



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at  
6 p.m. via Video Conferencing (Zoom)

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Ifor Thomas (Chair), Vicky Barker, Colin  
Reynolds, Wendy Wright, John Price and Joe Griffin

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. Ifor 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 Josh Phillips, Jo Gibbins.
  3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** Two personal interest were declared;
    - a. Ifor Thomas re agenda item 12a planning application NP/20/0344/FUL.
    - b. Joe Griffin re agenda item 12c planning application NP/20/0363/FUL

## Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.** Agreed and signed.
  - a. All actions were reviewed.
5. **Chair Report.**



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- a. **Appointment of Community Council member to the PCC Standards Committee.** The PCC letter and pack had been circulated to SCC members. Mark commended the committee. All members present declined the invitation.
  - b. **Community Pride Campaign.**
    - i. **Dolphin Court dog fouling bin.** Members agreed to redeploy the bin removed from the Gamlin play park to Dolphin Court. PCC would be requested to empty and if this was not possible Vicky would carry out the task on a regular basis. **Action Mark and Vicky.**
      - a) **Land Ownership.** The proposed location of the bin was to be confirmed. Once confirmed, ownership was to be established and permission sought. **Action Vicky & Bruce**
    - ii. **Litter Pickers.** PCC grass cutting operations were delivered by contractors. Terms of the contract were to be verified to establish level of responsibility for litter collection during and after grass cutting. **Action Mark**
    - iii. **Communications.** The campaign would continue throughout the summer. Dog fouling was the main problem and information would continue to be posted on social media and in the Newsletter to inform everyone that dog fouling was not only deeply unpleasant, it was dangerous. Keep Solva Tidy. **Action Josh (SM), Vicky (NL)**
  - c. **Community Event.** NTR.
  - d. **Lower Solva Picnic Area & Benches.** A meeting with Matt Thompson (National Trust) was pending. **Action Bruce**
    - i. **Funding.** Arrangements to secure funding remained outstanding. Solva Business Group was to be invited to support as well as the National Trust. Funding opportunities from PCC's café culture initiative was to be explored. **Action Josh (BG), Colin (NT), Bruce (PCC).**
6. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Concerns.**



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- a. **Speeding concerns Whitchurch Road.** A local resident had raised concern with speeding vehicles on the Whitchurch Road towards the junction past Bryn Seion. Members discussed a resolution and the following action was set in motion ably assisted by Mark Carter;
- i. **Traffic Survey.** The PCC Traffic & Safety Engineering Officer was contacted on 13<sup>th</sup> August and asked if a traffic survey was possible in the 30mph area on the Whitchurch Road down toward the junction past Bryn Seion. This was agreed but unfortunately there was a backlog of approximately six months. SCC/Solva was added to the list.
  - ii. **Reporting.** The local resident would be informed and invited to monitor the road and report offending vehicles to the Authorities (PCSO Jude Parr and PCSO Naomi Hicks) until the traffic survey was complete. **Action Bruce**
  - iii. **Review.** Progress to be reviewed by SCC in January 2021. **Action Mark and Josh**
- b. **Anchor Down traffic/parking concerns.** Extending the double yellow lines towards the main road junction would only cause additional parking problems for local residents – yellow lines were not the solution to a seasonal issue. Members agreed that at present, no further action was required.
- c. **New Street Land.** The Clerk now had details from HM Land Registry and would forward to the Chair (Josh) for scrutiny. **Action Josh**
- d. **Loss of Wild Flowers - Report.** Work to conclude the PCC report continued. Progress to be presented at the SCC September meeting. **Action Vicky & Sandra**
- e. **Lower Solva Car Park.** The following concerns were to be raised with PCNPA: **Action Bruce**
- i. The P& D machine had not been working for a number of days. The worry was that Enforcement Offices could issue tickets without being aware the machine was out of service. Cars as a result were parking there all day, causing problems with other cars wishing to park.



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- ii. Businesses in Lower Solva had complained about the number of aggressive people asking/demanding change - most of the business would not, as a result, accommodate such requests.
  - iii. Could arrangements be put in place to pay by card?
  - iv. At peak times there was traffic chaos in the car park - aggressive and rude drivers resulted and these were a worry to local residents and other visitors. Was anyone from PCNPA available to monitor/police the problem?
- f. **Local Businesses & the Car Park.** This item was raised at June's meeting following an idea from Maria and Ian (see email circulated from Maria & Ian on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 – Unlocking Solva Idea). Vicky asked for a progress report. Bruce wrote to PCNPA on 18<sup>th</sup> June who responded asking for more detail i.e. benefits and the proposed area/s in the car park were to be identified; how the area/s would be allocated to local businesses; who would be responsible; what would the loss of car park spaces be and how would this loss be addressed. PCNPA was enthusiastic to give any proposal submitted serious consideration (see PCNPA email dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June and circulated to all members – Maria and Ian had been invited to comment; no follow-on response to PCNPA has yet been drafted. **Action Chair**
- g. **Solva Sewage Treatment Works.** A local resident had submitted a FOI request to NRW following recent sewage incidents in Solva. SCC cares about water quality issues at Solva harbour and recognises that one of the biggest threats to their local beaches was sewage spills. PCC/Public Health Wales would be tasked to carry out urgent water quality checks in the harbour and in Solva River. **Action Mark**
7. **COVID-19 Community Support.** Weekly SNAKE meetings continued and remained an excellent forum to review and monitor the community response. The partnership with Solva Care was of particular benefit.
8. **Solva Care.** Mollie reported that Solva Care continues to push forward especially with the easing of lockdown restrictions. The first boxed picnic event was planned for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August and would take place at a prearranged time within people's own garden. Mollie spoke about the re-opening of the Memorial Hall, Solva Community Hub and other public



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buildings and associated WG and PCC guidance. Social gathering restrictions remained in force and the requirement to collect track and trace information, retained for 21 days, was vital. The Hall and Hub were responsible for setting a process to record T&T details with all groups using their facility. This included events where members of the public could just wander in and leave as and when. Different rules and strict hygiene requirements also applied to the use of kitchens. The Hall and Hub must ensure their compliance with those rules. All guidance was available on the WG website and would be reviewed every 21 days by Ministers. Mollie concluded with the news that Solva Care would donate £500 to SCC to offset the cost of either the 2020 or 2021 Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

9. **Local Places for Nature.** Vicky reported that the items for the wild garden had been received and would be stored in the Hall. Plants would be cared for by Vicky until the final location for the garden had been agreed. A site meeting with the National Trust at the War Memorial was pending and would be hastened. **Action Bruce**

### 10. **Community Hub & Amateur Sport Club.**

- a. **Non-Domestic Rates.** Discussion with PCC Revenue Officers continued.
- b. **Welsh Government COVID-19 Business Grant.** The application had been submitted and would be determined if charitable status was granted.
- c. **Charity Commission Registration.** The application was underway.
- d. **Freehold purchase.** NTR
- e. **People & Places.** Ifor and Bruce had a Zoom meeting with a Lottery funding officer on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The outcome of the meeting was that an application to the Welsh Government Coastal Communities Fund was not appropriate. An application to People & Places was the agreed way forward and SCC would be permitted to apply.
- f. **Hub Committee Meeting.** It was agreed the committee would meet on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Members of the AFC and local community would be invited to attend. **Action Ifor and Bruce.**



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11. Communications. NTR (see item 5b(iii)).
12. **Planning.** Applications received and reviewed:
  - a. **Application No: NP/20/0344/FUL**  
 Proposal: Construction of a new front porch with oak framing and stone cladding.  
 Location: The Old Barn, Penrhiw, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6XJ
  - b. **Application No: NP/20/0085/FUL**  
 Proposal: Replace single storey bungalow with dormer bungalow  
 Location: Penrhyn, 22, St Brides View, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TB
  - c. **Application No: NP/20/0363/FUL**  
 Proposal: Single storey garage at rear of property  
 Location: 59, Brodawel, Solva, Haverfordwest, SA62 6TZ
13. **Clerk & RFO Report.**
  - a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of July 2020.** The balance at 31st July was £40,568.38. Income & Expenditure (actual) for July was presented and agreed by Councillors.

<b>RING FENCED FUNDS</b>	July
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£1,200.00
Play Park	£6,955.19
SCC Reserve	£900.00
Solva Fireworks Display	£1,888.14
AFC Freehold purchase	£20,704.00
AFC (Match Funding)	£5,176.00
AFC Legal Fees	£350.00
AFC New Items (plus COVID-19 items)	£374.40
Community Elections	£3,000.00
<b>"Free cash"</b>	<b>£20.65</b>



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**TOTAL**                      **£40,568.38**

b.        **Budget Review 20/21.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.

c.        **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been circulated to members via email.

14.    **Report from County Councillor.** Mark spoke about local community concerns re COVID-19 and the significant influx of visitors. The lower Solva car park continued to be a worry with local residents and businesses. Mark had invited locals to take photos and these would be sent to PCNPA. Mark updated members about wild camping and how PCC would be addressing the problem with temporary enforcement measures. PCC's planning process was also under pressure and the length of time to achieve a determination was unacceptable.

15.    **Report from Community Councillors.** NTR

16.    **AOB.**

a.        **Solva CLT.** Ifor raised the question of SCC surrendering the lease on the football pitch to the Solva CLT. SCC members present had no objection to this and supported the CLT and its objectives. PCC were to be notified re the lease transfer. **Action Ifor**

b.        **Pot Hole.** John reported a pothole on the main road close to the Royal George which presented a serious risk to cyclists. This was to be reported ASAP to PCC for repair. **Action Mark**

c.        **Whitchurch Church.** Wendy reported she had joined the church sub-committee and would provide monthly updates to SCC as required.

17.    **Date of next meeting.**

a.        Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 6 p.m. via video conferencing (Zoom)

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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Signed by: Ifor Thomas (Chair)