

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

3 February 2025

Members present

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

2151 Apologies

R. Thomson, M. Hammond and A. Peach.

2152 Declaration of interest

J. Hancock declared an interest pertaining to Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust.

2153 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 2 and 16 December 2024

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

2154 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – Mr D. Smith (CLT Chair) provided the following update via email correspondence:

“ We still await approval of Pembrokeshire Council's proposed award to buy the land. It seems that, because the money will come from Second Homes taxation, PCC need Welsh Government approval that it is an appropriate use of the tax. This in turn seems to be stalled because WG feel they need to define an overall policy about second homes money and that requires Ministerial sign-off. We are pushing for a resolution on several fronts - PCC, Cwmpas and by a direct approach to the Minister herself (facilitated by an encounter at a recent conference). This, plus staff shortages at PCC, is holding up completion of the Grant Agreement between NRCLT and PCC. However, on a more encouraging note, ateb think we have a small window of opportunity to get our project accepted by PCC on their development programme provided we can secure the Land Option and Development agreements before the end of February, which, of course, we are striving to do. No doubt you are thinking, like us, that it's all taking far too long. But you should know that there are hundreds of us CLT folk across the UK, albeit mainly in England, and they all share one common experience - it takes a long time to realise worthwhile community schemes, but perseverance pays off and it really is worth the effort. ”

- **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 provided a full update on latest activities to include New Year's Day fireworks event, darts competition night which proved very successful. The next scheduled event is panto on the 27th, 28th Feb and 1st March, and a 60's/70's disco night for the end of March. As always more volunteers would be welcomed to support the various events. Victoria Hall is currently busy on most days with regular users of the facilities which is encouraging.

- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – The clerk confirmed a funding request had been sent to PCNPA asking for a contribution towards the running costs of Nolton Haven public toilets. The clerk confirmed no response or commitment had been given by PCNPA as yet but he would send a follow-up email shortly. M. Canton stated that the overriding sentiment from toilet users was they felt PCNPA should be funding the toilets given the revenue PCNPA collect from the car park. The clerk confirmed

the roof of the toilet block had been damaged in the recent storms but had since been repaired. Members felt more focus should be put on an improvement programme for the toilets, and a working group should be setup to plan a way forward. It was proposed by M. Harries that the working group should be setup asap with a site visit to agree a way forward.

- Action: Clerk to follow-up on sponsorship and grants, facilitate a site visit and working group setup, and M. Hammond to research access control/door mechanisms.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk updated members on the scheme following a Community Engagement event held on the 29th January 2025 at Victoria Hall. Roch. The event was hosted by PCC and facilitated by the Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum, and well attended as members of the public were intrigued to understand latest developments of the project. The event revealed the key changes to the scheme and the timeline going forward. Members expressed concerns for the beachfront businesses as the scheme didn't appear to offer any longer term support/solutions for these well-established local businesses. Going forward, PCC intend to submit a pre-planning application to PCNPA in spring 2025, a full planning application in late 2025 and dependant upon the outcome of the full planning application, would look to initiate works in 2026/27.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk updated members on the scheme following further meetings with PCC representatives. PCC have confirmed the scheme has been redesigned and this has been shared with members, and the neighbouring landowner for consideration. The redesigned scheme would see the widening of the carriageway by the removal of ~1.5m of hedge bank, a suitable raised pavement with raised curb, and the removal of the prioritisation road scheme as the roadway would be sufficiently wide enough for two vehicles to pass given the overall widening of the carriageway. PCC have confirmed once the landowner has consented to the redesigned scheme, PCC will place the scheme within the Forward Works Programme for FY25/26. Members felt the redesigned scheme as outlined would be welcomed by both pedestrians and road users of the area.
 - 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 all the gullies had been cleaned throughout Nolton Haven and part of the Welsh Road, and thanked the clerk for his assistance on this matter.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk updated members on the grant application following conversations with PCC representatives. PCC have now reviewed the funding application (12 months on) and have declined the application on this occasion citing the application showed limited up to date evidence or consultation from the wider community. Members felt very disappointed by the outcome and rationale provided, and the length of time taken to determine this application. PCC did however suggest they could potentially support a funding application for capital works on the public toilets, and encouraged a funding application accordingly. M. Harries also proposed that the S106 contribution from “Hamilton’s Development” could potentially fund the speed reduction signs, and asked the clerk to enquire with PCC on this point.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: M. Harries to follow-up with PCC representative.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Speeding vehicles on A487 between Simpsons Cross and Newgale** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **Town & Community Council websites** – The clerk confirmed that the new NRCC website was now live with all statutory documents downloaded from the old PCC hosted site and uploaded to the new site. The new website is now hosted by Hugo Fox at a cost of £7.99 plus VAT.
- **Naming of roads within the new housing development in Roch** – The clerk confirmed two names had been chosen for the new development by children of Roch School. Awel Y Mor and Castell Y Mor were the chosen, and the developers presented a book voucher to the winners.
- **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.
- **Slow children signage** – The clerk confirmed that signage would not be supported by PCC as children playing on streets shouldn't be encouraged for safety reasons and is technically an illegal act.
- **Blocked drains throughout Nolton and broken streetlight** – This matter is resolved as confirmed by M. Canton at the meeting.

2155 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal : Demolition of existing toilets/showers/store/laundry building (removal of touring caravans for reception) to an alternative site outside flood zone, with expansion with replacement toilets/showers/store/laundry/reception office building with ecological and landscape enhancements.** Newgale Camping Site, Newgale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AS. [NP/24/0567/FUL]

The above application will be presented to the Development Control Committee at its meeting on 29-Jan-2025, which will start at 10.00 am. You are welcome to attend this meeting – either virtually or in person - and address the Committee on the application if you wish. The Agenda and papers for the meeting are published on the <https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park-authority/committees/committee-papers/> of the Authority's website 10 days before the meeting.

- **PCNPA Proposal [Appeal]: Demolition of existing kitchen. Alterations to existing fenestration and extension.** Rising Sun, Nolton Haven, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NN. [NP/24/0126/FUL] [CAS-03912-Z4V6P9]

An appeal has been made to the Welsh Ministers in respect of the above-mentioned site. The appeal follows the refusal of planning permission by this Authority. Please note that the date for the withdrawal of any representations submitted on the above application, should you wish to do so, is 10th February 2025 and not 20th January 2025 as stated in the email.

2156 Finance

- **FY25/26 Precept** – The clerk confirmed the request to increase the precept by 5% y-o-y to reflect inflationary headwind on general operational costs plus an additional £2,000 to reflect potential fiscal demands of the Nolton Haven toilets had been submitted and acknowledged by PCC.
- **Boundary Commission Review** – The clerk updated members on the outcome of the recent review which would see a reduction in NRCC members from 8 to 6 at the next local government elections. Moreover, Simpson Cross would not join NRCC going forward.
- **Accounts** – Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances, and confirmed that one request for donation had been received from Paul Sartori. M. Harries encouraged members to promote local charity requests for donations ahead of the next meeting.

2157 Correspondence

- Enhancing Pembrokeshire - Nolton and Roch Community Council
- Arolwg o etholaethau'r Senedd / review of Senedd constituencies
- Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules
- December 2024 - Newgale Coastal Adaptation Project

- Cyfarwyddyd Erthygl 4 (1) | Article 4 (1) Direction
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Consultations Ionawr 2025 LDP2
- Invitation: Evidence-Based Policing Conference 2025
- Working Better Together / Gweithio'n Well Gyda'n Gilydd & other news

2158 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- A. Jones attended the Community Engagement event for the Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme.

2159 Other items

- None

2160 PCC report

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

2161 AOB

- **Hedgerow Encroachment** – M. Canton raised concerns regarding overhanging trees and hedgerow encroachment through Nolton village and on Folkeston Road. The clerk agreed to follow-up with PCC and landowners accordingly.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Bins** – M. Canton raised concerns regarding the wheelie bin at Nolton Haven beachfront. It is felt that this bin should be replaced with a more substantial permanent bin(s).
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Defibrillator Battery Replacement** – M. Harries confirmed the battery pack within the Victoria Hall defib had expired and required replacing.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

2162 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 at Victoria Hall Roch.

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY24-25

Member	Attendance											
	15-04	13-05	03-06	01-07	02-09	07-10	04-11	02-12	16-12	03-02	03-03	Total
M. Harries	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		8
R. Thomson	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y			6
A. Jones			Y	Y		Y		Y		Y		5
J. Hancock	Y		Y	Y		Y			Y	Y		6
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10
M. Hammond		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y			6
M. Canton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		10
A. Peach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			9
Total	6	5	7	8	5	6	5	6	7	5		60