



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at  
6 p.m. via Video Conferencing (Zoom)

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Josh Phillips (Chair), Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker,  
Colin Reynolds, Jo Gibbins

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Mollie Roach and Sandra Young to the meeting. Josh reminded everyone to mute their audio until they wished to speak.
  - a. **The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972.** The Chair IAW the Act's confirmed that members of the local community had been invited to join the meeting via social media.
2. **Apologies.** Peter Wilde (Newsletter Editor), Community Councillor's Joe Griffin, Wendy Wright and John Price.
3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None.

## Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.** Agreed and signed.
  - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Chair Report.** Josh spoke about:
  - a. **The reopening of the Coastal Path** on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June for use by locals only (i.e. those who live within five miles of the coast).
  - b. **Community Event.** PCC would be informed as part of the SCC process to ensure the event was COVID-19 compliant.



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- c. **Outdoor Cinema.** Initial enquiries indicated the cost would be financially prohibitive. Other options/solutions would be explored.
- d. **Visit Solva Campaign.** Josh and Ifor had met with business group representatives to agree a Visit Solva Campaign. The campaign centred around 3 key principles, Plan Ahead, Respect our community, Leave only footprints – this was a priority to reassure local people and visitors they would be safe and comfortable; all information would be circulated to community councillors. The campaign included a short video for social media which would also be forwarded to the Western Telegraph and the Herald with a covering letter from SCC. **Action Josh**
- i. **Vote of Thanks.** SCC congratulates everyone involved in the Visit Solva Campaign; also recognises the contribution by individuals, in particular Josh Phillips; and takes great pleasure in extending a hearty vote of thanks to all for acting as ambassadors to the community.
- e. **Lower Solva Picnic Area & Benches.** The area adjacent to the car park could be significantly improved to make it a more visually appealing and more family friendly. The following improvements were suggested:
- i. Clearance of course bracken to increase overall picnic area size. Work to be done by volunteers in partnership with and permission from the National Trust.
- ii. The addition of 5 picnic benches at a cost not to exceed £225 each. Cost could be offset by donations if they were offered as memorial benches. Information to be posted on social media to gauge interest. **Action Josh** (Nisbets cost proposal to be presented at the second SCC July meeting pending National Trust support).
- iii. **National Trust.** Urgent approval for the proposal would be pursued with the National Trust. **Action Josh and Colin**

### 6. **Coronavirus Community Support.**

- a. **SNAKE update.** Weekly meetings continued and remained an excellent forum to review and monitor the community response. The partnership with Solva Care was of particular benefit.





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Members voiced they knew only too well that the streets and open spaces in and around Solva were nowhere near clean because of a minority of local people and the law was simply not being enforced.

Litter and dog poo was an ongoing problem. Members agreed that dog owners should always clean up after their dogs and dispose of the waste appropriately and the vast majority did, however the small minority who did not were giving all dog owners a bad name. A lack of bins in an area, particularly public footpaths through the countryside and the airfield areas can be frustrating, but was not an excuse to hang dog waste bags in trees or leave them on the ground as some people seem to do. Owners should keep their dog waste bags with them until they can find a dog waste bin or regular litter bin, or should take it home with them to dispose of it properly.

Efforts to encourage responsible dog ownership were always welcome, but members agreed they needed to do so much more. The debate was not about dogs or demonising dog owners; it was about the actions of irresponsible or ignorant dog owners and the environmental blight caused by dog poo that was dealt with inappropriately.

It was illegal for dog owners to not clean up their dog's waste in public areas and members acknowledged that PCC could issue on-the-spot fines for dog fouling, known as Fixed Penalty Notices. Members agreed the solution would not be solved by the deployment of PCC Enforcement Officers which could also have a negative impact on visitors.

**Community Pride Campaign.** Members agreed that more signage and bins were required. Vicky would continue the spray campaign and this together with a new Community Pride campaign with posters, flyers and monthly newsletter articles would help raise awareness of the litter and dog poo problem. Various public information films were also available on YouTube and these could be regularly shown on the SCC FB page. **Action New SCC sub-committee** (members to be agreed at the second SCC July meeting).

**Litter Clearance.** Members agreed to a litter clearing event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Details would be publicised on social media. **Action Josh**

9. **Solva Fireworks Display 2020.** The decision to either proceed or cancel the event was deferred until the September SCC meeting.

10. **Solva Care Report.** Mollie informed members Solva Care continued to work with and provide support to local people. Solva Care's immediate focus



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was the “Together for Change” project. A funding application had been submitted to the COVID-19 Response Fund in Wales administered by the National Lottery Community Fund.

### 11. **Planning.** Applications received and reviewed:

- a. **Planning Reference:** NP/19/0616/FUL & NP/19/0617/CAC  
**Proposal:** Replacement dwelling and ancillary potting shed.  
**Registration Date:** 15-Nov-2019  
**Location:** Porth Y Rhaw, 22, High Street, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TF

The SCC Planning subcommittee would hold a Zoom meeting with the applicants on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss the application and respond to the Planning Authority by COP that day. **Action Ifor, Vicky and Josh**

### 12. **Clerk & RFO Report.** The Finance Report with May’s I&E was circulated to all members by email prior to the meeting.

- a. SCC Bank Balance at end of June 2020. The balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June £24,580.82. Income & Expenditure (actual) for June was presented and agreed by Councillors.
- b. Budget Review 20/21. Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.

### 13. **Report from County Councillor.** Mark spoke about tourism following PCC member’s seminar – copies of the presentation would be circulated to Town and Community Councils.

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

### 15. **AOB.**

### 16. **Date of next meeting.**

- a. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 6 p.m. via video conferencing (Zoom)
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)