

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

2 March 2026

Members present

M. Harries, A. Peach, M. Canton, J. Gale, J. Hancock and T. Jones.

Clerk and County Councillor – N. Neumann.

Member of the public – M. Griffiths (Newgale Surf Lifesaving Club).

2294 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

M. Harries welcomed all members to the meeting.

2295 Apologies

M. Hammond and A. Jones.

2296 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;

M. Canton declared an interest pertaining to Planning Application NP/26/0081/FUL;

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

2297 Time allocated to members of the public wishing to speak (25 minutes)

M. Harries welcomed M. Griffiths from Newgale Surf Lifesaving Club to the meeting. M. Griffiths thanked members for their time and allowing him to join the meeting, and went on to introduce the club's history and more recent endeavours. The club delivers surf lifesaving training and lessons to children between the ages of 7-14 focusing on water safety and building confidence, and currently has circa. 16 children signed up with the ambition to increase to 20 – 25 dependant on volunteer capacity. The building is owned by PCC and the club has benefited from a good relationship with the landlord PCC through the granting of short term lease agreements. Going forward, PCC are looking at a longer term arrangement/full repairing lease, and conversations are ongoing between the club and PCC in terms of the detailed arrangements. The club plans to form a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) operating structure which will provide broader access to grant funding opportunities, collective bargain for insurance, etc and improved risk management. The club continues to have conversations with Porthmawr Club (Whitesands) to gain learnings and experience from their own journey. Fundraising has been and continues to be vital to the club's viability, and the club thanks NRCC for their contributions and support over the years. The building requires essential maintenance of some £5,000 cost to repair the large front doors which the club are currently fundraising for. The general condition of the building is otherwise considered as acceptable. M. Harries thanked M. Griffiths for coming to the meeting and his presentation. M. Griffiths left the meeting.

2298 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 2 February 2026

Proposer J. Gale and seconded by A. Peach.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2299 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 village pantomime had been well-received although ticket sales were considered as down this year. M. Harries thanked all volunteers who had helped over the three nights and one afternoon. A recent St Davids Day celebration co-hosted by Victoria Hall and Penuel Chapel at the hall was also successful. The next event at the hall is the Easter Bingo.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton updated members on operational matters which in summary were positive with consistent level of donations received. No issues identified. The clerk asked M. Canton to kindly empty the donation box before the end of March to ensure all proceeds are banked before financial yearend.
 - Action: Clerk / M. Canton to follow-up.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk recapped on the recent announcement by PCC that the scheme will be put on hold for 18-24 months. Given this information, M. Harries felt it appropriate that this agenda item should be removed from matters arising. The ongoing work re improvements to diversionary routes will be updated as and when information is available to the clerk.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – A. Peach confirmed there was no further update since last meeting in which a full update was provided.
 - Action: Clerk / A. Peach 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.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed there was no further update since last meeting in which a full update was provided.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Welsh Road Traffic Order** – The clerk confirmed no proposal had been received from PCC on this matter.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Gully Cleaning** – The clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to PCC and logged accordingly. The backlog of gully cleaning is significant given the weather this winter however the gullies would be cleaned as and when resources come available.
- **Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) – Section 6 for 2026-2028** – The clerk introduced the BAP structure, priorities, action plan and governance and review structure. Members thanked the clerk for his efforts on this piece of statutory work, and members voted unanimously to adopt the BAP by council. Proposed: J. Gale and seconded by A. Peach. The matter was duly resolved. The first review point will be October AGM 2026.
- **Dog fouling within the Community** – The clerk confirmed the rubbish bins on Church Road had been moved as per requirements of last meeting. The clerk went on to introduce options available for dog poo bag dispensers which range from £35 - £180 in cost. Members felt a period of time to observe performance should now be taken following the bins being moved and the extra signage. A review should be undertaken and dispenser reconsidered at a later date.

- **Pot holes at St Brides View Entrance** – The clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to PCC and logged accordingly. The backlog of pot holes is significant given the weather this winter however the pot holes would be repaired as and when resources come available.
- **Damaged 40 MPH repeater sign in Roch** – The clerk confirmed the damaged sign had been replaced and the matter was resolved.

2300 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Proposed alterations to provide first floor together with proposed double garage/store with landscaping & ecological enhancements (Amended Scheme Following Refusal NP/25/0317/FUL & Pre-application consultation PA/25/2026)**
Hawthorns, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NN [NP/26/0081/FUL].
Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting. Members have no concerns and support the proposal.

2301 Finance and Legal Matters

- The 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
 - 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 7 local charities as listed above (Total donations: £1,750). Proposed by J. Gale and seconded by M. Canton.
- It was agreed to allocate £250.00 to purchasing and installing two hand dryers at Nolton Haven Toilets. Proposed by M. Canton and seconded by J. Hancock.

2302 Correspondence

- Newgale Coastal Adaptation Project - Project Update February 2026
- Temporary Road Closure 2026/010 - C3042 road near Cuffern
- Pembrokeshire Community Review
- Newgale Touch Rugby 7s Weekend
- Have your say on local community pharmacy services
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Evidence Base Update for LDP 3
- Publication of the Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27
- Health Board decides on future model of care for Clinical Services Plan

2303 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

2304 Other items

- **Litter Pick and Easter Egg Hunt at Roch** – M. Harries mentioned that there is currently a growing litter issue around the village of Roch. M. Harries asked members support for an arranged litter pick. For the last few years the litter pick has been carried out at Easter

coupled with an Easter Egg hunt. Members agreed to support and the matter was resolved. M. Canton also proposed a litter pick should be considered at Nolton Haven in the future.

- Action: Clerk / M. Harries to arrange.

2305 PCC report

- Cllr. Neumann updated members on several matters throughout the meeting which are outlined in the meeting minutes herewith. Cllr. Neumann also introduced the full PCC council agenda and key items to be discussed.

2306 AOB

- **Sand castle competition at Nolton Haven** – M. Harries proposed a sand castle competition at Nolton Haven in late spring/summer which would be hosted and organised by council. Members agreed to the proposal, and M. Canton agreed to support at local level.
 - Action: Clerk / M. Canton to arrange.
- **Hilton Farm, Simpson Cross Lay-By** – The clerk asked members for their opinion on two corrective actions to combat ongoing issues with fly tipping and overnight parking on the lay-by as put forward by PCC officers; the removal of the lay-by completely removing all hard surface/tarmac and grassing over OR the removal only of vegetation to improve visibility into the lay-by. Members felt the latter option would be more acceptable as lay-bys are useful provisions for driver rest breaks and passing places for agricultural vehicles. The clerk thanked members for their feedback and confirmed he would pass on the feedback to PCC.
- **Footpath connecting Church Road with Pilgrims Way, Roch** – J. Gale proposed that NRCC might want to consider funding the vegetation management (trimming back) of the footpath. The clerk interjected to say he had recently approached PCC regarding this matter, and discussions were ongoing with officers. The footpath forms part of the urban network managed by highways. Discussions were ongoing with highways and PRoW teams.

2307 Items for the next agenda

- None.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 13th April 2026 at Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room. *(This will be the second Monday in the month to accommodate the public holiday on the 6th April.)*

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY25-26

Member	Attendance											Total
	07-04	05-05	02-06	07-07	01-09	06-10	03-11	01-12	02-02	02-03	-	
M. Harries	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		9
A. Peach	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		8
A. Jones	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		4
J. Hancock	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		6
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10
M. Hammond	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		6
M. Canton	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		9
T. Jones	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		5
Total	6	4	4	6	8	6	5	5	7	6		57
