



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6p.m. in Solva Memorial Hall (attendance via Zoom was available).

Attended by:

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

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed members of the local community 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 Joe Griffin gave his apologies and requested to depart the meeting after item 6 due to other commitments.
  3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** Community Councillor declared a personal interest with item 8.

## Matters Arising

4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.** Agreed and signed.
  - a. All actions were reviewed.
    - i. **Solva Recreational Ground item 5f(ii)c.** A letter setting out SCC's request would be sent to Charles Davies. **Action Ifor**
  - b. **Publication of Minutes<sup>1</sup>.** The electronic publication of documents extends to include making available key information as soon as reasonably practicable, and within seven working days of the community council meeting

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<sup>1</sup> Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector.



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taking place and must include: the names of members who attended; apologies for absence; declarations of interest; any decisions taken and the outcome of any votes. This would not apply to any decisions taken in private, or where disclosure of the information would be contrary to any enactment.

**Action Clerk**

5. **Solva Churches. St Davids Whitchurch and St Aidan's Solva.** The Rev Michael Rowlands presented members with an update on funding, fund raising challenges and the condition of both churches following an invitation by SCC. Work to make the St Davids roof safe had been costed at £350. Immediate repairs were scheduled for the near future. Michael referred to the Draft Minutes of the last church meeting which would be circulated to SCC members once approved. Michael emphasised the Churches in Solva, and Whitchurch would not be divided, and the Diocese was moving towards replacing traditional parishes with new Local Ministry Areas (LMA). Brenda concluded with an update on the Heritage Trail and Pilgrim Way, and these would be progressed with the LMA. 4 fund raising events to support both churches were planned, help from the local community would be welcomed. Regular updates on all aspects were invited from SCC.

An article would be prepared for the August Newsletter to highlight the importance of both churches to the community, the Heritage Trail, Pilgrim Way, and future fundraising events. **Action Josh and Brenda**

6 **Solva Traffic Concerns.** Members of the local community had raised the following concerns:

- Lower Solva Bridge priority & insufficient warning signage
- Speeding in lower Solva
- Speeding on Whitchurch Road
- Upper Solva traffic chaos during the summer season

a. **Speeding.** Members agreed that irresponsible drivers who speed were a danger to pedestrians and other road users. They must be reported to the Police with, if possible, supporting photo or video evidence.

b. **Quite Lanes.** Members agreed to continue pursuing the "Quiet Lanes" initiative with PCC. **Action Ifor**

c. **Traffic Survey.** The area of concern on the Whitchurch Road had previously been registered with PCC for a Traffic Survey. A date for the survey was requested. **Action Mark Carter.**



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d. **PCC Highways Meeting.** Members agreed to request an urgent meeting in Solva with the PCC Senior Traffic & Road Safety Engineer.

**Post Meeting Note:** Meeting with PCC had been agreed for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 1p.m. **Action Mark, Josh, Ifor and Bruce**

7 **EcoDewi update.** Jeremy Wadia gave members an excellent talk about EcoDewi, what it was, the background and how SCC could help. A link to Jeremy's presentation follows.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/11MGdoYoj5NmjNiRw\\_DCxX1o9gg5khS95/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11MGdoYoj5NmjNiRw_DCxX1o9gg5khS95/view?usp=sharing)

Jeremy concluded requesting continued liaison with SCC on future projects to benefit both the local environment and the community. SCC would nominate a point of contact. **Action Josh**

8 **Community Meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** There were community concerns about the St Brides View route construction traffic would use during the build phase of the Headlands development. SCC was also aware of other planning applications which could also use the St Brides View route for delivery of construction materials.

a. **Motion.** In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, it was proposed by Community Councillor Josh Phillips, seconded by Community Councillor Ifor Thomas that a Community Meeting was convened on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6p.m. in the Community Clubhouse to allow residents to present their views. All members present agreed the motion.

- i. **Public Notice.** The July Newsletter publicised the meeting.
- ii. **Notice Posting.** Notices would be posted on village noticeboards.
- iii. **Letters to Residents.** Letters would be delivered to residents of Maes y Mor, Glanhafan, Fort Road and Saint Brides View.

b. **SCC Extraordinary Meeting.** The Chair called for an EOM to be convened on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6p.m. in the Clubhouse. The EOM would review questions, the meeting schedule, opening address and the way forward. Questions from Community Councillors were to be submitted to the Clerk by 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021. **Action All**

c. **August SCC Meeting.** The SCC meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August would focus on the outcome of the Community Meeting. If appropriate,



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Community Councillors would vote to support a preferred route for Construction Traffic. Motions to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July. **Action All**

## 9 Planning.

- a. Applications received and reviewed: No planning concerns.
  - i. **Application No:** NP/21/0362/TCA  
**Proposed Works:** Sycamore - reduce height by 1.5m and reduce over extended limbs by 2m.  
**Location:** Old Post Office, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6XG.
  - ii. **Application No:** NP/21/0367/TCA  
**Proposed Works:** Remove 2 x Ash; various sycamore, Ash remove. Replant with oak saplings  
**Location:** 6, New Street, Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6UX
- b. Decisions: None.

## 10 Clerk & RFO Report.

- a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of June.** The balance on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was £17,523.18. Income & Expenditure (actual) for June was presented and reviewed.

<b>RING FENCED FUNDS</b>	<b>March</b>
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£1,200.00
Play Park (match funding)	£2,717.64
SCC Reserve	£1,169.80
Solva Fireworks Display	£1,945.98
AFC Legal Fees	£1,296.47
SCC Green Fund	£304.72
Community Elections	£4,000.00
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	£345.45



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"Free cash"	£4,542.61
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**TOTAL £17,523.18**

- b. **Budget Review 21/22.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
- c. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been circulated to members via email.

11 **Report from County Councillor.** Mark informed members about the next full Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. He spoke about PCC Enforcement Officers and would report on any decision to reappoint them post 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark had also been nominated by the Conservative group and asked to stand for re-election in May 2022.

## 12 **AOB.**

a. **Swim to the Edge 2021** (Saturday 10th July at 1030hrs). Ifor briefed members about the event, the long-term community benefit, and the immediate trade it would generate for local businesses. Members agreed the event should make a Community Benefit Donation from entry fees. A donation would also support their request to use the playing field opposite the Bay View Stores for parking. **Post Meeting Note.** Ifor had confirmed with the event organiser that numbers participating had reduced to 30 and there was no requirement to use the playing field. Participants would use the lower Solva car park. Entry fees covered administration and safety requirements. No Community Benefit Donation was therefore requested.

b. **Solva Bathing Water – latest test results.** Ifor reported the latest results were very positive. Testing after heavy rain would also be conducted. **Post Meeting Note.** The PCC press Officer had organised some PR for the next water sampling on the w/c 19<sup>th</sup> July. SCC proposed meeting on Trinity Quay at 11a.m. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – all members invited. **Action All.**

c. **OVW SCC Representative.** Ifor highlighted the need to appoint a second SCC representative to the Pembrokeshire Area Committee. This would be an agenda item at September's SCC meeting. **Action Bruce**

d. **Memorial Benches.** Colin updated members on a location for a bench which had become available on the Gribin above lime kilns. The challenge would be moving a new memorial bench to the location. When the new bench was ready a volunteer party would be sought to move it.



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e. **Picnic Benches.** Money to purchase a commemorative picnic bench had been pledged to SCC. Once received from the donor the bench would be purchased.

**Post Meeting Note:** Donation of £260 received from donor on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Bench ordered with Croesgoch Farm Stores on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Words for plaque to follow from Donor. **Action Bruce**

f. **NHS Day Report.** Brenda's report from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July to mark the NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day was attached. SCC congratulates everyone who took part in the event; also recognises the contribution by individuals; and takes great pleasure in extending a hearty vote of thanks to all those involved.

### 13 **Date of next meeting.**

- a. SCC Extraordinary Meeting Tuesday 20th July 2021.
- b. Community Meeting Tuesday 27th July 2021.
- c. SCC August Meeting Wednesday 4th August 2021.

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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)