

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

7 September 2026

Members present

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

2362 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

M. Harries welcomed all members to the meeting, and congratulated L. Hancock on her recent co-option as the newest member of NRCC.

2363 Apologies

L. Hancock and M. Canton.

2364 Declaration of interest

None.

2365 Time allocated to members of the public – EcoDewi

M. Harries welcomed J. Wadia from EcoDewi and V. Nicholls (local resident and ecologist) to the meeting. Key points of the presentation are highlighted as below: Both guests attended to advise on biodiversity opportunities within the community, to support and enhance the council's 'Section 6' obligations delivered through the Biodiversity Action Plan:

Existing Wildflower Strip

- The current verge meadow opposite the former motel is functioning well ecologically and has received strong public support.
- Year-to-year variation in colour is normal; perennial species now dominate but remain beneficial.
- A written ecological assessment will be provided to members shortly.

Management Principles

- Annual meadows require periodic soil disturbance and reseedling.
- Perennial meadows require a "cut and collect" regime to maintain low-nutrient conditions.
- Mown edges help presentation and control encroaching scrub.

Opportunities for Expansion

- Potential to extend the existing verge meadow (length/width).
- Strong opportunity for a new meadow in the open area between Midway Farm and Southwood Bungalow.
- Additional possible sites: Midway lay-by, Simpson Cross lay-by, overgrown area near bus shelter.
- Further biodiversity work could include Brandy Brook (invasive species and habitat improvement).

Roch School

- Previous meadow project was successful; teachers remain supportive.
- Accidental mowing by PCC contractors needs resolving to allow continuation.

Conclusions

- Members thanked the guests for their time and support in delivering biodiversity gains for the community, and encouraged them to continue efforts. Members felt that the existing wildflower strip near the former motel site should be retained but not extended for the time being. However, members felt the lay-by verge near Midway Farm/Southwood Bungalow would present a good opportunity for a new mini-meadow. This would provide a mini-meadow at each end of the village along the A487 when considering the existing provision.
- Action: Clerk to respond to EcoDewi.

2366 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 6 July 2026

Proposer M. Hammond and seconded by J. Gale.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2367 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton not present thus no update provided on this occasion. That said, M. Hammond mentioned a recent Summer Bingo event was well attended.
 - Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed there had been several summer events over July and August to include a Summer Bingo, Summer Fun Day and a Tennis Tournament. The next event will be the Harvest Fair scheduled for the 4th October. J. Hancock mentioned he had recently met with Mrs B. Warner and Mrs S. Cordes to discuss the history of Victoria Hall as daughter L. Hancock is preparing for a 50th anniversary presentation of the hall. J. Hancock thanked them for their time and asked that it be minuted.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – The clerk provided a brief update on recent matters pertaining to the toilets. The clerk thanked M. Hammond for helping with recent plumbing repairs. The clerk confirmed he had met with representatives of National Grid to progress the quotation request for a power supply to the toilet building. A quotation has now been provided and will be discussed in the finance section of the meeting. Other matters; the clerk confirmed PCNPA has agreed the £1,000 donation to NRCC to assist with the running costs of the toilets, which would be settled within the next 5 working days. The clerk also provided an update on his grant funding conversations; the clerk has met with the PCC Access Officer for advice on making adaptations to the Nolton Haven Toilets building to make it more accessible. The officer provided sound advice and useful supporting information which has been used to submit an expression of interest for funding from the Pride in place fund, for a changing place and two unisex toilets. Members thanked the clerk for his work on this matter.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk confirmed there was no further update. The clerk agreed to contact PCC highways team to seek update.
 - Action: Clerk / A. Peach to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven beachfront matters** – The clerk confirmed the beachfront would be cleared this week by the PCC sweeper lorry.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed there was no further update. The clerk agreed to contact PCC highways team to seek update.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Sand Castle Competition at Nolton Haven** – M. Hammond confirmed the event was very well attended and much fun had by all. M. Harries confirmed 21 pitches were marked out and occupied. Members agreed that this should be an annual community event.
- **NRCC website and addition of local directory** – The clerk confirmed that an extra page can be added to the existing website at no extra cost. The clerk agreed to action the required work and complete before September meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Trade waste from self-catering units** – The clerk confirmed an email response from PCC had been circulated clarifying the matter. In summary, there are no planned changes to existing arrangements for trade waste.
- **Coffee Trailer at Newgale Caravan Park** – The clerk confirmed an email response from PCC had been circulated clarifying the matter. In summary, the trailer has now been moved off-site.

2368 Planning

- *No planning matters for consideration throughout July and August period.*

2369 Finance and Legal Matters

- The clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- Expenditure requests:
 - Charlotte Jones (NH toilets cleaning): £744.00
 - Victoria Hall (Rent): £45.00

Members approved the two above expenses and the matter was resolved.

It was also noted that the following costs were approved by members via email prior to this meeting due to the summer recess. Consent was also given to the clerk to pay invoices of <£1,000 as noted in the July 2026 meeting of council:

- Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water (Water and sewerage rates): £306.02
- Charlotte Jones (NH toilets cleaning): £336.00
- Newgale Holidays (New toilet seat for NH toilets): £35.99
- Michael Harries (Prizes for sandcastle competition): £34.14
- Requests for donations FY26/27: None.
- Nolton Haven Toilets Sponsorship Programme: The clerk confirmed 9 businesses had committed to renewals to date, and billboards had been refreshed accordingly.
- National Grid: The clerk confirmed he had met with representatives on site to further the quotation request for a new supply to the toilet building. A quotation has been subsequently received for £1,697.32. The clerk confirmed this would provide a supply to property and an electrician would need to be engaged to install a consumer unit and internal fitout at extra cost. The clerk confirmed he had explored off-grid solutions (Solar PV and battery) however given the limited roof space and high loading of hand driers and other loadings going forward, it was felt off-grid wouldn't provide a suitable option.

2370 Correspondence

- Summer Newsletter 2026 from Pembrokeshire Local Food Partnership
- This isn't just another survey. This is about shaping our home for the next 10 years
- Council Tax Premium Consultation
- LPfN 2026-2027 T&CCs
- Advance Notice of Community Review Consultation (Section 31 Review)
- Scribefest 2026 - The Free Online Conference for Town, Parish and Community Councils
- RE: Complaint Regarding Excessive Dust from Building Site in Roch (Maes Ffynnon)
- RE: Coffee shop trailer at Newgale (EC26/0089)
- Hello from EcoDewi!
- Inspector Letter 1 to Representors 4th August 2026
- Council self-assessment 2025-26: public views wanted
- Community Warm Spaces Fund Now Open!
- Annual Pay Settlement 2026/27 – Setliad Cyflog Blynnyddol 2026/27
- Temporary Road Closure Notification - 2026/774 Class III (C3028) Druidston to Nolton

2371 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

2372 Other items

- None.

2373 PCC report

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

2374 AOB

- None.

2375 Items for the next agenda

- None.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 5th October 2026 at Victoria Hall, Roch.

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY26-27

Member	Attendance											
	13-04	11-05	01-06	06-07	07-09	05-10	02-11	07-12	01-02	08-03	-	Total
M. Harries	Y	N	Y	Y	Y							4
A. Peach	Y	Y	N	N	Y							3
L. Hancock	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N							0
J. Hancock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							5
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							5
M. Hammond	Y	Y	N	Y	Y							4
M. Canton	Y	Y	Y	Y	N							4
T. Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							5
Total	7	6	5	6	6							30