



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at
6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Attended by:

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

Newsletter Editor: Peter Wilde

Web Administrator: Maria Jones

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed:
 - a. PCSO Jude Parr (agenda item 5); and,
 - b. Rupert Dunn (agenda item 6).
 2. **Apologies.** Community Councillor Wendy Wright, County Councillor Mark Carter.
 3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.**
 - a. Community Councillor Joe Griffin declared a prejudicial interest with agenda item 11.

Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2019.** Agreed and signed.
 - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Rural Crime Team update.** Jude spoke about a host of issues investigated by the team including agricultural thefts and helping to support the mental health of farmers. DNA marking kits were offered to SCC to help prevent theft in the community and aid the recovery of items if they were stolen. Items would also display a warning sticker. SCC would approach SBOA and other local organisations to gauge interest. **Action Bruce**



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- a. Jude supported the setting-up of a Community/Peninsula Crime Watch Scheme and SCC would take this idea forward. **Action Vicky**
- b. Jude also suggested speaking to PCSO Naomi Hicks on wider issues of rural and peninsula crime. **Action Bruce to invite to July meeting.**

6. Trecadwgan Farm - Vision for a Community Farm for the St Davids Peninsula. Rubert spoke passionately about the vision;

- a. The farm as a whole could be owned as a trust, leasing buildings, land, and accommodation to agroecological enterprises, who would pay rent which would be reinvested in the farm.
- b. A productive place for people, community and wildlife.
- c. A home for a number of land based enterprises. Initially to start with Torth y Tir's community mill, bakery & grain production & storage on site. And then to include other enterprises for people who will live on the farm. Torth y Tir is already up and running so this presents a good working start.
- d. The community of Solva in particular would see this as their community farm they would feel proud of it and protective of it.
- e. Hosting a community processing & storage facility for curing, butchering, juicing, smoking, cheese making, packaging and storage. This facility would support other local agroecological enterprises.
- f. To be a truly mixed farm with cattle, and a range of animals. (subject to being able to bring the 70 acres back to the farm in 4 years)
- g. Education would be central. The farm would develop facilities to host courses, residential and would act as a vehicle to drive more agroecological production in the local area and in Wales as a whole.
- h. The farm would be a place for healing, producing herbal medicines perhaps and acting as a place for people to come and connect with the land and take time out at low cost.



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- i. Many other opportunities such as farm cafe (including 'pizza farm' producing the entire pizza on the farm), green burial, etc. which will largely depend on the mix of people living on the farm.

6.1 Solva Community Council unanimously supported the project as presented and would also support the immediate withdrawal of the property from auction and the commencement of dialogue between Pembrokeshire County Council and Mr Rupert Dunn the project leader.

SCC would draft a letter of support. **Action Josh**

7. **Welsh Water Sewage Services & Community Fund update.**

- a. **Community Fund.** Welsh Water confirmed the SCC application had been successful, with an award of £500.

- b. **Bro Dawel.** Welsh Water had been to site and found a displaced joint on the lip of a manhole chamber in a neighbouring property. This would be repaired within the next 28 days. They believe by removing this lip, it will improve the speed of the flow and hopefully stop the blockages at number 57. The customer was fully aware of the work and would monitor the drains and let Welsh Water know if the line blocks up again.

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

SCC plans and their consultation with PCC were progressing. Members agreed to invite David Astins (PCC Community Champion) to the July meeting to listen to the views of community councillors and discuss what must take place before decisions are made by the end of March 2020. **Action Bruce**

9. **Solva Community Land Trust.** Ifor and Josh would meet with Jo Rees-Wigmore (Pembrokeshire Community Land Trust Officer) and Cris Tomos (PLANED) on Tuesday 11th June (Harbour Inn). The agenda would include Roles and responsibilities: PCC, SCC, Planed, LCT committee, Housing Cooperative - Organisational structure and funding.

10. **Cannon Incident August 2019.** Zurich had advised SCC they had written to the third party solicitors and requested that they redirect the claim to the responsible party.

11. **SCC 2019/20 Memorial Hall Grant.** Joe and Peter left the meeting. Members acknowledged the SCC 2019/20 financial challenges but agreed to the following:



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- a. The grant would remain at £1000 but split to align with PCC precept payments. **Action Bruce**
 - b. 2019/20 grant payments must be allocated to the provision of Wi-Fi in the Memorial Hall. **Action Bruce/John** re Dragon Wi-Fi
 - c. Grant money remaining from the provision of Wi-Fi would to be allocated towards a survey analysis of energy flows in the Memorial Hall. The aim was to reduce energy input without negatively affecting the output. **Action - Maria to provide details of audit companies.** This would also contribute to the developing Community Climate Change Plan led by SCC (see item 14).
12. **Solva Logo Competition.** 5 entries had been submitted. Members were unable to select a winner and felt the essence of competition had not been met. The competition would be re-run later in the year once the criteria had been reviewed to include anchorage, maritime and military history, the War Memorial, the Limekilns and wildlife. **Action Bruce**
- a. Members were invited to submit criteria ideas for creating a strong Solva brand identity in the Pembrokeshire tourism market. **Action all**
13. **PCNPA Memorial Bench Proposal.** Jess Morgan, the new External Funding Officer at PCNPA, had received a memorial bench request for Solva. Jess proposed the benches around the edge of the lower Solva car park could be used and have plaques attached to remember loved ones. At present, there was no formal agreement with PCNPA and Jess wished to ensure SCC had the opportunity to comment.
- a. Colin presented SCC members with details of the person concerned. There was unanimous support for the memorial plaque proposal. **Action Bruce to inform Jess.**
14. **Climate Change Emergency.** Members discussed the meaning of the Climate Emergency and what Solva would actually be doing. One thing was clear – any decision moving forward must align with the developing plan; members also needed to decide what SCC could actually influence. This was much to do with our lifestyle choices and those who live in our community are all free to make those choices: about how we work, how we travel, what kind of buildings we live in, what food we eat, how we use the land around us, how we transport the things we need, how we heat our homes, right down to how



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we wash ourselves and how we dry our clothes. The emerging SCC Plan would remain as a standing agenda item until a clear way forward was agreed. Immediate ideas SCC could influence include:

- a. Memorial Hall
- b. AFC Club House
- c. Planting the right trees in the right places
- d. Electrical charging points in lower Solva car park
- e. Planters/Flower boxes
- f. Clean-up and plant around the War Memorial.
- g. Water Refill Stations.
- h. Wild flower verges.

15. Solva Community Tourism Initiative.

- a. **Great Taste Awards¹**. NTR
- b. **Solva Tourism App**. Progressing
- c. **Solva Tourism Association²**. NTR
- d. **Solva Logo**. See item 12
- e. **Solva Life Magazine**. Progressing
- f. **Community Wi-Fi**. NTR

16. Communications.

- a. Newsletter. NTR
- b. Solva News website. NTR
- c. SCC website. NTR
- d. SCC Facebook Page. 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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17. **Solva Care.** NTR.
18. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Complaints.** None
19. Reports from Sub-Committees.
 - a. **Whitchurch Churchyard.** Works to make safe a damaged headstone and re-erect a broken cross were complete at a cost of £70. Additional work to fill subsidence holes in the churchyard was also underway.
 - b. **Play & Skate Parks.** The subcommittee met on 3rd June 2019.
 - i. **Repairs.** Ongoing repairs in the Gamlin were reviewed. Faults had been reported in the PCC Quarterly inspection which had been circulated to members. Repair work was underway by Rick. Immediate concerns were the Toddler Multi Play item in the Gamlin which required significant work. The fence in the upper play park also needed attention. A fencing contractor would be tasked. **Action Bruce.**
 - c. **AFC Refurbishment & Regeneration Project.** The Refurbishment of the Solva AFC suffered a setback when, despite being short listed, it failed to win funding under the Community Learning Hub Scheme. It seems therefore, an appropriate time to step back and reconsider how to take forward the Shearwater project. We still have planning permission for refurbishment and a small extension but perhaps this is not the best way forward for the community. It's been decided to get a small committee together to reappraise the project. Is it too ambitious or is it perhaps, not ambitious enough?
 - d. **Solva Path Project.** A meeting with the PCNPA Rights of Way Officer was to be arranged to discuss inclusion in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Pembrokeshire, 2018 to 2028. Funding requirements would also be discussed (Path plan/diagram to be updated) **Action Bruce**
 - e. **Traffic Working Committee.** NTR
 - f. **Firework Display.** NTR



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- g. **Planning.**
 - i. **Applications received & Reviewed:** Nil
 - ii. **Decisions:** Nil
- 20. **Clerk & RFO Report.**
 - a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of May 2019.** The balance at 31st May 2019 was £22,699.90. Income & Expenditure (actual) for May was presented and agreed by Councillors.
 - b. **Budget Review 2019/20.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
 - c. **Debtors.** Members agreed that if outstanding invoices for advertising were not paid by 31st July 2019 the ads concerned would be withdrawn. **Action Bruce, Peter**
 - d. **Audits & Annual Return for Year Ended 31st March 2019.** SCC would convene an extraordinary meeting on Monday 17th June 2019 at midday in the Harbour Inn to approve the Annual Return accounting statements and Annual Governance statement. **Action Bruce**
 - e. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been distributed to members by email.
- 21. **Report form County Councillor.** Mark had circulated a report to members by email.
- 22. **Report from Community Councillors.**
 - a. **Chair.** Josh commended the following events urging members to attend if they were available:
 - i. **PLANED AGM** 9th July. The Annual General Meeting and Conference was at the Merlin Theatre in Haverfordwest. One of the key speakers would be the Chief Executive of the Princes Trust here in Wales, Philip Jones, on the importance of work within communities.



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ii. **One Voice Wales' Innovative Practice Conference** - 10 July 2019 - Hafod a Hendre Royal Welsh Showground. Innovative practice sessions would cover:

- Development of Tourism in your Area
- Improving the Local Environment
- Engaging Effectively with your Community
- Improving Sustainability in your Community

b. **Dog Fouling.** Vicky informed members that dog poo continued to be a problem on the football pitch. Members agree to debate a motion at the July meeting on whether to invite Enforcement Officers to Solva (this item was deferred at the June meeting).

23. **Public Open Forum.** NTR

24. **AOB.** None.

25. **Date of next meeting.**

a. Wednesday 10th July 2019

***Note:** The 14 Signal Regiment Cocktail party is on Wednesday 3rd July at 6:30p.m. Chair and Clerk were attending.*

Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 15th June 2019

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)