clerk and County Councillor – N. Neumann.

2216 Apologies

A. Jones

2217 Declaration of interest

A. Peach declared a personal interest in agenda item pertaining to path around dangerous bend.

J. Gale declared a personal interest in planning proposal NP/25/0274/FUL as former tenant.

J. Hancock declared a personal interest in agenda item pertaining to CLT.

M. Harries declared a personal interest in agenda item pertaining to Victoria Hall.

2218 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 2 June 2025

Proposer J. Gale and seconded by M. Canton.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2219 NRCC vacancy/recruitment update

The clerk confirmed the statutory period of time for members of the public to apply or request an election had past with no requests for election or nominations, and Community Council and its members will now be permitted to co-opt. The clerk confirmed he had received an email from a resident of Nolton Haven expressing interest to join as member of NRCC. M. Harries advocated the vacancy should be filled by a Nolton resident to maintain the balance of members between Roch and Nolton constituencies. Members voted unanimously that Mr Tudor Jones should be co-opted as a member of NRCC, and he should attend the next meeting scheduled for the 1st September. The clerk agreed to communicate with T. Jones accordingly. It was also agreed that A. Peach would be duly elected as Vice-Chair of Council given the current vacancy since R. Thomson's resignation. Proposed: M. Hammond, seconded: J. Gale.

2220 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – D. Smith chairman of NRCLT provided the following update via email: *“Sadly, progress on our affordable housing project remains glacial and could even be going backwards! Delays in securing legal agreements have pushed our project into the long grass with PCC. They allocate Social Housing Grant funding according to likely availability of funds, probability of project start date and rate of progress. It seems that all the available/anticipated funding for the next three years has already been allocated. Ateb are, not unreasonably, reluctant to begin on design work for our project unless funding is available, and there is zero chance of PCC making any allocation to our project before the two key legal agreements are in place - Land Options agreement and Grant Agreement. These have both been delayed by legal complexities.*

Faced with this rather frustrating situation we, in conjunction with Cwmpas, are exploring whether some alternative funding source may be available, just to get the project off the ground. Without such funding it is difficult to see how any houses can be built inside the next five years. A sobering complicating factor is the CLTs constitution, which requires that no board member may remain on the board for more than 9 years. So far we have been working on this project for 6

years, though, technically, the first AGM, at which board members were elected, was only three years ago. Nevertheless, the experience we have gained over the last few years suggests that even if we stretch the definition of board member start date, significant further delays could require some key board members to stand down before the project can be completed.”

- **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 Victoria Hall AGM had been carried out recently and two trustee changes had been implemented. The next fundraising event would be the Summer Bingo in August and the Autumn Fair in October. The hall would also have a presence at the upcoming Roch Castle Fete and community event.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton updated members on operational matters which in summary were positive with consistent level of donations received. The clerk updated members on progress with the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) between PCC and NRCC for the premises. This matter is progressing and conversations are ongoing between Eaton-Evans and Morris (NRCC’s solicitor) and PCC on the key terms of the leasehold agreement. Members agreed that M. Harries as chairman and N. Neumann as clerk are authorised to sign the leasehold agreement once prepared. The clerk updated members on the sponsorship drive and confirmed 7 sponsors had pledged support.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk updated members on a recent meeting between Solva Community Council (SCC) and PCC. PCC Officers updated SCC on the NCAS project and progress of the pre-planning application. Members of the public challenged officers on the need and cost of the scheme to which officers responded succinctly. Members felt a more combined coordinated approach between SCC and NRCC in terms of feedback to PCC on this matter was needed, and the clerk agreed to support.
 - Action: The clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk confirmed a response had been received from PCC on the scheme which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Funding will be made available for the road format changes as discussed previously as part of a local cycle route project currently undergoing feasibility studies.
 - 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. The clerk confirmed a request had been submitted to clean the highway along the beachfront of sand.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Missing road signs** – PCC representatives have confirmed there is currently a significant backlog and the lead time would be an additional 6-8 weeks.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Welsh Road Traffic Order** – The clerk confirmed no proposal had been received from PCC on this matter. The clerk agreed to follow-up with the traffic team at PCC.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Dog fouling and fly-tipping (Roch)** – The clerk confirmed the matter had been reported via the WISE Enviro-Crime Platform and auto-response/acknowledgement received.

2221 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Demolition of 5 Number Agricultural Buildings and Erection of 3 Number Agricultural Buildings** Wood Farm, Wood Village, Newgale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AR [NP/25/0274/FUL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*
- **PCNPA Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness (4 year rule) for creation of a fixed dwelling with surrounding garden in red used for the required 10 years.** Windermere, Simpson Cross, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6ET [NP/25/0318/CLE] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*
- **PCNPA Proposal: Proposed alterations to provide first floor together with proposed double garage/store with landscaping & ecological enhancements.** Hawthorns, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NN [NP/25/0317/FUL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*
- **PCC Proposal: The Keeston interconnector is a new overhead line consisting of twelve new spans of overhead 11kv line which will connect a spur from Keeston to Cuffern. This will improve network resilience in these two areas and allow NGED to back feed by joining the Camrose spur to the Keeston Spur and would provide added protection to 450 customers during faults. At present if there is a fault on either of these spurs a substantial amount of customers are affected until the fault is repaired.** Keeston Hill Farm, Old Park, Stockpark, Keeston [25/227/OHL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*
- **PCC Proposal: Mixed use stable/agricultural building and associated fences to existing access.** Land north of East Moor Park, Cuffern, near Roch, Haverfordwest, SA62 6HB [25/0248/PA] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*

2222 Finance and Legal Matters

- The clerk requested approval for the following expenditure: £117.00 Victoria Hall Association (hall rental fees), £100.00 Nolton Village Hall (hall rental fees), £11.99 Hugo Fox website hosting, £27.98 for hand soap of the Nolton Haven toilets and annual ICO fees of £47.00; members approved and the matter was resolved.
- The clerk also asked for approval of any expenditure below £500.00 pertaining to Nolton Haven Toilets over the summer recess period to which members agreed and the matter was resolved.
- The clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.

2223 Correspondence

- Meeting follow up – R. Evans (NT)
- Invitation to Attend Community Meeting and Open Surgery in Haverfordwest | Invitation to Attend Community Meeting and Open Surgery in Haverfordwest
- RE: Resignation from NRCC
- Community Councillor – T. Jones EOI
- Visit Pembrokeshire Community Fund Reminder
- Town & Community Council Code of Conduct Training
- Bioblitz poster and programme – R. Evans (NT)
- Avia flu outbreak - Roch/Pembrokeshire
- Tidy Wales Awards 2025 - your time to shine! Tidy Wales Awards 2025

2224 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

2225 Other items

- None.

2226 PCC report

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

2227 AOB

- **Defibrillator Management** – The clerk confirmed new defib pads had been acquired and fitted for the Nolton Hall defib. R. Thomson assisted with installing the new pads and confirmed he was willing to continue the management of the defibs to which members expressed their gratitude.

2228 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 8.39pm

Next meeting: Monday 1st September 2025 at Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room.

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY25-26

Member	Attendance											
	07-04	05-05	02-06	07-07								Total
M. Harries	Y	Y	Y	Y								4
R. Thomson	N	-	-									0
A. Jones	Y	N	Y	N								2
J. Hancock	N	N	N	Y								1
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y								4
M. Hammond	Y	Y	N	Y								3
M. Canton	Y	N	Y	Y								3
A. Peach	Y	Y	N	Y								3
Total	6	4	4	6								20