



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at  
6 p.m. via Video Conferencing (Zoom)

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Josh Phillips (Chair), Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker,  
Jo Gibbins, Colin Reynolds.

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Mollie Roach, Sue Denman, Sandra Young and Lena Dixon to the meeting. Josh reminded all present to mute their audio to best reduce background noise etc.
    - a. **The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972.** The Chair IAW the Act's confirmed that members of the local community had been invited to join the meeting via social media.
  2. **Apologies.** Peter Wilde (Newsletter Editor), Community Councillor's John Price, Wendy Wright, Joe Griffin.
  3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None.

## Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020.** Agreed and signed.
  - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Coronavirus Community Support.**
  - a. **Chair Report.** Josh updated members on:
    - i. **Welsh Audit Office guidance**<sup>1</sup>. Josh reviewed the guidance with members that set how council meetings and the decision

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<sup>1</sup> Welsh Audit Office email dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020



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making process would operate during 'lockdown'. Important information relating to the internal audit and audit notices were included.

- a) **SCC Emergency Scheme of Delegation.** To conform to the 2020 Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations and Government Act 1972 SCC would set out how they would conduct business over the coronavirus emergency. Fortnightly SCC meetings would continue. Any decisions required in the interim would be dealt with by a small subcommittee (Josh, Ifor, Colin and Bruce). Emergency Scheme of Delegation would be drafted and presented at the May meeting for approval. **Action Bruce**
- b) **SCC/Solva Care Monday meetings** would continue.
- ii. **SCC Coronavirus update (Mini-Newsletter).** The draft, previously circulated, was reviewed with members present. Distribution to residents would take place once WG had issued further guidance to second home owners and reinforced current travel restrictions re visitors. This was expected w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May and would be included in the SCC update.
- iii. **Bay View Stores Support.** Josh acknowledged how the Bay View Stores were supporting the community in these unprecedented times. The home delivery service for essential items was greatly appreciated by all concerned. Clarity on the quantity of Cwtch boxes delivered and who was eligible was to be confirmed. **Action Jo**
- iv. **FareShare.** Josh invited members to provide details of those in the community who could benefit from the scheme. The Bay View Stores had also been informed as items could support the Cwtch box initiative. FareShare information was to be included in the SCC Coronavirus update. **Action Josh**
- v. **Consultation with land owners.** Mark confirmed that no further action was required at this time.
- vi. **Interpretation/Noticeboards.** Siting locations were to be confirmed (Quay, Bluebell Woods, carpark). Proposed display content would be circulated for comment (wildlife, Welsh language)



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words/phrases, relevant history. (Volunteers: Josh, Ifor, Colin, Sandra). **Action Josh**

- vii. **Production of notices for community noticeboards.** Notices in production. **Action Josh and Ifor**
- viii. **Clear path signage.** PCNPA had provided two signs – these would be deployed as required.
- ix. **Path access points.** Access points were included in the SCC Coronavirus update.

b. **Solva Care & SCC Update.** Lena informed members that support continued at pace. Volunteers were thanked for their work that included delivery of prescriptions, dog walking and providing reassurance to the vulnerable and those who were lonely (phone chats).

c. **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).** Sue spoke regarding the Gareth Davis letter and confirmed that the Trecadwgan principle would continue as a Community Benefit Society (CBS) with its original objectives but without a home. The CBS would concentrate on the growing of healthy food and the shortening supply chains to ensure food items were delivered and available at a competitive price to the community. Partnerships with local farmers were being discussed. The second objective would focus on the education and training of future young farmers. The third CBS objective was to ensure current tenant farms would not be lost to local communities, as in the Trecadwgan case. Josh and members agreed that SCC would support the CBS initiative which was in line with the CSA proposal set out in Gareth's letter. Josh invited Sue (and the CBS Chair, Jessie Buchanan) to provide regular updates to SCC. **Action Sue**

b. **Local Concerns.**

- i. **Visitors.** Numbers (including cars) had significantly increased raising grave concern within the community. SCC awaited further guidance from Welsh Government on this matter.
- ii. **Light & Noise Pollution.** Concerns were raised with the levels of light and noise pollution emanating from Woodlands at SA62 6TH. **Action Mark**
- iii. **PPE.** Levels and availability of PPE at Withybush, local surgeries and care homes was raised. Was this a problem?



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- iv. **Provision of Non-statutory services.** Would PCC leisure facilities and other non-statutory services such as grass cutting resume post lockdown? The answer was unknown.
  - c. **Report from County Councillor.** Mark spoke about:
    - i. Second home owners.
    - ii. Business relief grants.
    - iii. Recycling collections.
  - d. **Reports from Community Councillor's.**
    - i. **Josh** spoke about the Monday SCC/Solva Care meetings which were focused on support to the community during the current emergency. Community Champions would be appointed for streets/areas of Solva, Whitchurch and Middle Mill. Members of the community could go to the appointed champions for information or to raise a concern. Champions would have all relevant contact numbers and information – the first draft of the information document would be circulated for comment ASAP.  
**Action Ifor**
    - ii. **Play & Skate Parks.** All parks in Solva had been closed and taped off. Signage was also displayed. Some reports had been received that some youngster were still using the skate park and this would be monitored. A reminder would also be included in the upcoming SCC Coronavirus update. **Action Josh**
    - iii. **Dog Poo & Litter.** The problem of dog poo remained prevalent and could only be attributed to a minority of irresponsible dog owners in Solva. Litter on the quay path and on the airfield at Whitchurch was also very apparent. All members were asked to remain vigilant and report offenders. Information re dog poo and litter would be included in the SCC Coronavirus update. **Action Josh**
  - e. **Communications.** Points of contact (Solva Care and SCC) and clear messages re visitors continued to be published on Social Media.
6. **Planning. Applications received & reviewed:**  
No SCC planning concerns:
- a. **Application No:** NP/20/0178/FUL  
**Proposal:** Extensions and alterations to dwelling



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**Location:** Bwthyn Awelon, Whitchurch, Solva, Haverfordwest,  
SA62 6UD

No SCC planning concerns:

- b. **Application No:** NP/19/0616/FUL  
**Proposal:** Replacement dwelling and ancillary potting shed.  
**Location:** Porth Y Rhaw, 22, High Street, Solva, Haverfordwest,  
Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TF

SCC Planning Objections:

- c. **Planning Reference:** NP/19/0617/CAC<sup>2</sup>  
**Proposal:** Replacement dwelling and ancillary potting shed.  
**Location:** Porth Y Rhaw, 22, High Street, Solva,  
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TF  
**SCC is opposed to this development on the grounds of:**
- i. Overdevelopment. The large rear extension poses a lack of privacy to the neighbours.
  - ii. Line of ridge. The increase in the height of the ridge line detracts from the character of the terrace.
  - iii. There is a discrepancy over the chimney position between existing and proposed.
  - iv. PVC windows are not acceptable.
  - v. Maintenance of access — it will not be practical to fully demolish the building while maintaining access for the residents of the terrace.

*(Objections registered on PCNPA planning portal on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020)*

7. **Public Open Forum.** NTR

8. **AOB.** Nil

9. Date of next meeting.

- a. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 6 p.m. via video conferencing (Zoom)

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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)

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<sup>2</sup> Previously submitted under planning application NP/19/0616/FUL – same SCC objections registered on PCNPA planning portal