



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 6p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse (attendance via Zoom was available).

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Josh Phillips (Chair), Ifor Thomas, Joe Griffin, Colin Reynolds, Vicky Barker.

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed Sue Carnes Chichlowska and Iain Robertson-Steel.
 - a. This was a multi-location meeting for community council members, members of the public and press is in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.
 2. **Apologies.** Community Councillor Jo Gibbins, John Price.
 3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None.
 4. **Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2021.** Agreed and signed.
 - a. All actions were reviewed.
 - b. **Publication of Minutes¹.** 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 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

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



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5. Reports.

a. Chair.

i. Ambulance Delays & Withybush Hospital.

a.) **Emergency Care.** SCC supported recent concerns raised in emails from Dr Iain Robertson-Steel about long ambulance and hospital delays with Emergency Care. Iain spoke about the problems set out in his recent emails emphasising that urgent Government action was needed to prevent any unnecessary loss of life.

b.) **Community First Responders.** SCC welcomed the setting up of First Responders team and agreed to achieve this in partnership with Solva Care. CFRs would be able to offer lifesaving first aid further increasing the patient's chances of survival. This would be a SCC standing agenda item with additional meetings as required. Sue Carnes Chichlowska spoke to members and offered her excellent skill set to assist. Details to be passed Dr John Holland (Solva Care trustee) who would contact the First Responder Team at the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust. **Action Bruce**

ii. **Lower Solva Picnic Area 25th September Fund Raising Event.** The Chair warmly congratulated all those who helped with the event that raised over £800 for the play and skate parks. Thank you notes would be sent to Gareth Chapman, the PUPs and Solva Care. **Action Bruce**

iii. **Halloween Event.** Members supported a proposal to hold a community Halloween Event in the lower Solva car park at the end of October. Members would meet on Wednesday 13th October at 6p.m. outside of the Harbour Inn to agree details. **Action all.**

iv. **Picnic Area Lower Solva.** The new grass had established. Large stones/rocks were to be removed to enable closer cutting. **Action lfor**



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- iii. **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.** Members agree the event would be held on Saturday 4th December 2021 in the Memorial Hall. A SCC & Solva Care partnership would be proposed at the Solva Care Management Group on Tuesday 2nd November. **Action Bruce**
- iv. **Remembrance Sunday.** The Community Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 14th November 2021 at the War Memorial. This year members of the community could attend to pay tribute alongside representatives of 14 (EW) Signal Regiment, the Royal British Legion, and other local groups. **Action All**
- v. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022.** SCC had registered Solva to participate in the event. SCC members would form the committee assisted by community volunteers. Members agreed the current beacon brazier should be repaired to support local events. **Action Mark**
- a.) **The Jubilee Guide.** Page 13 of the guide recommends the following: A beacon brazier will provide a permanent reminder of this unique moment in The Queen's reign. It can be built by local craftsmen and women, and may be used for future historic occasions in your community. It could be sited in a country park, on a hilltop overlooking the sea or a lake, in the centre of your town or village, and could become a tourist attraction for your area. SCC to consider how the beacon could be funded at their November meeting. **Action all**
- b.) **Jubilee Meeting.** Members agreed the first inaugural meeting would be in January 2022. A notice would be published in December's newsletter inviting residents to attend. **Action Bruce**
- vi. **Welsh Youth Parliament.** A letter from the Senedd Cymru dated October 2021 had been circulated to members. A copy had also been forwarded to PCC Community Youth Co-ordinators for Solva Youth Club. Members agreed it should also be published on SCC social media. **Action Josh**
- vii. **Twining with Solva in Alassio, Italy.** The next meeting with the Mayor of Solva in Alassio was Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 5p.m. via Zoom. **Action Josh, Ifor and Bruce**



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- viii. **Skate Park.** The equipment is coming to the end of its life and would be removed when condemned by PCC. Vicky requested and members agreed that SCC need to know what the children and young people of Solva think about the proposed ideas to replace it, i.e., new skate park, pump track or something else. **Action SCC Play Park Committee (Ifor, Joe, John, Jo).**
- ix. **Launch of the Councillor Smart Survey.** Previously circulated to all members, Josh requested that all community councillors complete the smart survey at the link below. The survey has been designed and administered by social researchers based within Welsh Government. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Councillor-Remuneration-2021/>
Action all
- b. **Solva Care.** Joe, as a trustee, updated members following the Board of Trustees on 5th October. Minutes of the Board would be circulated to SCC members. **Action Bruce**
- c. **EcoDewi.** Vicky updated members with EcoDewi news. The following link provided more detail. [News – EcoDewi](#)
- i. **Green Items.** Vicky updated members about the 6,000 poppy seeds placed around the Solva War Memorial in March 2021. Most had germinated but many had fallen to snails and slugs. More seeds and a raised bed would be considered next March.
- ii. **The Solva Green Agenda.** Vicky spoke about the green agenda for Solva. Members agreed that more must be done to deliver the critical need for a sustainable and circular economy which promoted a zero waste to landfill policy. The SCC November meeting would debate how to achieve zero waste in Solva. **Action all**
Ideas to be circulated to members. **Action Vicky**
- iii. **Benefits of Solar Energy in Solva.** Josh spoke about how SCC should support renewable energy projects in Solva which could provide economic and social benefits to the community. The SCC November meeting would decide how best to achieve solar energy for the Memorial Hall, SBOA and the public toilets in lower Solva. **Action all**
- d. **Whitchurch Church & Old Cemetery.** Members agreed that the use of herbicides to control unwanted vegetation in the old cemetery did not support



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the green agenda, the environment or biodiversity. SCC would promote a herbicide-free approach in all areas of Solva. **Action all**

e. **Solva CLT.** Ifor reported that after many months, the contractual arrangements with ateb were moving towards a conclusion. The Solva CLT had concerns that the cost of building materials had significantly increased, and contractual agreements would be based on pre pandemic figures. What was the impact on the construction of 18 homes? PCC would be engaged about a budget increase. Outcomes reported at the November SCC meeting. **Action Ifor**

f. **Memorial Benches.** Colin reported that discussions continued with the National Trust and Mr Fransham about a memorial bench on the Gribin path.

g. **Clubhouse.** The next Trustee meeting was scheduled for late October. The latest architectural drawings for the rebuild would be presented. New energy saving heaters (electric) would also be considered for this winter – price and installation to be determined. **Action Josh**

h. **County Councillor.**

i. **Solva Ultra-fast Fibre Broadband Supplier Result.** Mark updated members and spoke about the PCC supplier choice, Broadway Partners, who attended a PCC hosted meeting on 28th September.

Post Meeting Note: PCC announced on 11th October that Broadway Partners had been chosen by the community to bring gigabit capable fibre broadband to properties in the project area. Broadway will be in contact with you in due course. In the meantime, if you would like further information about their broadband packages please visit their website at: <https://www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk/>

ii. **Solva Traffic Management Plan.** A local resident had raised a series of traffic questions including traffic lights by the Royal George to address high congestion (during the season) on the hill from lower to upper Solva. Mark provided an update from a meeting with the PCC Senior Traffic & Road Safety Engineer in Solva on 5th August 2021. One outcome were 2 speed and traffic surveys which were now underway in Solva. These results would be available before the November SCC meeting. Progress to achieve other outcomes from the 5th August, including better siting of traffic warning signage, would be hastened with the PCC Officer. **Action Mark**



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iii. **20mph on restricted roads.** The question of a 20mph speed limit in Solva had also been raised. Welsh Government consultation to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on restricted roads had ended. The deadline was 1st October 2021. For more information visit: <https://gov.wales/introducing-20mph-speed-limits>

iv. **St Davids Waste & Recycling Centre.** The WRC consultation by PCC closed on 9th August. An update against a backdrop of ongoing changes to recycling legislation from the Welsh Government and increasing financial pressures would be drafted for the November Newsletter. **Action Mark**

i. **Clerk & RFO Report.**

i. **SCC Bank Balance at end of September.** The balance on 30th September 2021 was £19,817.20. Income & Expenditure (actual) for September was presented and reviewed.

RING FENCED FUNDS	March
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£1,200.00
Play Park (match funding)	£1987.61
SCC Reserve	£2,727.64
Solva Fireworks Display	£1,945.98
Community Elections	£4,000.00
SCC Green Fund	£300.00
Total	£12,161.23
"Free cash"	£7,655.97

TOTAL £19,817.20

ii. **Budget Review 21/22.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.

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



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6. **Newsletter Editor & Web Administrators Merge Proposal.** Members agreed the merge proposal and new Job Description. The post would be readvertised in the November Newsletter. **Action Bruce**
 - a. **Solva Care.** Solva Care supported the proposal and would provide 1 trustee to sit on the interview panel.
 - b. **Recruitment timings:**
 - i. Closing date 10th December 2021.
 - ii. Interviews w/c 13th December 2021.
 - iii. Start date tbc.
7. **Speed Indicator Devices (SiDs).** PCC had confirmed that SCC would be required to fund any new SID to replace the one close to Bro Dawel. Guidance from the Senior Traffic & Road Safety Engineer would be considered regarding any purchase and installation of a sign. (New sign quote £2,460. Installation cost tbc). Funding applications to the PCC Community Works fund or Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund was an option but SCC would need to identify match funding.
8. **Land Adjoining the Manse (Parc y Capel) Draft Transfer.** The draft transfer document had been received from Eaton-Evans & Morris. SCC reviewed and agreed the draft transfer, including overage provisions. The document would be returned to Eaton-Evans & Morris. **Action Bruce**
9. **Dog Fouling.** Solva AFC had informed SCC that dog fouling on the pitch was prevalent. The PCC new campaign to tackle dog fouling was supported by SCC but action to address the local problem was urgently needed. The immediate ban of dogs on and around the pitch was the last resort. Members were asked to consider the ban and if no concerns were raised to the Chair, it would be publicised on social media and in the November's Newsletter. **Action all**
10. **Electoral Arrangements Review - Decision – Pembrokeshire.** The SCC Chair would write to Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government regarding the written statement by Welsh Government released on 9th September 2021. **Action Josh**
11. **Planning.**
 - a. Applications received and reviewed:
 - i. **Application No:** NP/21/0543/S73



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Proposal: Variation of condition No. 2 of NP/20/0203/FUL -
Amended drawings

Location: 10, Anchor Down, Solva, Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire, SA62 6TQ

b. Decisions:

i. **Application No:** PCC 21/0181/PA

Proposal: 3 Dormer windows to front elevation. First floor rear
extension

Site Address: Caervega Farm, SOLVA, Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire, SA62 6XN

Decision: Conditionally Approved

Date Decided: 22-Sep-2021

12. **AOB.** None.

13. **Date of next meeting.**

a. Wednesday 13th October 2012 (Halloween meeting).

b. Wednesday 3rd November 2021 (SCC meeting).

Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 12th October 2021

Signed by: Josh Phillips (Chair)