NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT VICTORIA HALL ROCH ON 6 OCTOBER 2025

Members Present: M. Harries, M. Canton, A. Jones, J. Gale, J. Hancock and M. Hammond.
Clerk: N. Neumann

1. **Apologies**
   T. Jones and A. Peach.

2. **Election of Chairman**
   It was proposed by J. Hancock, seconded by A. Jones and agreed by all that M. Harries be elected Chairman for 2025/26. M. Harries consented to remain as Chairman.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**
   It was proposed by M. Harries, seconded by A. Jones and agreed by all that A. Peach be elected to continue as Vice Chairman for 2025/26. A. Peach consented to remain as Vice Chairman (by email).

4. **Signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Conduct**
   All Councillors present signed the declaration of acceptance of office including agreement to the code of conduct. All declarations of office were signed and returned by the remaining Councillors at a later date.

5. **Community councillor remuneration entitlement for 2025/26 financial year**
   Individuals who have accepted office as a member of a community or town council are entitled to receive payments as set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. **All eight councillors notified the Clerk and declined any such remuneration payments for the 2025/26 financial year. Councillors not present at the AGM, later signed and returned declarations to the Clerk.**

6. **Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**
   It was resolved that the minutes of the AGM held on 7 October 2024 having been circulated to Councillors be confirmed and signed. Proposed J. Gale, seconded M. Harries.

7. **Matters Arising**
   There were no matters arising.

8. **Appointment of Committees, Representatives, Officers etc**
   a) **Planning Committee**
      It was resolved that the following serve on this Committee:
      Chairman, Vice Chairman, J. Gale and A. Jones. Hammond. With membership to rotate round to other Councillors at the next AGM or earlier if deemed appropriate.
   b) **Victoria Hall and Nolton Reading Room Committees**
      It was resolved that M. Harries and M. Canton continue as representatives on the Victoria Hall and Nolton Reading Room Committees respectively.

c) **Roch School**
It was resolved that J. Gale continue as community school governor at Roch School.

d) **Press Officer**
It was resolved that the Clerk be appointed Press Officer.

e) **Signatories on Council cheques**
It was resolved that the Clerk plus any two of the following sign community council cheques: J. Hancock, M. Harries and A. Peach.

f) **Proper Officer**
It was resolved that the Clerk be designated Proper Officer of the council.

g) **Financial Officer**
It was resolved that the Clerk be designated as the Responsible Financial Officer.

h) **Internal Auditor**
It was resolved that Bevan Buckland LLP be appointed Internal Auditor.

I) **Clerk's Salary**
It was resolved that the Clerk's salary be paid according to the Local Government National Joint Council recommendations (SCP Pay Scale Point 21).

9. Future Council Meetings – date; venue; time

Date: that wherever possible, council meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month (August and January excepted)

Venue: Meetings to alternate, wherever possible, between the Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall, Roch.

Time: council meetings to commence at 7.30pm unless an alternative time to be approved at the previous full council meeting.

10. To adopt Standing Order No 1

Voting procedures at Council meetings

"Voting at council meetings shall be by a show of hands by Councillors may by resolution adopt such other method of voting as they consider expedient on any particular matter."
It was resolved that Standing Order No 1 be adopted.

11. To adopt Standing Order No 2

Procedures for examining Planning Applications

"If any member of this Council's Planning Committee, or any other Councillor, raised an objection or shows concern regarding a planning application, the Council must be convened to examine that application." It was resolved that Standing Order No 2 be adopted.

12. To adopt Standing Order No 3

"Any purchase of goods or execution of work authorised by this Council in excess of £700 will be by tender of at least two sealed quotes. To be opened in the presence of at least two persons and a full record of the contents of the tenders should be signed by all those present at the opening." It was resolved that Standing Order No 3 be amended and adopted as follows: "Any purchase of goods or execution of work authorised by this Council in excess of **£1,500** will be by tender of at least two sealed quotes. To be opened in the presence of at least two persons and a full record of the contents of the tenders should be signed by all those present at the opening."

13. **To adopt Standing Order No 4**
    "Members of the public can approach the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting being allowed three minutes to address any issue on the agenda. The number of speakers and time allowed to be at the discretion of the Chairman to allow efficient transaction of the business in hand. Members of the public to notify the Clerk of their wish to speak and the subject being raised at least 4 days prior to the meeting." It was resolved that Standing Order No 4 be adopted.

14. **Chairman's report**
    As below.

15. **Any other business**
    None.

Chairman .....

Date: .....

Chairman's report

When I look back over the previous 12 months, I always think, what we have achieved? Or how have we helped the Community this year, once again I realise it's been another busy year.

Whilst a large amount of time is spent with planning, including an extraordinary meeting in December, my personal highlight in relation to our planning discussions was seeing the approval for The Gate project and we wait in anticipation for the work to start on site.

Sadly, work has yet to progress on the Wakefield Development in Roch. Although a lovely touch was made by them and the NRCC, with the opportunity for the school to name one of the new streets.

In terms of community engagements, we were grateful for Victoria Inn hosting the VE celebrations which we gave a financial contribution towards, the easter egg hunt and litter pick took place this year. We financially supported 8 local charities this year with an added extra amount going to the Friends of Roch School. We also financial support the monitoring and maintaining of the 4 defibs in the parish and although the costs are perhaps higher than anticipated, I feel it is imperative we continue.

In reference to finance, this year we did increase our precepts by 5% to cover the costs of Nolton toilets. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Mike and the Canton family for all their hard work particularly with the cleaning and other members of the Council who have helped maintain the building. A successful trial of opening the toilets for 12 months has worked and the appreciation has been shown with the increase in donations which has been received.

A warm welcome was given to Tudor recently, and we thank Rob Thomson for his contribution over the years as he stepped down as Cllr and vice chair.

I would also like to pay our respects to Cllr Peter Morgan who sadly passed away this year, sending our condolences to his family once again as well other families who lost loved ones in the community over the past 12 months.

During the course of the year we've welcomed representatives from STUN and National Trust to our meeting, in relation to impacts on Newgale and surrounding area. We've had regular updates from the CLT and whilst we recognise the struggles they continue to face, I'd like to congratulate them on their continued hard work.

This year we've seen our very own N&RCC website being launched and grateful for the addition of the Christmas tree in December 2024 donated and maintained by Nick. In terms of community effort, it was also highlighted last month how well the community has come together to help the Manx shearwaters.

Whilst we do have reasonably large communities within our parish, sadly it does seem to be the same people who volunteer their time, whether it be the halls, toilets, churches or even the school, the need for community by-in or increased numbers of volunteering is at its greatest. Over the next 12 months I would urge the people of Nolton and Roch to get involved in some way shape or form, and to continue to help and improve the area we live.

Thank you.