

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

3 November 2025

Members present

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

2255 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

A. Peach welcomed all members to the meeting.

2256 Apologies

M. Harries, A. Jones and M. Hammond.

2257 Declaration of interest

J. Hancock declared a personal interest in agenda item pertaining to CLT.

2258 Minutes of the previous meetings dated 6 October 2025

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

2259 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (CLT)** – D. Smith (Chairman of NRCLT) provided the following update to members via email which was read out:

It was six years ago this month that a Steering Group met to create Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust (NRCLT) with its primary objective to build affordable housing for local people. The group worked at pace and in less than four months the CLT was formally registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a Community Benefit Society. Sadly, its interactions with enabling individuals and public bodies were far less efficient and, five and a half years later, it still hasn't been able to secure two vital legal agreements. Whilst extremely frustrating there was, until recently, no reason to expect the negotiations to fail. But, just two weeks ago, we learned that the land on which the houses were to be built is no longer available to us.

This leaves the CLT with two options:

- 1. begin the search for a new plot of land all over again; or*
- 2. suspend the CLT, either temporarily or permanently.*

A CLT board meeting later this month will decide on how it wants to proceed. But the current chairman has tendered his resignation and, if the CLT is to continue, a new chairman will need to be elected. I would like to express my personal gratitude to this Community Council for all the encouragement and support it has shown to the CLT and in particular for its generosity in providing annual grants to cover essential CLT costs. It is nearly impossible to obtain grant funding to cover running costs so the financial support you have provided has been vital in keeping the Trust solvent.

Thank you.

- **Updates from the Victoria Hall / Nolton Village Hall and Reading Room**
 - Nolton Village Hall: M. Canton confirmed a recent Halloween event was well attended and enjoyed by all.
 - Victoria Hall: No update provided on this occasion due to hall rep being absent.
- **Public toilet provisions at Nolton Haven** – M. Canton updated members on operational matters which in summary were positive with consistent level of donations received. T. Jones proposed that hand driers are installed which would reduce the toilet paper consumption and waste. Power could be sourced from the neighbouring DCWW pumping station upon reaching mutual agreement. Members agreed to further consider this proposal and put in on the Future Works Programme when funding comes available. The clerk went on to update members on the outcome of the tendering exercise for the toilets building maintenance works: Three quotes were received ranging from £2,650 to £2,000. Members felt the lowest bid of £2,000 from J. S. Edwards should be accepted and pursued. Proposed: J. Gale, seconded by M. Canton. The matter was resolved and work to be actioned.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Newgale Coastal Adaptation Scheme** – The clerk confirmed no update on the occasion.
 - Action: The clerk to follow-up.
- **Foot / cycle path around dangerous bend in Roch** – The clerk confirmed PCC officers are currently working through a feasibility study looking at a new cycle route from Roch to Newgale, and as part of these proposals, funding could be made available to implement the required changes to Church Road highway format around the dangerous bend.
 - 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. The clerk confirmed PCC had been requested to clear the sand from the beachfront highway. The frontend loader will be deployed accordingly. Members went on to discuss matters pertaining to the double yellow lines and the response received from PCC Traffic Department following the request for a disabled parking bay. Members were disappointed by the response provided by the PCC Traffic Department; member feel there is sufficient space for a disabled parking bay nevertheless members accept the opinion from officers. That said, members asked whether signage could be provided and erected by PCC to advise members of the public that blue badge holders are permitted to park in the space for up to 3 hours. The clerk agreed to follow-up on this request with PCC Traffic Department.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Village footpath and signage for Roch to Newgale new footpath** – The clerk confirmed no update available on this occasion.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Welsh Road Traffic Order** – The clerk confirmed no proposal had been received from PCC on this matter. The clerk agreed to follow-up with the traffic team at PCC.
 - Action: Clerk to follow-up.
- **Defib battery replacement** – The clerk confirmed the new replacement battery had been procured, received and fitted. The matter is resolved.
- **Hedgerow Encroachment (Folkestone Rd)** – The clerk confirmed PCC highways maintenance team had cutback the hedges on the Folkestone Road much improving the situation and safety for road users. M. Canton thanked the clerk for his intervention on this matter.

- **Community Walk at Southwood** – The community walk went ahead as per plan although the attendance level was understood to be low. Those that did attend the walk provided positive feedback and felt the engagement with National Trust officers was well received.

2260 Planning

- No planning proposals received throughout period since October meeting.

2261 Finance and Legal Matters

- No requests for donations.
- The clerk updated members on enquiries regarding the cost and availability of a new bench seat at Nolton Haven beach: Online quotes for a similar recycled plastic bench range between £450 - £800 plus vat. A response from PCC (the supplier of the previous benches) had also been received and advised that PCC do not supply benches any longer. Members agreed that a budget of £650.00 plus vat should be allocated to a new recycled plastic bench and installation works. Proposed: M. Canton, seconded: J. Gale. Matter resolved.
- The clerk confirmed that a letter had been received from PCC Financial Department regarding the FY26-27 Precept Setting Process and Timeline. The clerk proposed that the precept would need to be ratified at the December meeting to ensure submission deadlines are met. The clerk also agreed to update the FY25-26 YTD accounts before the December meeting to provide greater clarity for the FY 26-27 precept and budget setting process.
- The clerk updated the councillors on the state of finances and bank account balances.
- The clerk informed members that a formal complaint via the Ombudsman had been received. The Complainant (a local business owner) alleged that the M. Harries (Chairman of NRCC) had made inaccurate representations to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority ("PCNPA"), regarding a planning application he had submitted for his business. Following consideration and review of the complaint, the Ombudsman felt that evidence had not been provided to substantiate the complaint and the Ombudsman will not investigate unless there is reasonably strong evidence to suggest that the member concerned has breached the Code. The Complainant's views clearly differ to that of the Council's but it appears the Member presented the views of the Council and the residents in his ward, which he was entitled to do. The Ombudsman have duly dismissed the allegation and advised the complaint will not be investigated further.

2262 Correspondence

- PCNPA SPG Consultations | PCNPA CCA Advisories
- Autumn Events – Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust
- Chief Constable – Dyfed Powys Police
- Share your views on what helps you to live a healthy life
- Communities Fund- To help celebrate St David's day
- Ministerial Statement on Pembrokeshire Community Boundary Review
- PCNPA: Publication of Local Development Plan 3: Delivery Agreement
- Pembrokeshire Funding Fair & AGM 13.11.2025

2263 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- None.

2264 Other items

- **Christmas Tree (Roch)** – The clerk asked for approval to erect a Christmas tree with lights on the adopted highway verge outside the former motel. The clerk confirmed he would pay for the tree and lights himself. Members thanked the clerk for his contribution last year and agreed to the proposal.

2265 PCC report

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

2266 AOB

- **Roch School Playground** – J. Gale confirmed she had received complaints from parents and staff of the school regarding the condition of the playground surface and drainage.
 - Action: The clerk and J. Gale to follow-up with headteacher and undertake a site visit.

2267 Items for the next agenda

- FY26-27 precept determination.

Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 1st December 2025 at Victoria Hall, Roch.

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					6
A. Peach	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y					5
A. Jones	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N					4
J. Hancock	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y					4
J. Gale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					7
M. Hammond	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N					5
M. Canton	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					6
T. Jones	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N	Y					2
Total	6	4	4	6	8	6	5					39