

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

**13 April 2026**

**Members present**

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

2308 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

M. Harries welcomed all members to the meeting.

2309 Apologies

None.

2310 Declaration of interest

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

2311 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 2 March 2026

Proposer J. Gale and seconded by M. Canton.

M. Harries signed minutes as true record.

2312 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 recent Easter bingo had been well-attended and a successful fundraising event for the hall. M. Harries thanked all volunteers who had helped. The next event at the hall will be a Summer Fair.
- **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 other than the recurrent issue of overuse of toilet paper. The clerk confirmed the new noticeboard would be installed this month and weather permitting, the external painting would also be undertaken. The clerk confirmed he had written to Dwr Cymru seeking permission for an electrical supply for hand driers in the toilet block, and is awaiting a response.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – A. Peach confirmed there was no further update.
  - 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.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

- **Pot holes at St Brides View Entrance** – The clerk confirmed the matter had been resolved.
- **Litter Pick and Easter Egg Hunt at Roch** – M. Harries confirmed the event had been successfully carried out and 5 bags of rubbish collected from around the village. Whilst the turnout was quite low, those that attended enjoyed the event.
- **Sand Castle Competition at Nolton Haven** – M. Harries proposed this item is deferred to the next meeting.
  - Action: Deferred to next meeting.
- **Hilton Farm, Simpson Cross lay-by** – The clerk confirmed works had now been completed to open up the vegetation to improve visibility with the aim of reducing fly-tipping and overnight parking at the location. Members felt that location certainly looks a lot better now it has been cleared, and J. Hancock asked whether a similar exercise could be carried out at Midway lay-by.

2313 Planning

- **PCC Proposal: Temporary stables, container & associated hard standing (in retrospect).** Land at Cuffern, Haverfordwest, SA62 6HB [25/1070/PA]. *Application sent round to all Councillors prior to meeting. Members have no concerns and support the proposal.*

2314 Finance and Legal Matters

- The clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- Expenditure requests: Consumables for Nolton Toilets (£354.60), One Voice Wales Subscription (£229.00), Nolton Village Hall Rental (£50.00), Zurich Insurance (£308.82) and Michael Harries for Easter Eggs (£34.50).
- Requests for donations FY 26/27 – None.
- Assertion 10 Governance and Compliance – Secure email boxes. To remain compliant the NRCC clerk’s inbox needs to be a secure gov.uk domain. The cost will be £2.99 inc. vat per month – Members approved and the matter was resolved.
  - Action: Clerk to setup new clerks inbox and liaise with OVV re WhatsApp.

2315 Correspondence

- Community Boundary Reviews
- Spring Newsletter from Pembrokeshire Local Food Partnership
- Newgale Surf Life Saving Club request for Nolton & Roch Community Council's written support for fundraising at Newgale Pebbles Car Park
- Assertion 10 Checklist
- PCNPA: Re: Adoption of the following Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)
- Basic Audit Notice 2024-25 - Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire
- Senedd Cymru Notice of Election
- Nolton & Roch Community Council: Roch wildflower meadow strip and more
- SWWCJC - DA ar gyfer yr SDP / SWWCJC - DA for the SDP
- REMINDER PCNPA: Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) Call for Candidate Sites 26 January to 27 April 2026

2316 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- **REMINDER:** Code of conduct training – 20th April at 7pm

2317 Other items

- **Council Tax** – J. Hancock raised an issue currently ongoing pertaining to Penuel Chapel’s council tax. As the Manse is currently unoccupied, PCC have assumed it is habitable and unoccupied and have applied a 300% council tax premium and backdated the payments. As explained by J. Hancock, the Manse is in an uninhabitable state and should be exempt. The trustees of Penuel are now having to challenge PCC and provide evidence to support their claim for exemption for which they will legally win. J. Hancock wanted to highlight this issue which he feels is onerous and unnecessary.
- **PCNPA Car Park Scheme** – The clerk introduced the scheme which most members were not aware of. Members felt it was a good scheme and presented good opportunities for local charitable organisations to benefit from. Going forward members felt, as and when local community organisations request NRCC endorsement for the scheme, they should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- **Roch wildflower meadow strip (Rochgate lay-by)** – M. Harries introduced the letter received from J. Wadia from EcoDewi, and the observations/requests made within. Members felt that the wildflower strip was a success last season which offered a splash of colour to the Roch village entrance over the late spring/summer months. Members felt that the scheme could be replicated at other sites within the community however the request to enlarge the current meadow at the Rochgate lay-by should be declined for the time being to allow time to observe the performance of the meadow in its second and possibly third seasons. J. Hancock proposed Midway lay-by could host a second meadow project whilst J. Gale proposed Simpson Cross lay-by. M. Harries proposed that J. Wadia from EcoDewi should be invited to join a future meeting to initiate discussions on alternative sites within the community. Members took time to thank the clerk for his commitment to maintain and enhance the Rochgate lay-by over several years at his own time and cost – J. Hancock stated the clerk’s contribution should not be overlooked or ignored.
  - Action: Clerk to invite J. Wadia from EcoDewi to future meeting.

2318 PCC report

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

2319 AOB

- **Church Road** – J. Gale remarked there are large stones/rocks on the edge of the highway outside a property on Church Road which are dangerous for road users. The clerk agreed to visit the site and seek a resolution.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **NRCC Website** – M. Harries opened a brief debate regarding the NRCC website and whether a page could be created/added to promote local community charities, community assets, local businesses and venues. The clerk agreed to create a new page which would provide a local directory with links to websites and social media pages for local community assets and organisations.
  - Action: Clerk to follow-up.

