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	g. Play Parks (see annual report attached).	Ifor
8.	Lower Solva Picnic Area.  a. Licence Agreement with PCNPA. b. Agree SCC 12 Month Maintenance & Care Plan. c. Picnic Benches – agree quantity and scheme to purchase. d. Memorial bench in respect of Mr David Henry Llewelyn Evans (Dai the bomb).	Ifor
9.	Establish Community Forum (Post COVID-19).	Josh
10.	How to Achieve Youth Involvement.	Josh
11.	Quiet Lanes – update.  a. St Dogmaels chosen as one of eight pilot settlements from across Wales to trial a 20mph speed limit throughout the whole village. <a href="https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/st-dogmaels-chosen-to-trial-new-20mph-speed-limit">https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/st-dogmaels-chosen-to-trial-new-20mph-speed-limit</a>	Ifor
12.	Local Community Requests/Issues/Complaints a. Land at Llanunwas (new livestock and machinery hardcore track) <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rp4-livestock-and-machinery-hardcore-tracks">RP4: Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a> b. Loss of wild flowers (Council mowing of local verges)	Chair Josh Vicky
13.	Communications.  a. Newsletter. b. Website. c. Social Media.	Chair
14.	Planning.  a. Planning Pre-application consultation PA/21/0016 Solva Wastewater Treatment Works (email dated 17th February 2021).  b. Applications received and reviewed.  i. <b>Application No:</b> NP/21/0105/FUL <b>Proposal:</b> Garage extension, remodelling and replacement of mono pitch roof with low double pitch roof. New glass balustrade, change to fenestration detailing. <b>Location:</b> Pendinas, St. Brides View, Solva SA62 6TB  i. <b>Application No:</b> NP/21/0098/FUL <b>Proposal:</b> Extension and alterations to dwelling and detached garage <b>Location:</b> Star House, 9, Glanhafan, Solva,	Ifor

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	j. Decisions: None	
15.	Clerk & RFO Report a. SCC Finance - I&E at end of March 2021. b. Budget Review. c. Correspondence.	Bruce
16.	Report from County Councillor.	Mark
17.	AOB	Chair
18.	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Chair

**Support Documents:**

- A. February Minutes (agenda item 4).
- B. Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector (agenda item 7ai).
- C. Extract - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2021 – summary (Agenda item 7a vi).

**Agenda Item 7ai a) General Power of Competence (extract):**

The Act provides eligible community councils with a general power of competence, with the aim of bringing about more effective, capable and innovative local government.

The general power will allow eligible community councils to act in their communities' best interests, generate efficiencies and secure value for money outcomes. **They will also be able to raise money by charging for discretionary services and to trade.**

It is considered the general power will allow eligible community councils to be more innovative, and move away from a position where they have to identify a specific power in order to undertake a particular activity, to one in which it is assumed they can do something unless there is a statutory restriction preventing it.

The conditions which community councils must meet, in order to be able to resolve themselves an 'eligible community council' are:

- at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election,
- the clerk to the council holds such qualification or description of qualification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations, and
- the council satisfies the audit condition.

The audit condition is satisfied if:

- the most recent Auditor General for Wales' (AGW) opinion on the council's accounts:
  - is an unqualified AGW opinion on the council's accounts, and

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- was received by the council during the 12 month period ending on the day on which the council passes the resolution to become an eligible community council
- the AGW's opinion on the council's accounts which immediately preceded the opinion mentioned above is also an unqualified opinion.

The power to exercise the general power of competence for eligible community councils will come into force on 5 May 2022. Ahead of this, there will be consultation on guidance and the regulations specifying a 'relevant professional qualification' for a clerk. It is envisaged that this will be a sector specific qualification such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

### **Agenda Item 7ai b) Participation**

From 5 May 2022 people presiding over community and town council meetings that are open to the public must give members of the public in attendance reasonable opportunity to make representation about any business being discussed at the meeting, unless this is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 7ai c) Community Council Annual Reports**

From April 2022 community and town councils will have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements. The first report must relate to the financial April 2021- March 2022 and be published as soon as reasonably practicable after April 2022.

**Agenda Item 7aiii.** The Welsh Government is currently consulting on its new Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales. The document provides an overview of the current position in Wales in relation to littering and fly-tipping, the measures which have already been introduced to address these issues and what it believes needs to happen next. The consultation can be accessed via the web link below:

<https://gov.wales/litter-and-fly-tipping-prevention-plan-wales>

The consultation will close on 22 April 2021 and One Voice Wales will be submitting a response. We would be grateful to receive the views of Community and Town Councils to the Plan and the actions proposed in order to inform our response. You may use the form on the consultation page to submit your views to us. Please could you respond by the end of March?

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**Agenda Item 7a ix.** It is almost a year since Trecadwgan Farm was sold at Auction and the last twelve months have offered a healthy time for reflection. The efforts of so many people in trying to purchase the farm for the community have had a positive legacy in raising the value of County Farms within Wales. We very much believe that whilst tempered with immense disappointment at the final outcome at the auction, the power of the campaign has had lasting impact.

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In thinking about the months ahead, we recognise that the principles of the vision for Trecadwgan Farm and the practical ambitions of our work have in the last year been brought to life in many different places across the Peninsula by other individuals and groups, including Solva.

In order to make decisions and establish the future of the Community Benefit Society that was set up to undertake the vision for Trecadwgan, we would welcome a discussion with Solva Community Council. The support of the community was a key contribution to the campaign and as such, we would also very much like your support in drawing members of the community into an open meeting to talk about the way forwards. We would anticipate this happening before the end of March and at the earliest possible, to take place on Zoom.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest,

Jessie

On behalf of Directors of Cymdeithas Trecadwgan Community Benefit Society

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**Agenda Item 5 - Water Sampling - Solva/St Brides**

Further to recent conversations around bathing water sampling for rural areas I am going to propose a trial for this year at no cost to the Community Council. At the end of the year we can look as to how successful/useful this was and if this is something worth extending and any refinements such as sample numbers, times of the year and information channels. It is proposed to trial this for the coming year mainly around the normal school holidays of July to September and after this time we would be looking for the analysis costs to be covered. All other aspects such as sampling and administration would be covered by the Pollution Control Team.

The Objective of the partnership is to use the Water Quality Information to develop an information/advisory platform for locals, tourists and activity groups.

The trial will cover the following:

- Sampling of up to 6 samples aimed at covering the school holiday period
- We will sample and cover analysis costs (£13 per sample)
- Provide weekly information on bathing water results framed against the EU bathing Water Standards (used for assessing Blue Flags, Green coast and Seaside Awards) for dissemination via Social Media, Noticeboards.

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- We would also be prepared to assist with suitable information and signage for noticeboards.
  
- We would hope to develop suitable information on Water Quality and Water Safety in partnership with Community Councils in order to inform members of the public about bathing in general.

I feel that it is important to continue what has become a positive legacy for the Council, to continue collecting data to provide a long-term dataset and to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council are committed to public health.

If you feel there is some value in this and would like to take part please let me know and if you wish to discuss this further please let me know or if you have any other ideas or proposed alternative sites I would look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Nathan Miles  
Lead Officer, Pollution Control Team