

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

6 July 2026

Members present

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

2348 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

M. Harries welcomed all members to the meeting.

2349 Apologies

A. Peach.

2350 Declaration of interest

None.

2351 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 1 June 2026

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

2352 Recruitment of new member

The clerk updated members as follows: I can confirm that no request has been made to hold an election within the prescribed time period as defined by the PCC Electoral Services team. Therefore, Council is requested to fill the vacancy, as soon as practicable, by co-option of a person eligible for council membership. The clerk urged members to consider suitable candidates from within the community and encourage them to apply for the vacancy. Members felt confident that a suitable candidate could be recruited before the next meeting of council in September.

- Action: Clerk to process and check eligibility of candidates as and when received.

2353 Clerk's report on matters arising

• **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**

- Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton confirmed there were a couple of events in the pipeline to include a summer bingo scheduled for August.
- Victoria Hall: M. Harries confirmed that the hall AGM took place on the 15th June, and a few summer events (summer bingo, tennis tournament and a family fun day) have been planned going forward over July and August.

- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton updated members on operational matters which had been challenging more recently with higher footfall due to the warm weather, and the overuse of toilet paper used for drying hands continues to be a challenge. The clerk confirmed he had received a response from Dwr Cymru regarding the electric supply (which was shared with members prior to the meeting) which confirmed DCWW were not in a position to allow NRCC to use the pumphouse supply. 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. The clerk went on to confirm, he had spoken to a representative of National Grid regarding a new metered supply to the building. They are going to look into the feasibility and cost of this option, and revert to the clerk shortly. J. Hancock proposed that if the quotation comes back a £1,000 or less, the clerk should be authorised to proceed with no delay. This proposal was seconded by J. Gale, and remaining members agreed unanimously to this proposal. Other matters; the clerk confirmed PCNPA had agreed to donate £1,000 to NRCC to assist with the running costs of Nolton Haven Public Toilets. The clerk also provided an update on his grant funding conversations; the clerk had recently 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** – T. Jones noted the sand accumulation along the highway was significant and asked the clerk to raise this issue with PCC.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed he had approached PCC for an update, and had received initial drawings of a proposed scheme. The clerk shared the plans for members at the meeting for comments. J. Hancock expressed concerns regarding the proposed location of the pedestrian crossing point and refuse island near the entrance to Midway farmyard. He felt it would be safer for the crossing to be further down the road towards Southwood Bungalow, for the reasons of safety and access requirements for large farm vehicles and lorries into Midway. It was agreed that the clerk should provide the feedback to PCC highway planning team, and seek for appropriate amendments.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Sand Castle Competition at Nolton Haven** – M. Harries proposed the date of Sunday 16th August, 2pm-4pm and a budget allocation of £50.00. There should be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes which M. Harries will arrange, and two judges (TBC). All members agreed to the proposal.
 - Action: M. Harries / clerk to follow-up.
- **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.
- **Newgale Road Closure** – The clerk confirmed the resurfacing work had now been completed. In his capacity as County Councillor, the clerk has also submitted a question to full council regarding the diversionary route and the need for improvements to the route in the event of future A487 road closures.

2354 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: The construction of four underground telecom chambers and interconnecting ducts; Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) underneath Brandy Brook; and the construction of one HDD bore-to-sea outfall.** Newsurf Car Park, Newgale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AS. [NP/26/0274/FUL]. *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – No concerns or objections raised. Response to be submitted to PCNPA.*

2355 Finance and Legal Matters

- The clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- Expenditure requests: None. M. Harries proposed that the clerk should be authorised to process payments of <£1,000 over July and August given the council will not sit until September due to the summer recess. Payments will need to be processed over the summer months to ensure the council continues to operate efficiently. The proposal was seconded by J. Gale and agreed by all members present.
- Requests for donations FY26/27: None.
- The clerk confirmed the FY25/26 Annual Return had been submitted to Audit Wales in a timely manner, and that £265.00 had been recently banked from honesty box donations.
- Nolton Haven Toilets Sponsorship Programme: The clerk confirmed he was communicating with local businesses and organisations regarding renewals. 5 businesses had already committed to renewals to date. The clerk will provide an update at the next meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up to sponsorship.

2356 Correspondence

- Invitation: People's Emergency Briefing screening in Solva on Wednesday 10th June
- Invitation to a meeting for Town and Community Councils - Clinical Services Plan Consultation: Stroke Services
- FW: Nolton Haven Public Toilets
- Pembrokeshire Public Service Board Well-being Assessment survey
- Community Engagement Questionnaires
- This isn't just another survey. This is about shaping our home for the next 10 years.
- Temporary Road Closure Notification - 2026/420 A487 road at Newgale
- New Funding Opportunities: Road Safety Community Grant Fund
- Community Dog Safety & Wellbeing Project – Request for Local Feedback from Town and Community Councils during July
- Re-Consultation Letter - Amended Documents Received - Ref: NP/26/0274/FUL
- Contact Centre Update

2357 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

2358 Other items

- None.

