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## **Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at  
7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Attended by:

Community Councillors Josh Phillips (Chair), John Price, Joe Griffin, Vicky Barker, Joanne Gibbins, Colin Reynolds, Wendy Wright, Ifor Thomas

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.**
  - a. **Vote of Thanks.** SCC congratulates everyone involved in the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017; also recognises the contribution by individuals, in particular Rebecca Wright; and takes great pleasure in extending a hearty vote of thanks to all for acting as ambassadors to the community.
2. **Apologies.** None.
3. **Declarations of interest.** None, personal or prejudicial.

### **Matters Arising**

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

Agreed and signed.

  - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Communications.**
  - a. Newsletter. NTR
  - b. Solva News website. NTR
  - c. SCC website. NTR
  - d. Key meetings. NTR
6. **First Aid Training.** Members agreed to provide local residents with an opportunity to attend First Aid training. The aim was to enable individuals to better deal with injury or sudden illness, either in the home or workplace, before emergency medical treatment is available. The requirement follows a recent non-fatal incident in the home with a youngster and the first aid actions of the mother which prevented a fatal outcome. This raised much discussion with other mothers, families and local people about the importance of First Aid and knowing what to do in any such situation. The conclusions and recommendations of the community council were to coordinate a number of courses with the Reach

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Project<sup>1</sup> who offer a breadth of expertise and experience in the delivery of First Aid training. Dates to be agreed in the New Year and details to be coordinated with the Reach Project (Bethany Lloyd, Pembrokeshire College) **Action Clerk**

7. **BBC Programme “A Restless Year”**. BBC was researching a new programme “A Restless Year”. They hoped to capture the British year in different places around the country, covering the landscape, people, wildlife and culture – and the way they were linked. They were looking at three different locations – Pembrokeshire, the Fens, and the North York Moors. SCC was liaising as BBC had interest in Solva.

### 8. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Complaints.**

a. Local residents had requested an update on plans to refurbish the AFC clubhouse. SCC would prepare a RCDF<sup>2</sup> application (EOI) in the New Year – EOI window opens 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018, closes 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, decision 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. **Action Ifor Thomas.**

9. **Planning.** The first Review of Pembrokeshire County Council’s Local Development Plan (LDP2) commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. PCC had invited Town and Community Council to attend an engagement event which would take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm-5pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm-7.30pm both in the Committee Rooms at County Hall. SCC representatives would attend. **Action Ifor Thomas and Vicky Barker.**

a. **Applications.** The following planning applications were reviewed by the SCC Planning Committee. No planning concerns were raised to the Authority:

i. NP/17/0681/FUL Aelybryn, 1, St Brides View, Solva - "Porch to front elevation"

#### b. **Planning Decisions:**

i. NP/17/0452/FUL Pentwyn, 6, St Brides View, Solva, "*Demolish and rebuild curtilage & roadside wall and creation of a parking space...*" **GRANTED**

ii. NP/17/0593/NMA The Moorings, Fort Road, Solva, "*Non-material amendment to planning permission NP/16/0600/FUL to increase the...*" **APPROVED**

iii. NP/16/0600/FUL The Moorings, Fort Road, Solva, "*Erection of summer house in garden orchard*" **GRANTED**

iv. NP/17/0583/FUL Lower House, Llandruidion, Solva, "*Creation of manege, raised patio to rear of storage shed, extension to domestic*" **GRANTED**

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<sup>1</sup> Big Lottery Funded as part of the People and Places fund – The ‘Reach’ project is coordinated by Pembrokeshire College’s Adult Community learning department.

<sup>2</sup> The Welsh Government Rural Community Development Fund (RCDF) offers grants which are primarily aimed at community-based organizations. EOI Expression of Interest.

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- v. NP/17/0456/FUL Church View, Whitchurch, Solva,  
"Underground engineering works to include installation of new  
foul drainage..." **GRANTED**

10. **Clerk & RFO Report.**

- b. **SCC Bank Balance at end of November.** The balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was £6,975.90. Income & Expenditure (actual) for November was presented and agreed by Councillors.
- c. **Budget Review 2017/18.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
- d. **Draft Budget 2018/19 & Precept.** The draft budget would be presented, reviewed and agreed by members on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 presented to members.
- e. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been distributed to members by email and where appropriate had been circulated in the SCC Box.

13. **Report from County Councillor.** Mark spoke to members about: The Draft County Council Budget for 2018 – 19 had been developed against a backdrop of four years of reduced financial settlements and significant workforce, pay, inflation and demographic pressures, resulting in a cumulative funding gap of £52.2m (2014 – 15 to 2017 – 18). The funding gap was bridged by a combination of £9.0m additional income from Council Tax increases (including base charges) and £42.6m in cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformation and a £0.6m contribution from the Council Tax second homes income (community element).

Having delivered £42.6m of cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations during the past four years, identifying and delivering more is becoming increasingly challenging and in some cases virtually impossible if services are to continue.

**The projected funding gap for 2018 – 19 is £16.9 million.**

To date, proposed cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations of £11.2m, to be delivered within the financial year 2018 – 19, have been identified.

Three options to address the £16.9 million funding gap are currently being considered:

Option	Proposed Council Tax Increase and income generated	Cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations identified	Further cost reductions / efficiencies / service transformations still to be identified in order to meet the £16.9 million funding gap
Option 1	5% to generate £2.2 million	£11.2 million	£3.5 million
Option 2	8% to generate £3.6 million	£11.2 million	£2.1 million
Option 3	12.5% to generate £5.7 million	£11.2 million	Nil

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All of these options will result in some level of reduction in current service provision. The higher the percentage increase in Council Tax the smaller the impact on services and those who depend upon them will be.

14. **Report from Community Councillors.** NTR

15. **Date of next meeting**

a. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)