



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at
7 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, Collin Reynolds

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Penny Dafforn (Mosaic Steps) and Mollie Roach (Solva Care) to the meeting.
 2. **Apologies.** Welsh Water officers
 3. **Declarations of interest.** None

Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019.** Agreed and signed.
 - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Solva Sewage Capacity.** Item deferred to April's meeting.
6. **SCC AGM Wednesday 8th May 2019.** Members reviewed the AGM plan with no concerns raised.
7. **Solva Community Tourism Initiative.**
 - a. **Great Taste Awards¹.** The chair had spoken to the Guild of Fine Foods who confirmed there was no requirement for SCC to become a

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/>



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member. Individual businesses in Solva would need to apply direct to the Guild.

b. **Solva Tourism App.** The Chair had written to the Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language and as a result, discussions with the WG Regional Engagement Team had been invited. Further discussions would also take place with PCC re a Pembrokeshire wide app.

c. **Solva Tourism Association (STA).** Members agreed that following advice requested from OVW, the Association would be set up under SCC. A subcommittee would be appointed with terms of reference and a budget. SCC could apply for grants from a wide array of sources to help fund this or they could fund it under the “power of Wellbeing” noting that monies paid under this heading would count towards the S137 total.

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

Action: Agree date for inaugural meeting with invites to Solva Business Group – Josh.

d. **Solva Logo.** Members agreed the logo would be decided by a competition publicised in the Newsletter. Rules and criteria would be drafted. Target was April’s newsletter. **Action** Clerk.

e. **Solva Life Magazine.** The first edition would be drafted by Josh. Target date for publication was 8th May 2019 (AGM).

Funding: Magazine will be self-funding with no precept support. Funds accrued above production cost would be allocated to local projects.

Editorial Subcommittee: Community Councillor’s Josh Phillips, Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker and Colin Reynolds.

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f. **Community Wi-Fi.** Feasibility to be discussed with PCC. **Action** Josh

8. **Communications.** Members raised the annual subscription cost for the Solva News and SCC websites, currently £671. Convergence of the two



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websites would be considered and a decision taken before the 2020/2021 SCC precept was agreed. Hosting arrangements would also be reviewed.
Action Clerk.

- a. Newsletter. NTR
- b. Solva News website. NTR
- c. SCC website. NTR
- d. SCC Facebook Page. NTR

9. **Solva Care.** Mollie spoke about the People and Places grant award which had secured funding for a period of 5 years. The award demonstrated national interest in the activities of Solva Care and a number of meetings would follow. The Solva Care AGM would be in early April and all groups and organisations active in the community would be invited to attend, along with all individual members of the community, to hear what has been achieved so far and about the Big Lottery People and Places award. Solva Care trustees are keen to get ideas from the community about how the grant funding might be used both to develop the work we already do and with a view to increasing health and well-being in the community as a whole. The mosaic project at the Memorial Hall was progressing and should be complete by Easter.

- a. Two additional mosaic initiatives were under development:
 - i. Installation of an oak bench with a mosaic back at Pwll Melyn;
 - ii. Solva Care Mosaic Treasure Trail (more information to follow).

10. **Mosaic Steps – Planting of Trees and shrubs.** Penny informed members the proposal was not about the creation of flower beds but about the introduction of wild trees and naturalised or archeophyte shrubs to the area. PCC had cut back the bushes and gauze from the bank behind where the old toilets were leaving the area untidy and dishevelled. PCNPA had since offered to plant native trees on the bank but wanted assurance they would not be destroyed in any future ground maintenance activities. Wild flowers would also be planted by local residence – no maintenance would be required. SCC offered to help by ensuring both Authorities liaised to mitigate the risk. Members supported the proposal to plant native trees and wild flowers in this public space. **Action** Clerk.



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11. **Community Crime Watch Scheme.** Community Councillor Vicky Barker proposed starting an on-line crime watch scheme to help keep our community safe. The aim was to reduce crime and keep people informed of what's going on locally. It would be used to:

- a. Report suspicious activity.
- b. Send local crime alerts.
- c. Share information on recent local crimes (increasing vigilance & crime prevention awareness).
- d. Help check on vulnerable neighbours after an incident (supporting our caring community).
- e. Discussing ongoing concerns.

Any such scheme could be broadened to include all communities on the St Davids peninsula. Members supported the proposal recommending that police and local council representatives were invited to the SCC meeting on Wednesday 1st May 2019 (**Note:** Hall (downstairs) not available on 3rd April 2019).

Action: Clerk to invite members of the Rural Crime Team to the April SCC meeting. The invitation would be extended to council members of St Davids, Brawdy and Llanrhian.

Action: Vicky to prepare a short article for April's newsletter.

Action: Josh publicise on FB

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

13. **Whitchurch Churchyard.** The inaugural meeting would be on Thursday 14th March 2019 at Whitchurch church.

Action: Clerk to circulate Calling Notice to members and associate non-voting members.

Action: Clerk - Invite Enid Morgan to attend April's SCC meeting to talk about future sustainability ideas for the church and how these could align to the Tourism Initiative at item 7.

14. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Complaints.** None.

15. Reports from Sub-Committees.



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- a. **Skate & Play Parks.** Ifor reported that plans for the public consultation at the SCC AGM were progressing and would include draft designs from 3 companies for the Gamlin and upper play parks. The next subcommittee meeting was on 1st April 2019 in the Memorial Hall at 6p.m.
- b. **AFC Refurbishment & Regeneration Project.** Ifor reported the SCC application for a Welsh Government Community Learning Capital grant was complete and would be submitted before the deadline of Friday 8th Mach 2019.
- c. **Solva Path Project.** NTR
- d. **Traffic Working Committee.**
 - i. **Solva Bridge priority sign.** NTR
 - ii. **Speed bumps** on Whitchurch Road. NTR
- e. **Firework Display.** NTR
- f.
- g. **Planning.**
 - i. **Applications received & Reviewed:**
 - a) Planning Reference: NP/19/0061/FUL
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
 - b) Planning Reference: NP/19/0062/LBA
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 - ii. **Decisions:**
 - a) **Refused** - Planning Reference: NP/18/0617/FUL



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Proposal: Extension of site curtilage & alterations to householder outbuilding (store) previously approved under NP/11/451

Location: The Moorings, Fort Road, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TG

b) **Granted** - Planning Reference: NP/18/0646/FUL

Proposal: Rebuilding boundary by replacing with masonry stone wall with earth infill

Location: Nant Yr Ardd, Ffordd Panteg, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TN

c) **Approved**: Planning Reference: NP/18/0765/TPO

Proposal: Dismantle 1 x Willow & 1 x Cypress

Location: 27, Main Street, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6UU

16. Clerk & RFO Report.

a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of February 2019.** The balance at 28th February 2019 was £17,718.50. Income & Expenditure (actual) for February was presented and agreed by Councillors.

b. **Budget Review 2018/19.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.

c. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2019 to 2020.** The report had been circulated to all SCC members.

d. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been distributed to members by email.

17. Report from County Councillor. Mark updated on members:

a. Street Lights and PCC policy re private land.

b. Proposed bus shelter at Parc y Capel.

18. Report from Community Councillors. NTR

19. Public Open Forum.

20. AOB. None.



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21. **Date of next meeting.**

- a. Wednesday 3rd April 2019
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 11th March 2019

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)