

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

7 April 2025

Members present

M. Harries, M. Canton, M. Hammond, J. Gale, A. Jones and A. Peach.

Clerk and County Councillor – N. Neumann.

2176 Apologies

R. Thomson and J. Hancock

2177 Declaration of interest

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

2178 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 3 March 2025

Proposer M. Hammond and seconded by M. Canton.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2179 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 60's/70's disco night recently held was very well attended (~150 people) and has been another strong fundraiser for the hall. The next scheduled events are bingo scheduled for the 25th April, and the annual Duck Race in late May. Recent donations and fund raisers will go towards the repairs of the MUGA.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – The clerk confirmed a favourable response had been received from PCNPA who have kindly agreed to a one-off contribution of £2,000 towards the operational costs for Nolton Haven Public Toilets. The clerk confirmed he had raised an invoice for this amount and thanked PCNPA for their generosity. The clerk went to update members on the CAT agreement with PCC, and explained that Eaton-Evans and Morris solicitors had been instructed to act on NRCC's behalf following the approval from members to the estimated £900+vat legal costs. The clerk confirmed he had also signed an extended tenancy at will agreement for the public toilets which would cover the period up to 31st May at which point the CAT agreement should be completed. The clerk confirmed that PCC had invoiced NRCC for water usage which totalled £293.16 to which members were pleased given the water saving enhancements made over the season. In the near term it was agreed to explore sponsorship opportunities to support the operating costs for the coming season. It was agreed the clerk should get costings for tamper-proof clipboards and revert at the next meeting.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up on sponsorship and grants, cost and structure of sponsorship opportunities, and M. Hammond to research access control/door mechanisms.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk confirmed the public consultation had started and M. Harries encouraged members to submit representations via the link shared.
- **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 confirmed no issues currently apparent.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **PV Solar Speed Reduction Signs** – The clerk confirmed no update on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Nolton Haven Japanese knotweed** – M. Harries agreed this item should be removed from the agenda given the length of time past and exhaustive efforts to seek a solution to no avail.
- **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** – M. Harries agreed this item should be removed from the agenda given the length of time past and lack of response from PCC.
- **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** – M. Canton confirmed hedgerows on Bathersland and Folkeston Roads still require maintenance and the clerk agreed to contact The National Trust to resolve.
 - Action: Clerk to contact The National Trust.

2180 Planning

- **PCNPA Proposal: Redevelopment of former motel/restaurant site for a mixed commercial & community use, including village shop/post office, bistro/restaurant and conference facilities together with new vehicular access, car parking & highway improvements, landscaping & biodiversity enhancements plus change of use of adjacent land to provide tourism development comprising of up to 18 timber style holiday lodges together with parking & landscaping (Amended Scheme)** Rochgate, (Former Hotel), Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AF. [NP/24/0484/FUL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – The clerk [N. Neumann] was asked to leave the meeting whilst councillors discussed this agenda item. Comments and feedback from the discussion between councillors was agreed to be provided by NRCC chairman [M. Harries] due to the clerk's conflict of interest.*
- **PCNPA Proposal: Farm tracks/holding area for animals (in retrospect) with ecological enhancements.** Rainbolts Hill Farm, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AF [NP/25/0178/FUL] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – The clerk [N. Neumann] was asked to leave the meeting whilst councillors discussed this agenda item. Comments and feedback from the discussion between councillors was agreed to be provided by NRCC chairman [M. Harries] due to the clerk's conflict of interest.*
- **PCNPA Proposal: Removal of 3 Metres of Hedge Bank (in retrospect) – Part of Rainbolts Hill Farm.** Rainbolts Hill Farm, Roch, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AF. [NP/25/0179/HRN] *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting – The clerk [N. Neumann] was asked to leave the meeting whilst councillors discussed this agenda item. Comments and feedback from the discussion between councillors was agreed to be provided by NRCC chairman [M. Harries] due to the clerk's conflict of interest..*

2181 Finance

- Clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- Clerk confirmed the following expenditure: £285.00 on toilet paper for Nolton Haven toilets, £400.00 as payment on account for legal fees (Eaton-Evans and Morris), and £293.16 for water and sewerage fees (PCC) to which members approved.

2182 Correspondence

- FW: Consultation on the future of Transport In South West Wales
- Senedd Review Final Determinations
- Pembrokeshire Sustainable Communities Fund - Expressions of Interest Now Open
- National Awards Conference 2025
- Digital Guidance
- FW: Nolton Haven Public Toilets
- Audit Notice 2024-25 - Councils having a BASIC audit 2024-25
- Fwd: Haverfordwest Committee to support Eisteddod y Garreg Las
- EOI Submission- SPF Sustainable Communities Grant- Outcome
- WALES & VE DAY 80 - 8TH MAY 2025
- Transfer of functions from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales to Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

2183 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None

2184 Other items

- None

2185 PCC report

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

2186 AOB

- **VE Day 80 Celebrations (8th May 2025)** – Members felt support should be given towards the celebrations, and a proposal was put forward to combine the monthly coffee morning at the Victoria Inn with a VE Day celebration. A. Peach agreed to communicate with The Victoria Inn on arrangements.
 - Action: A. Peach to follow-up.
- **Welsh Road Traffic Order** – The clerk confirmed he had recently had a meeting with PCC representatives to discuss the traffic order on the Welsh Road between Newgale and Nolton Haven. Feedback from PCC reps suggested similar traffic orders in Pembrokeshire have been withdrawn as not worked effectively with signage vandalism, issues with vehicle definition loopholes and lack of enforcement officers. PCC reps confirmed they would review FPN data and the general effectiveness of the Welsh Road traffic order, and form a proposal for NRCC's consideration going forward.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Water leaks** – M. Canton mentioned two water leaks on the highway through Nolton (one by the stables and one near the Old Post Office). The clerk agreed to follow-up.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up with Dwr Cymru.

- **Nolton Haven Toilets** – M. Canton asked whether the door locks could be replaced so the doors could be locked at night during times when events take place. Members supported this request and M. Hammond agreed to support the work.
 - Action: M. Hammond and M. Canton to follow-up.
- **National Trust (NT)** – A. Jones suggested the NT had recently onboarded a new Community Engagement Officer who would be working across Pembrokeshire to include the Southwood Estate, and would likely reach out shortly to join a future NRCC meeting.

2187 Items for the next agenda

- None

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Next meeting: Monday 5th May 2025 at Victoria Hall Roch.

Signed

Chairman

Members Attendance FY25-26

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