



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at
6:30 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:
 - a. Iain Robertson-Steel, (Member of the local community);
 - b. Richard Davies (Operations Manager South Wales) and Rhys Evans from Welsh Water to the meeting.
 2. **Apologies.** None
 3. **Declarations of interest.** None

Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2019.** Agreed and signed.
 - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Solva Sewage Capacity.** Richard and Rhys spoke about the sewage infra-structure in Solva which all agreed was showing its age. Welsh Water had no set date and limited funding to replace old pipe work but would always endeavour to fix problems as they arose. Councillors highlighted the on-going sewage issues (flow and pipe problems) at both ends of Bro Dawel. Richard undertook to revisit the issue with his team and would provide feedback to SCC. Councillors also raised the new housing development in upper Solva and asked if the current sewage infrastructure would cope. Richard and Rhys confirmed Welsh Water were a statutory consultee and would respond to any such planning application. Both acknowledged the system was close to hydraulic capacity which could influence any planning decision.



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6. **PCC Community Development Project (Non-Statutory Services).**

The Community Delivery project was approved by the PCC Cabinet on 2nd July 2018. The project was seeking community support for various non-statutory services which otherwise might be at risk of being withdrawn. The County Council was open to discussing innovative ways to deliver these services, so that they were sustainable in the long term. The main options were:

- a. County Council continues to maintain asset, with T&CC meeting the cost.
- b. Maintenance responsibility is transferred to T&CC under a lease agreement.
- c. A full 'asset transfer' to the T&CC takes place.

Community Councillors discussed services PCC had highlighted:

d. **Public toilets.** Owned by PCC (Unique Property Reference Number AP0160/01). Toilets were in lower Solva Car Park owned by PCNPA. Members agreed the service to maintain and run the toilets should be passed to PCNPA.

e. **Playparks.** PCC inspect and insure the Play and Skate parks and SCC undertake all maintenance. Prior to any decision to take responsibility for the Public Liability Insurance, SCC would establish cost with Zurich. **Action Bruce**

Note: Bruce had confirmed with Emma Rees (PCC Business Unit) on 3rd May that the Skate Park in upper Solva was included in the PCC Public Liability Insurance.

f. **Green Spaces.** PCC commissions a third party to undertake grass cutting in the following 5 areas:

- i. A487 & bank of large pull-in (old toilets area).
- ii. Glanhafan
- iii. War Memorial area
- iv. Lower Solva Play Area
- v. Upper Solva Play Area



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- g. **SCC Cost.** SCC would need to establish cost within their current GM contract. The issue of paying twice was also raised (local Precept and Council Tax). SCC had cut the grass in the lower play park for many years.
- h. **PCC Cost.** Cost of sub-paragraphs a & b were to be established with PCC. **Action Bruce** to liaise with David Astins (PCC).
- i. **Country Wide.** County Councillor Mark Carter asked if the PCC areas cut and maintained by County Wide were to be included as a non-statutory service. **Action Bruce** to liaise with David Astins (PCC).
- j. **Flower Beds and other areas.** PCC would clarify these areas in due course.
7. **Solva Community Land Trust.** Ifor updated members that the Pembrokeshire Community Land Trust (PLANED leading) was in discussions with PCC re the proposed housing development in upper Solva. The Solva Community Land Trust, if established, could become responsible for a number of these new affordable homes that would be available for local people and generate income for the community.
8. **SCC AGM Wednesday 8th May 2019.**
- a. **Community Awards.** Members considered the nominations submitted by the local community and after much discussion agreed the following winners:
- i. **Outstanding Community Volunteer.** Brenda Lloyd, Carol Ann Jones, Rebecca Wright and Jimmy Young.
 - ii. **Outstanding Youth Champion.** Jane Wilde.
 - iii. **Outstanding Community Fundraiser.** Lindsey Richards.
 - iv. **Outstanding Contribution to Solva Life.** Mollie Roach.
- b. **Agenda.** The agenda was agreed.



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9. Solva Community Tourism Initiative.

- a. **Great Taste Awards¹.** NTR
- b. **Solva Tourism App.** Josh was meeting with an App developer on 2nd May to scope cost of development. Discussions with Neil Prior and Paul Miller at PCC would follow.
- c. **Solva Tourism Association (STA).** Subcommittee members² were meeting on Wednesday 8th May at 4p.m. in the Memorial Hall.
- d. **Solva Logo.** Competition details had been published in the April and May Newsletters.
- e. **Solva Life Magazine.** NTR
- f. **Community Wi-Fi.** NTR

10. Communications.

- a. Newsletter. Peter invited members to comment on the May edition. All congratulated Peter on a well presented and informative newsletter. Peter proposed creating a “What’s on” noticeboard in the lower Solva car park. This would be for the summer season only. All members agreed the proposal. **Action Peter**
- 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.

11. Solva Care. NTR

¹ 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/>

² **Subcommittee:** Community Councillor’s Josh Phillips, Vick Barker, Wendy Wright and Joe Griffin.



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12. **Community Crime Watch Scheme.** Community Councillor Vicky Barker informed members the Rural Crime Team would now be invited to the June SCC meeting. The invitation would be extended to council members of St Davids, Brawdy and Llanrhian.

13. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Complaints.**

a. Community Councillor Wendy Wright proposed the grassed area by the Bro Dawel sub station was tarmacked. **Action County Councillor Mark Carter** to discuss with PCC Highways.

14. Reports from Sub-Committees.

a. **Skate & Play Parks.** The third play park equipment company, HAGS³ had opted not to offer any quote for play park equipment and would not attend the Community Consultation on 8th May.

i. **New Equipment Community Consultation.** Sunshine Playgrounds and Redlynch Leisure had confirmed they would be attending the Consultation session on 8th May to showcase their designs for the Solva playparks.

b. **AFC Refurbishment & Regeneration Project.** The SCC application for a Welsh Government Community Learning Capital grant was unsuccessful. WG said it felt that the Shearwater Community Centre project possibly fits the criteria of other grant schemes more fully than it does this grant. One in particular was the Community Facilities Programme, another Welsh Government capital grant scheme that can be used to improve community facilities.

Action – Ifor/Bruce to prepare and submit application

i. **Whitewashing of Clubhouse.** Ifor informed members of the need to whitewash the exterior of the club house. Currently it looked grubby and was in need of urgent attention. Volunteers were needed. **Action Ifor**

ii. **AFC Management.** SCC would assume full management responsibility for the Clubhouse at a date to be agreed. Once decided, SCC would establish a management committee that

³ See email dated 2nd May 2019 from Melanie Blackham Area Sales Manager HAGS



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would include members of the local community. Draft Constitution to be prepared. **Action Ifor**

- c. **Solva Path Project.** Further meetings with land owners were scheduled.
- d. **Traffic Working Committee.** Jo raised concern with overhanging trees on the hill into Solva from Haverfordwest. Who had responsibility for trimming? **Action Mark** to discuss with PCC Highways.
 - i. **Solva Bridge priority sign.** NTR
 - ii. **Speed bumps** on Whitchurch Road. NTR
- e. **Firework Display.** Vicky informed members that £50 had been raised at the Children's Easter Disco. Only 8 children attended. Members thanked Jo for her diligent work to organise the event.
- f. **Planning.**
 - i. **Applications received & Reviewed:**
 - a) **Planning Reference:** NP/19/0174/TCA
Proposal: Reduction of Sycamore trees to retain sea views
Location: Pipershill, Anchor Down, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TQ
 - b) **Planning Reference:** NP/18/0766/FUL
Proposal: Extension & conversion of existing outbuilding to create a live/work unit to include a ground floor Gallery/workshop (B1 use) with a first floor extension to create subsidiary residential accommodation in association with the B1 use
Location: Outbuilding opposite Ty Mawr, Solva, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6XA
 - ii. **Decisions:**
 - a) **Application withdrawn**
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



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15. Clerk & RFO Report.

- a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of April 2019.** The balance at 30th April 2019 was £24,780.94. Income & Expenditure (actual) for April was presented and agreed by Councillors.
- b. **Budget Review 2019/20.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
- c. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been distributed to members by email.

16. Report from County Councillor. Mark spoke to members about:

- a. **Waste and Recycling Centres.** The new regime at Waste and Recycling Centres from 3rd June 2019.
- b. **2019 Tour of Pembrokeshire.** The event was scheduled for Saturday 18th of May 2019. Concerns had been raised with routes, contractors moving silage, road closures and the lack of consultation with Towns and Community Councils.
- c. **Paul Davies AM Advice Surgery.** Mark would be at the surgery with Paul on the Friday 24th May 2019.

17. Report from Community Councillors.

- a. Motion submitted Community Councillor Josh Phillips:

Climate Change Emergency

All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Solva Community Council recognises this and will not wait for Welsh Government to change its policies. It is therefore important for Solva Community Council to commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

Henceforth, Solva Community Council declares a 'Climate Emergency' to prevent the devastating consequences of global warming being felt in little over a decade.



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We must act now and will;

- ***Pledge to do what is within our powers to make Solva carbon neutral by 2030;***
- ***Call on Welsh Government to provide the powers and resources necessary for Solva to achieve this target;***
- ***Address how individuals, families, organisations and businesses may navigate the local and global challenges we are facing;***
- ***Develop a community-led Action Plan to reduce Solva's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030;***
- ***Report within six months with that Action Plan, outlining how the Community Council will address this emergency. The Action Plan will detail the leadership role Solva Community Council will take to achieve this Carbon Neutral Commitment;***
- ***Ask PCC and the Welsh government for help bringing this plan to fruition;***
- ***Investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment***

This motion was passed unanimously by all members of Solva Community Council

- Paul Davies AM Advice Surgery.** Josh urged members to attend the surgery on Friday 24th May 2019 in the Memorial Hall to raise the Climate Change Emergency.
- Memorial Benches.**
 - 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 11th April (Pen Yr Aber).
- Dog Fouling.** Vicky informed members that dog poo continued to be a problem on the football pitch. Members agree to debate a motion at June's meeting on whether to invite Enforcement Officers to Solva. This question would also be raised at the AGM on 8th May.



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18. **Public Open Forum.**

a. **Spoil Heaps.** Iain raised the problem of spoil heaps in Solva and requested SCC investigates.

b. **Paul Davies AM Advice Surgery.** Iain spoke to members about the state of Health and Social Care, the shortage of funding and rises in local Council tax. The position was not sustainable in the long term; the elderly population in Solva was rising and Town and Community Councils should lobby WG to question how Social Care was funded and how the problem would be addressed to safeguard the future of our elderly. Iain requested members attend the Advice Surgery on Friday 24th May to raise these questions with Paul Davies.

19. **AOB.** None.

20. **Date of next meeting.**

a. Wednesday 5th June 2019

Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 7th May 2019

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)