



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at
6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Attended by:

Community Councillors Josh Phillips (Chair) Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker,
John Price, Wendy Wright, Joe Griffin, Jo Gibbins.

Mollie Roach (Solva Care).

County Councillor Mark Carter

1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Tim Harvatt of Rockpool Design to the meeting. Tim was the successful tenderer to produce a new logo for the village. Tim gave an introduction to his approach to design and there was a brief discussion. He said that if he could not come up with a logo that met the committee's approval he would happily walk away but he was confident he could produce something which would appeal. He would ensure the logo was suitable for all applications including social media. He would notionally retain copyright of the image but would not restrict its reproduction nor seek any further payment for its use. Josh thanked Tim for his attendance and it was agreed that he would produce three or four drafts for the meeting to take place in February. Tim left the meeting.

2. **Apologies.** Community Councillor Colin Reynolds, Maria Jones (SCC Web Administrator), Peter Wilde (Newsletter editor), Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** Councillor Josh Phillips declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the lower car park.

Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2019.**
Agreed and signed.

a. All actions were reviewed.



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5. **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.** Community Councillor Wendy Wright confirmed that the lunch held on Saturday 7th December 2019 had been very successful and she thanked all those who had supported the event. (Councillor Jo Gibbins handed over a reconciliation of refreshments consumed after returns had been made, a total of £290.97. **Action Clerk** to pay Top Shop)

6. **Clerk & RFO Report.** The clerk's report was deferred.

7. **Report from County Councillor.** Mark said that the new kerbside recycling was bedding in well. He reported that Welsh Government had made an additional £100k available to maintain public toilets. This would ensure that the toilets in the lower car park would be funded for another year. The move to make public toilets exempt from business rates had been delayed by the general election. In respect of the recent criticisms of the overage clause in sale contracts, Mark had asked for a copy of the PCC's policy. This had not been forthcoming to date. Mark said that there was an increasing desire to prosecute environmental crimes, fly tipping and dog fouling. Members of the public were invited to bring forward evidence. He said that Lesley Raymond's funeral would take place on Saturday 11 January.

8. **Reports.**

a. **The Solva Community Land Trust.** Ifor reported that two engagement events had taken place to help shape the questionnaire to assess housing need. These had been very successful. The CLT was undertaking a site visit to view local eco-housing and a meeting with ATEB, the housing association that would partner the CLT, had also been arranged.

b. **Bro Dowel traffic speed concerns.** Mark had written and delivered a letter to all residents about the problem. Wendy was very concerned that an injury to a child could occur. It was agreed to monitor the situation in the light of the letter and see if this had an effect. There was also concern at the haphazard parking and it was agreed to write to the electrical company in respect of the muddy area around the electric box. **Action for Clerk.** The grass needed to be replaced by hard standing. With regard to illegal parking it was suggested that hinged bollards be provided. Josh suggested that Bro Dawel form its own housing committee to deal with the many issues



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arising in Bro Dawel. **Action Wendy and Joe** would explore that option.

c. **Fireworks Committee 2020.** County Councillor Mark Carter said that he was exploring options for music accompaniment to the display.

d. **Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems.** No report

e. **Upper Play Park fence damage.** Repair action agreed with fence owner.

f. **Lower Play Park.** Repairs completed

g. **Consultation - BT Payphone Removal.** Discussion deferred.

h. **Dog Fouling.** Joe reported that the situation was getting worse on the playing fields and around Bro Dawel. It was agreed that Mark would tailor his letter and this would be sent to all Solva residents as an insert in the Solva News. Bruce to put onto Solva SCC letter head. With regard to the playing field, it was agreed that Joe would organise the repositioning of the main gate and the installation of a gate at the side of the clubhouse. The installation of CCTV would also be explored, Mark to share with Bruce his quotation for cameras and supporting equipment, with signage. **Action Josh/Ifor** to lead on installation.

i. **Planning applications** In respect of the Application to Replace the dwelling and ancillary potting shed at 22 High Street, (NP/19/0616/FUL) it was agreed that Ifor would canvass the opinion of the neighbours. (**Post Meeting Note** - Ifor had discussed with one neighbour, Chris Isles, who had voiced his concern at such a significant development). With regard to the application to replace the fence around the school field, (NP/19/0659/FUL) Ifor pointed out that three neighbours had objected. It was agreed to oppose. **Action Bruce** to write to PCNP.

9. **Public Open Forum.** NTR

10. **AOB**



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- a. **Solva Bridge.** The work had been halted due to illness by the subcontractor. **Action Bruce** to check on completion date with PCNP.
- b. **Whitesands Car park: Reciprocal arrangements.** **Action Josh** to pursue with Mike Chant, Chair of St Davids City Council.
- c. **Lower Solva Car Park.** A great deal of indignation was expressed over the high handed approach by PCNP over the introduction of pay and display machines as from the beginning of the season 2020. The effects on local businesses with the extended charging time to 7.00pm would be significant. The loss of two jobs was also not helpful to the community, together with the lack of a person to greet and advise visitors and manage car flows on busy days. It was agreed to fully investigate ownership of the car park and to generate a publicity campaign to change the decision. Mark pointed out that the Parks would lose some income as more people were likely to cheat paying at a machine whereas the attendants captured everyone entering. Mollie Roach said that the move was not welcome by Solva Care as it would deter people from visiting the lower car park and using the toilet facilities. Mark did point out that the community did receive the benefit from 4 days income and this might be put in jeopardy. He thought it may be more expeditious to argue for reimbursement for the time between 5 and 7 and also to insist on cashless options. The feeling of the meeting was to opposed the change in principle in the first instance. **Actions** Bruce to determine ownership and planning issues. Vicky, Ifor and Josh to consider publicising the community's opposition.
- d. **Pump Track.** Ifor explained that a pump track was a circular route for bikes, scooter and skateboards with humps over which bikes could race. Activities could take place throughout the year and would greatly enhance the activity options available in the village, thus supporting locals and encouraging visitors with a knock effect for increased tourist visits. He cited the example of Rhayader which was proving to be very successful. The meeting welcomed the idea and locations were discussed with the preference to locate it where the existing skate park is. Josh said that a holistic approach should be



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adopted for the whole of the football field and play park area in upper Solva. In order to explore costs and feasibility of raising funding.

e. **Community Hub.** Vicky wished to bring to the attention of the meeting the fact that the recent improvements to the clubhouse, whilst very welcome, had rendered the venue unusable by the art group. The new tables were not big enough, nor stable enough, for the artists. It was agreed that the Community Hub group would look at funding more foldable tables suitable for the artists. Joe suggested that they could be stored in the linesman shed, although that area would have to be tidied up considerably. **Action Joe.**

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Wendy was very supportive of the Community Hub initiative and thought it could go hand in hand with the Memorial Hall, with events allocated to either venue depending on their requirements. She suggested the next meeting of the SCC be held in the clubhouse and this was agreed. **Action Bruce**

11. **Date of next meeting.**

a. Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 6 p.m. AFC Clubhouse

Compiled by:

For Thomas 9th January 2020

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)