



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at
6 p.m. via Video Conferencing (Zoom)

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Josh Phillips (Chair), Ifor Thomas, Vicky Barker,
John Price, Colin Reynolds, Jo Gibbins and Joe Griffin.

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Mollie Roach and Sandra Young to the meeting.

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.** Community Councillor Wendy Wright.

3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None

Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020.**
Agreed and signed.

a. All actions were reviewed.

5. **Reports.**

a. **Chair.**

i. **Christmas Lighting 2021.** Members supported a proposal for an enhanced lighting display in 2021 along Main Street in lower Solva. A sub committee would be established to agree a costed plan, secure relevant permissions and to raise appropriate levels of funding. Representatives would be invited from the Business Group, other local organisations, and residents. Community Councillor's Ifor Thomas and John Price



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would lead. An inaugural meeting would be organised, and progress reported at February's SCC meeting. **Action Ifor**

ii. **Save a Life Cymru.** Members fully supported the initiative as presented. The SaLC training video would be uploaded onto the SCC website and publicised on the SCC FB page.

Community Councillor Colin Reynolds volunteered to be the Save a Life Champion for Solva, promote SaLC guidance and encourage local organisations to hold training events once COVID-19 restrictions allowed. SCC's First Aid training budget would also fund appropriate CPR events. Progress to be reported monthly. **Action Colin**

iii. **NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021.** Members agreed the event would be supported by Solva (as set out in the 4th January OVW email). SNAKE would lead in partnership with Solva Care. Progress to be reported to SCC monthly. **Action Ifor**

b. **SNAKE.** Regular Monday meetings continued and were addressing a few local concerns related to the Alert Level 4 restrictions introduced on 20 December 2020. Promoting how everyone needed to pull together to get through the pandemic remained a priority. Helpful information would be published in the next Newsletter.

c. **Solva Care.** Mollie emphasised that any phone calls received from residents who were struggling with the lockdown were promptly and appropriately actioned.

d. **Community Climate Change Emergency Action Plan.** NTR

e. **Solva CLT.** Ifor reported the project continued to move forward. The CLT board would interview architects on 19th January 2021 and appoint the preferred company thereafter. It was anticipated that project funding would be drawn down by ATAB in February to allow the architect to commence work. PCC's Cabinet were meeting on Monday 11th January and item 12 would address the Disposal of Solva Playing Fields.

f. **Clubhouse.** Ifor reported that Clubhouse activities had been affected by level 4 restrictions introduced on 20 December 2020. BT and Openreach work to install a line for internet access continued. Openreach Instructions were awaited re the position of the trench to



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carry the line for internet access. BT conduit and stores were delivered to the Clubhouse just prior to Christmas.

g. **Picnic Area.** NTR

h. **Memorial Benches.** Colin reported that the National Trust had no more space for additional memorial benches. Families who wished to donate a memorial bench normally requested sites close to or overlooking the sea/coast. Other sites would be investigated – these included:

- i. Extended picnic area (PCNPA)
- ii. St Davids Airfield (PCNPA)
- iii. Middle Mill (PCC)
- iv. Solva play parks (SCC)

6. **Solva Beaches Coastal Award.** Open water locations (such as Solva) were not designated as bathing waters and managed for the purpose of protecting fish and wildlife. Health risks from swimming at these locations may be higher than at designated bathing waters. In Solva's case the local sea waters present challenges in controlling sources of pollution and minimising health risks to create waters suitable for swimming. SCC reiterated their desire to meet Welsh Water to discuss combined sewer overflows (CSO's) which occurred during heavy rainfall. Overflows of diluted sewage during heavy rainfall were by all accounts not a sign that the system was faulty. CSO's were a necessary part of the existing sewerage system, preventing sewage from flooding homes and businesses. Public Health offer advice as part of the existing 'swim healthy' guidance which was available to read before making any decision on swimming.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet/swim-healthy>

SCC members agreed that prior to positive action to curtail CSO's, Swim Healthy guidance would be published for the benefit of all. **Action Josh**
In parallel, the Coastal Award scheme would be pursued with relevant Authorities. **Action Bruce**

7. **Quiet Lanes.** NTR

8. **Local Community Requests/Issues/Concerns.**

a. **St Davids Airfield and COVID-19 Alert Level 4 Signage & Information.** The St Davids airfield continued to be a very popular



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destination for many local people. It was also used by a small number who were not so local. People were taking the opportunity to exercise within current level 4 restrictions to benefit their physical and mental health. Most car parking areas were full during the day and Community Councillor's thought people should be reminded about the importance of hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing. The latter should also be emphasized on the airfield footpaths. PCNPA (Rights of Way Team) had responsibility and would be contacted. They would also be requested to investigate reports of cows being loose and roving on the footpaths. **Action Bruce**

9. **Communications.** The SCC Web Administrator had given notice and the post would become vacant on 1st April 2021. The position would be advertised in the February newsletter. **Action Bruce**

10. **Planning.**

a. The following applications were received and reviewed.

Application No: **NP/20/0595/FUL**
Proposal: Replace existing bungalow with detached two storey dwelling.

Location: Highmead, St. Brides View, Solva

b. Decisions: None.

11. **Clerk & RFO Report.**

a. **Precept 20221/22.** The draft Precept agreed at December's meeting had been adjusted and circulated to all members. Budget figures now included the following costs received after 2nd December 2020:

- i. Full responsibility for Solva's play and skate parks from 1st April 2021 at a cost of £1,230 p.a. (Non-statutory service transferred to SCC from PCC¹ – SLA to apply).
- ii. Audit Wales cost increase – affecting both internal and external audit costs.

¹ PCC Community Delivery Project



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- iii. Proposed by Community Councillor Joe Griffiths, seconded by Community Councillor Ifor Thomas that SCC accept the additional costs as presented and approve a 2021/22 precept of £36,500.00. All members present agreed the proposal.

b. **SCC Bank Balance at end of December 2020.** The balance on 31st December 2020 was £50,342.39. Income & Expenditure (actual) for December had been presented to the Chair and Vice Chair as per the COVID-19 Emergency Scheme of Delegation.

- December Income: £13,222.25
- December Expenditure: £5,118.51

RING FENCED FUNDS	November
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	0
Play Park	6,955.19
SCC Reserve	1,169.80
Solva Fireworks Display	1,945.98
AFC Freehold purchase	20,704
AFC (Match Funding)	5,176.00
AFC legal fees	1,000
Solva Clubhouse	202.46
Community Elections	3,000
WPD "In This Together" Community Award (SNAKE)	304.72
PAVS Micro Grant COVID-19 (SNAKE)	345.45
"Free cash"	9,538.79

TOTAL £50,342.39

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

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



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12. **Report from County Councillor.** Mark spoke about the Planning Committee, the full council meeting and AGM (available via webcast). He also spoke about the proposed PCC purchase of the Riverside which had been presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for detailed review. Mark concluded with an update on council tax, including the second home premium.

13. **Report from Community Councillors.**

a. **Dog fouling.** Joe reported that dog fouling continued in parts of the Village. The campaign to inform local dog owners would continue. Visual information would be published in February's Newsletter.

i. **Stick and Flick Dog Poo.** Some dog walkers were causing a problem by bagging up pet poo and leaving it on bushes. Could pet owners use the stick and flick method instead. The idea was to brush or sweep it into the undergrowth or away from public footpaths. The aim was to reduce the number of plastic bags left and discarded in urban and rural areas. Mark would investigate if stick and flick would be acceptable in Pembrokeshire. **Action Mark.**

14. **AOB.**

15. **Date of next meeting.**

a. Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 6 p.m. via video conferencing (Zoom)

Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 12th January 2021

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)