



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 6p.m.
in
Solva Community Clubhouse.

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Ifor Thomas (Chair), Richy Davies (vice chair), Alyssia Fiander-Houlden, Joe Griffin, Sam Ellison

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed the following members of the public to the meeting:
 - a. Martin Phillips.
 - b. Iain Robertson-Steel.
 2. **Apologies.** Community Councillor's Bethany Hutson, Rob Richards, Colin Reynolds.
 3. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.**
 - a. Community Councillor Alyssia Fiander-Houlden declared a personal interest with agenda item 6g(iii) NP/22/0618/FUL.
 4. **Agree the Minutes of the meetings held on 5th October 2022.** 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. Public representations on items of business to be discussed.

a. **Agenda Item 6a (Unlawful Tree felling).** Mr Martin Phillips spoke about the recent envirocrime on private land adjacent to Seaward", St Brides View, (Formerly Dolphin Court). Trees on this land had been vandalised. Those responsible for the vandalism had not contacted the owners of the land seeking their permission to remove or prune the trees or gain access to the private land. The owners had written to the PCNPA Tree officer advising of the actions that had taken place without permissions. A site meeting was requested to ascertain what actions PCNPA may take. The vandalism was witnessed by Martin who challenged those responsible who refused to stop their action, which was appalling. Martin, on behalf of the owner, requested SCC pursued the matter with PCNPA to take whatever action was needed against the perpetrator.

b. **Agenda Item 7b(i) (Pump Track).** Dr Iain Robertson Steel requested SCC produce evidence to support any proposal for the installation of a pump track. None had been presented to date. Iain raised the following questions requesting each was addressed by SCC. Had a survey of opinion been sought by way of consultation? What were the proposals for funding and downstream costs? Was the proposed pump track subject to a Planning application? Did any of the restrictive covenants in the 1964 Deed of Gift prevent a pump track? Would the Pump Track be for Solva residents only? What were the impacts on parking, and what were the arrangements to provide toilet facilities? Much more information was needed before SCC could consider any community consultation. In the current economic crisis, was a pump track affordable and, had SCC considered alternatives?

6. Items of Business.

a. **Unlawful Tree felling.** The incident, as described by Martin, was condemned by SCC members present. The SCC Clerk informed the PCNPA Tree Officer on 27th October 2022 advising him of the incident. SCC would press for the matter to be addressed by the Authority. **Action I for**
Post Meeting Note: PCNPA Tree Officer has visited the site and spoken with the owner of the trees. The issue was now under discussion with the enforcement team. A full update would be provided to SCC at the earliest convenience.

b. **SCC Key Objectives.** The objectives set out in the approved SCC 2021/22 Annual Report were reviewed to establish progress.



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- i. **Objective 3.** Members questioned the benefits of installing a replacement Vehicle Activated Speed Sign in upper Solva. Costs to SCC were prohibitive. Enforcement of the new 20 mph due to come into force in September 2023 also needed clarification from PCC and the Police. A motion on the future of the defective Vehicle Activated Speed Sign in Upper Solva would be presented to SCC members early in the New Year. **Action Richie**

- ii. **Speeding Vehicles in Solva.** SCC members called for enforcement and a policing presence do deal with this chronic problem on the main road through Solva. However, members acknowledged that the short-term presence of a police officer or a mobile speed camera did not have any long-term impact on speeding vehicles. SCC would continue to identify a more holistic, long-term solution to this serious problem. SCC wished that speeding fatalities were prevented to achieve change.

- c. **Upper Solva Youth Project.** The Edge Festival had awarded £3,531 to the project. SCC members had consulted with younger members of the community who supported the installation of a fixed basketball hoop with compact playing area. Quotes, playing area location and funding requirements to be agreed. **Action SCC**

- d. **Play & Skate Parks Quarterly Inspection.**
 - i. **Play Parks.** A separate on-line Zoom meeting would be convened with the SCC play park committee to review the risks identified and the actions required to mitigate those risks. **Action Ifor**
Play Park Committee: Community Councillor's Ifor Thomas, Joe Griffin, Bethany Hutson, and Sam Ellison.

 - ii. **Skate Park.** Community Councillor Sam Ellison had discussed the future of the skate park with younger members of the community. Whilst acknowledging the poor state of the equipment, their overwhelming opinion was the skate park was much used and valued. It should be retained. SCC members agreed to establish a new SCC Skate Park committee who would set out a plan for the future of the skate park. Members agreed to meet in the skate park on Thursday 10th



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November at 11a.m. A skate park motion would be presented at December's SCC meeting. **Action Sam**

- e. **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 2022.** All arrangements were in place for the festive lunch on Saturday 3rd December.
 - f. **Remembrance Sunday.** All arrangements were in place for the service on Sunday 13th November.
 - g. **Planning Applications received.**
 - i. **Application No:** NP/22/0585/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing livestock building and erection of a new calf rearing shed with yard, manure store and drainage.
Location: Llanungar Fawr, Llanungar Lane, Solva
 - ii. **Application No:** NP/22/0598/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing sun room. Rebuild new sun room with increased footprint with balcony over. New internal and external access to balcony.
Location: 2 Maes Y Forwen, Solva
 - iii. **Application No:** NP/22/0618/FUL
Proposal: The conversion of a chapel into 2 bed dwelling house with multi-level living space at first floor level and a mezzanine storage area
Location: Capel Bach, Chapel Lane, Solva, SA62 6TH
 - iv. **Application No:** NP/22/0638/TPO
Proposal: Fell 2 no. sycamore leaving stumps in situ and untreated, with subsequent stump regrowth cut back annually (W1 TPO 14). Plant 5 no. new trees, 3x *Tilia cordata* (Small-leaved lime) and 2x *Quercus petraea* (Sessile oak). Please see PC22-126 Additional information for more detail.
Location: Church View, Whitchurch, SA62 6UD
7. **Reports.** Lead members reported on:
- a. **Solva Fireworks Display 2022** (Mark Carter).
 - b. **Lower Solva Play Park Community Event** (Ifor Thomas).
 - i. **Pump Track** (Ifor Thomas).



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- c. **Christmas Fayre** (Richie Davies).
- d. **Warm Rooms Scheme** (Ifor Thomas).
- e. **Community Renewable Energy Project** (Richie Davies).
- f. **Pembrokeshire County Council** (Mark Carter).
- g. **Clerk & RFO Report.**
- i. **SCC Bank Balance at end of October.** The balance on 31st October 2022 was £42,159.67. Income & Expenditure (actual) for October was presented and reviewed.

RING FENCED FUNDS	
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£1,200.00
Play Park (match funding)	£4,549.81
Skate Park	£45.00
SCC Reserve	£4,905.34
Solva Fireworks Display	£0.98
Community Elections	£5,000.00
SCC Biodiversity & Green Fund	£366.00
Legal Fes (Deed of Gift)	£150.00
Parc Y Capel	£7,169.21
Clubhouse Wheelchair ramp, safety rails & tarmac	£7,900.00
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	£400.00
Upper Solva Youth Project	£3,531.00
Total	£35,531.00
Free cash	£6942.33

TOTAL £42,159.67

- ii. **Budget Review.** Expenditure was reviewed against the agreed budget.
- iii. **23/24 Budget & Precept** – Item of business at December SCC meeting.



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- iv. **Correspondence.** All correspondence had been circulated to members via email.
10. **AOB.**
- a. **Multi-Generational Path.** Richie had discussed the historic styles which were on the preferred path route with a PCNPA Park Ranger. A possible solution could be offered allowing passage for wheelchairs, prams etc. A F-2-F meeting was to be arranged. **Action Richie**
- b. **PCNPA 70th Anniversary.** Richie informed members that PCNPA were offering a small number of trees for their 70th anniversary. 2 trees were requested for Parc y Capel (one fruit tree and one Christmas tree). School children from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi could then be invited to participate with the planting.
- c. **Raul Speek Gallery Solva.** Joe spoke about a summer mural project for children run by Raul. The project could also be supported by SCC. For more details, Raul would be invited to a future SCC meeting. **Action Joe**
- d. **Community Concert.** Joe set out broad plans for a community concert on the picnic area in lower Solva. More details would be presented in the New Year.
- e. **SCC Face Book.** Alyssia requested that all SCC members were given permissions to publish information on the SCC FB page. All members agreed. **Action Clerk**
- Code of Conduct.** The Chair reminded members they were responsible for any content they posted including content they chose to share.
11. **Date of next meeting.**
- a. Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 6p.m. in the Clubhouse.
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 21st November 2022

Signed by: (Chair) Community Councillor Ifor Thomas