



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at  
6 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Attended by:

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

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Jo Rees-Wigmore (Pembrokeshire Community Land Trust Officer), Iwan Thomas (Chief Executive of PLANED) and Enid Morgan (Whitchurch resident).
  2. **Apologies.** Community Councillor Wendy Wright, County Councillor Mark Carter, Mollie Roach (Solva Care)
  3. **Declarations of interest.** None

## Matters Arising

4. **Community Land Trust.** Jo and Iwan spoke about the benefits a CLT would have for Solva. SCC members unanimously supported the concept. The CLT would require approximately 4 members of the local community (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) – Members agreed to present the CLT at the SCC AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to gauge local interest. If positive, Jo offered to invite members of the Wessex CLT to attend a SCC meeting to discuss CLT governance and other constitutional affairs. **Action Ifor**
5. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.** Agreed and signed.
  - a. All actions were reviewed.
6. **SCC AGM Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**
  - a. **Progress.** The Chair reviewed progress with members against the AGM plan. No remedial action was required.



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## b. **Community Awards.**

- i. **Awards.** Members agreed wording for each award. Recipients would receive an engraved slate plaque and a certificate. **Action Vicky**
- ii. **Nominations.** A ballot box would be placed in the Bay View Stores for nominations. Information would be distributed by Social Media, the Solva News web site, posters and by SCC members speaking to local businesses, organisations and residents. **Actions – Josh** re Ballot Box and social media; **Bruce** re posters; all **SCC members** re local businesses, organisations and residents.

## c. **Agenda.** The agenda was agreed (attached) with the additional CLT item.

7. **Whitchurch Church (St Davids).** Enid spoke passionately as a member of her local community about the church, its sad state of repair, in particular the roof, that the church suffers from damp, had no heating, electricity or toilets. Enid's vision was the church should be a valued community asset, used not only for normal church services but also for community events such as concerts, historic talks etc. The church is on a national cycle route and if appropriate facilities were provided cyclists and pilgrims could visit and even spend the night. Much work and money would be needed to transform the church into a warm and welcoming place, but the initial challenge was to secure funds for general repairs. The SCC Chair and members supported Enid's vision but emphasised that no precept money could be allocated for church repairs. The Chair would write to the Diocesan Office<sup>1</sup>, Abergwili, Carmarthen SA31 2JG to raise concerns about the decaying state of the church and request that immediate repair funds were allocated (church repair costs available from Ifor). **Action Josh**

## 8. **Solva Community Tourism Initiative.**

- a. **Great Taste Awards<sup>2</sup>.** The Chair confirmed local businesses were applying.

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<sup>1</sup> 01267 236145

<sup>2</sup> Great Taste, organised by the Guild of Fine Food, is the acknowledged benchmark for fine food and drink. It has been described as the 'Oscars' of the food world and the 'epicurean equivalent of the Booker prize'. <https://gff.co.uk/join-the-guild/>



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- b. **Solva Tourism App.** Josh had arranged to meet with Phil Abraham (Visit Wales) on 1<sup>st</sup> May in Solva to further scope the proposed app.
  - c. **Solva Tourism Association (STA).** Inaugural meeting planned for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, venue and time tbc. Subcommittee members<sup>3</sup> to attend. **Action Josh**
  - d. **Solva Logo.** Competition details had been published in April's Newsletter.
  - e. **Solva Life Magazine.** Inaugural meeting planned for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, venue and time tbc. Editorial subcommittee <sup>4</sup> to attend. **Action Josh**
  - f. **Community Wi-Fi.** Josh had emailed Paul Miller PCC and Steven Crab MP to progress the initiative.
9. **Communications.**
- a. Newsletter. Peter spoke about the improved layout which members fully supported. Advertising continued and revenue helped pay newsletter costs.
  - b. Solva News website. Peter reminded members that pdf versions of the Newsletter were available on the website.
  - c. SCC website. NTR
  - d. SCC Facebook Page. This was a popular page with the number of followers growing.
10. **Solva Care.** NTR
11. **Community Crime Watch Scheme.** Community Councillor Vicky Barker informed members the Rural Crime Team would be invited to the May SCC

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<sup>3</sup> **Subcommittee:** Community Councillor's Josh Phillips, Vick Barker, Wendy Wright and Joe Griffin.

<sup>4</sup> **Editorial Subcommittee:** Community Councillor's Josh Phillips, Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker and Colin Reynolds.



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meeting. The invitation would be extended to council members of St Davids, Brawdy and Llanrhian.

### 12. **War Memorial – Thinning of Trees.** NTR.

13. **Whitchurch Churchyard.** Community Councillor Joe Griffin informed members that the inaugural subcommittee meeting was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Whitchurch church. A copy of the minutes is attached for reference. Joe also spoke about the urgent requirement to fill holes in the old churchyard and for a 5m extension to the concrete path on the far side of the churchyard. Quotes to be invited from the local trade. **Action Bruce**

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

a. **Harbour Path & Hedge behind Dolphin Court.** Concern had been raised about the destruction of a well-established hedgerow at the lower end, near the Fort. The hedgerow concerned was owned by the developer who previously confirmed the gardens of Dolphin Court were going to be landscaped as part of the upgrading and improvement works of the scheme.

b. **Path westward of the Solva lifeboat shed.** Work to repair the path was complete.

### 15. Reports from Sub-Committees.

a. **Skate & Play Parks.** The third play park equipment company, HAGS, would attend the sub-committee meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

b. **AFC Refurbishment & Regeneration Project.** The SCC application for a Welsh Government Community Learning Capital grant was submitted on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mach 2019. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century team had confirmed the application was now being considered by the Minister and we would receive an update early next week.

c. **Solva Path Project.** Further meetings with land owners were scheduled.

#### d. **Traffic Working Committee.**

- i. **Solva Bridge priority sign.** NTR
- ii. **Speed bumps** on Whitchurch Road. NTR



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e. **Firework Display.** Community Councillor Vicky Barker informed members the sub-committee had met on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Minutes of the meeting were attached for reference.

f. **Planning.**

i. **Applications received & Reviewed:**

a) Planning Reference: NP/19/0166/FUL

Proposal: Remodelling of existing dwelling including integral garage, dining room & porch together with extension of curtilage & associated external works

Location: Gwar-y-coed, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TR

ii. **Decisions:**

a) Planning Reference: NP/18/0758/FUL GRANTED

Proposal: Ground floor extension and dormer roof extension, both to rear

Location: 5 Maes Y Forwen, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TR

b) Planning Reference: NP/19/0008/TPO GRANTED

Proposal: Pruning & height & spread reduction of trees

Location: Cysgod Y Coed, Glanhafan, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TA

c) Planning Reference: NP/19/0061/FUL GRANTED

Proposal: Apply natural slate cladding to existing smooth cement rendered south gable elevation & change two conservation roof lights on rear (east) roof slope with one larger conservation roof light

Location: Gwryd, 23, Main Street, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6UU.

d) Planning Reference: NP/19/0062/LBA GRANTED

Proposal: Apply natural slate cladding to existing smooth cement rendered south gable elevation & change two conservation rooflights on rear (east) roof slope with one larger conservation rooflight

Location: Gwryd, 23, Main Street, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6UU.



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16. **Clerk & RFO Report.**
- a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of March 2019.** The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £16,218.53. Income & Expenditure (actual) for March was presented and agreed by Councillors.
  - b. **Budget Review 2018/19.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
  - c. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been distributed to members by email.
17. **Report from County Councillor.** NTR
18. **Report from Community Councillors.**
- a. Chair Report.
    - i. **Standards Committee.** Appointment of Community Council Member to the PCC Standards Committee. No SCC member volunteered to be considered for the vacancy.
    - ii. **Motion against Nuclear Waste.** Reference: email dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from Jill Evans MEP, Gadeirydd CND Cymru Chairperson. Subject: No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales.  
  
**Motion:** Solva community will not volunteer to host an underground nuclear waste dump. All members agreed the motion.
    - iii. **Consultation on St David's Gym.** Members agreed the Chair writes to St Davids City Council objecting to a PCC proposal to reduce the opening hours of St Davids' Sports Hall. **Action Josh**
  - b. **Memorial Benches.**
    - i. **Sheila Holloway.** Community Councillor Colin Reynolds informed members the location for a bench requested by Sheila would hopefully be agreed at a meeting with Matt Thompson (National Trust) on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Pen Yr Aber).



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- ii. **Brain George.** Colin informed members he had advised Brian to write to SBOA. Brian had requested a memorial bench on the Quay.

19. **Public Open Forum.**

20. **AOB.** None.

21. **Date of next meeting.**

- a. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)