

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

**5 May 2025**

**Members present**

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

2188 Apologies

M. Canton, A. Jones, J. Hancock and R. Thomson.

2189 Council Matters

The clerk confirmed he had received a letter of resignation from R. Thomson. M. Harries made special mention to R. Thomson's contribution to Community Council and communities of Nolton and Roch. M. Harries expressed his thanks to R. Thomson and wished him well for the future. The clerk confirmed he would follow-up with PCC Electoral Services to initiate the recruitment process.

2190 Declaration of interest

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

2191 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 7 April 2025

Proposer M. Hammond and seconded by J. Gale.  
M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2192 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 not present at meeting so no update on this occasion.
  - Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed the next event is the annual Duck Race on the 25<sup>th</sup> May and asked members to encourage/promote potential volunteers for the event. The event is one of the largest in the annual events calendar, and requires a significant amount of human resource.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Harries and 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.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk reminded members that the public consultation and pre-planning application was still live until the 11<sup>th</sup> May, and M. Harries encouraged individual members to submit representations via the link shared. In terms of NRCC's position, having considered the negative effect that the proposed scheme brings to the environment, local businesses, the inclusivity of Newgale within the area and the experience of visitors when set against the huge costs and marginal benefit, members do not support the proposals put forward by Atkins. Members felt that all alternative proposals need to be fully considered and nothing dismissed. M. Harries also asked the clerk to submit an official response to Atkins from NRCC, and to make known the deadline for submissions to Atkins via NRCC's social media channels.
  - Action: The clerk to follow-up on above requests.

- **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 not present at meeting so no update on this occasion.
  - 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** – 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** – The clerk confirmed he had contacted The National trust to request hedgerows on Bathersland and Folkeston Roads are cut back. The clerk also confirmed The National Trust wish to address council at the June meeting which had now been confirmed.
- **VE Day 80 Celebrations** – M. Harries expressed thanks to Victoria Inn for hosting the event. M. Harries confirmed he had purchased a VE Day flag and bunting as per the agreement formed at the April meeting.
- **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.
- **Water Leaks (Nolton Village)** – The clerk confirmed that both leaks had been reported to Dwr Cymru accordingly via the online portal.

#### 2193 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Erection of freestanding solar array in agricultural field.**  
Chaldon Cottage, Druidston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NE [NP/25/0100/FUL]  
*Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*
- **PCC Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing garage to additional accommodation.**  
Rockpool House, 10, Maes Ffynnon, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BQ  
[24/1199/PA] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCC.*
- **PCC Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (drainage), 11 (landscaping), 14 (external lighting) & 15 (EEMP) of planning permission 230568/PA (Proposed residential development of 52 units).** Land east of Pilgrims Way, Roch, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BQ  
[25/0065/PA] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCC.*

#### 2194 Finance

- The clerk confirmed that all financial and governance related documents pertaining to FY24-25 had been submitted to Bevan and Buckland for internal auditing.
- The clerk continued to run through a comprehensive overview of income and expenditure actuals for FY24-25, and the budget for FY25-26. Members agreed to the proposed FY25-26 budget as presented thus the matter was resolved. The clerk agreed to share the soft copy of financials to all members for completeness and safekeeping. Members also agreed to the proposal for a £200.00 one-off donation to The Friends of Roch School to help fund items for the new outdoor classroom, and a £500.00 allocation to repair damaged door mechanisms at Nolton Haven public toilets.

- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- Clerk confirmed the following expenditure: £1,004.00 Audit Wales fees, £47.00 ICO fees and £308.82 Zurich Municipal Insurance to which members approved.
- The clerk put forward a sponsorship proposal for Nolton Haven toilets. The outline proposal would be 10 sponsors at £100.00 each and raise £1,000.00 revenue. The cost assumption for the display clip frames would be £200.00. Members agreed to this proposal and the clerk would follow-up in terms of procurement of the display clip frames and recruitment of sponsors. It was also agreed that sponsors should be local businesses/organisations and limited to two per sector.

2195 Correspondence

- Sustainable Drainage Concept Design Grant
- School Transport Policy Consultation / Ymgynghoriad Polisi Cludiant Ysgol
- Contacting PCC - guide for community and town councils
- FW: Audit Notice 2024-25 - Councils having a BASIC audit 2024-25
- Funding Opportunity for Activities – Ogi Cefnogi Community Fund
- Temporary Road Closure - 2025/242 Class III (C3028) Druidston to Nolton Haven road, Druidston
- Re: Lease of public conveniences at Nolton Haven
- National Trust Meeting

2196 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None

2197 Other items

- **Wildflower Meadow** – M. Harries introduced the background to this matter. M. Hammond and J. Gale both expressed their concerns pertaining to the proposal, and felt the proposal could be in a more suitable location, and there was a lack of communication and engagement with NRCC leading up to the decision to proceed. Other members also shared their concerns outside of the meeting. Nonetheless, the scheme has taken place with the approval of PCC who have the definitive responsibility of the Roch Lay-By and land that forms part of the adopted highway.

2198 PCC report

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

2199 AOB

- **Easter Egg Hunt and Litter Pick** – M. Harries updated members on the event which this year attracted less participation than usual.
- **Abandoned car on Church Road** – A. Peach asked whether an abandoned car on Church Road could be removed off the verge and area of adopted highway.
  - Action: The clerk to follow-up.

2200 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room.

Signed

Chairman

**Members Attendance FY25-26**

Member	Attendance											Total
	07-04	05-05										
M. Harries	Y	Y										2
R. Thomson	N	N										0
A. Jones	Y	N										1
J. Hancock	N	N										0
J. Gale	Y	Y										2
M. Hammond	Y	Y										2
M. Canton	Y	N										1
A. Peach	Y	Y										2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>										<b>10</b>

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