



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 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 (via Zoom), Bethany Hutson, Rob Richards, Colin Reynolds.

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed the following members of the public to the meeting:

a. Mr Iain Robertson-Steel.

2. **Moment of Silence.** Members observed a minute's silence for Solva residents recently lost.

3. **Apologies.**

4. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.**

a. Community Councillor Ifor Thomas declared a personal interest with agenda item 7g(iii) NP/22/0652/FUL.

b. Community Councillor Bethany Hutson declared a personal interest with agenda item 7g(iii) NP/22/0652/FUL.

c. Community Councillor Ifor Thomas declared a personal interest with agenda item 7g(iii) NP/22/0652/FUL.

5. **Agree the Minutes of the meetings held on 9th November 2022.** Agreed and signed.

a. All actions were reviewed.



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b. **Publication of Minutes**¹. 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**

6. **Public representations on items of business to be discussed.**

a. **Mr Iain Robertson-Steel**. Iain raised the following items:

i. **Ambulance Service**. The local ambulance service was not providing timely responses to our rural community Iain have been made aware of unacceptable delays for care. Will SCC write to the First Minister / Health Minister and our local MPs and Senedd members expressing concern about the threat to life and asking for action to improve the performance of the 999 service. Rural areas were being unfairly treated. (See item 10a)

ii. **First Responder Scheme**. SCC was asked to consider a Community First Responder Scheme. What action has been taken and what is proposed? (See item 10b).

iii. **Solva Regattas**. The Solva Regattas and Raft Race had been taking place since 1888 and are an important part of our coastal cultural heritage. Can SCC consider steps to restore this multigenerational cultural event by actively encouraging younger residents to reinstate the regattas. Could SCC consider funding the liability insurance costs as an incentive? (See item 10c).

iv. **2023/24 Precept**. Regarding the Precept, will SSC keep the Precept at 2022 levels, to avoid increasing the Council Tax burden further in 2023? (See items 7a and 7b).

7. **Items of Business.**

a. **Future of public toilets in lower Solva**. PCC wrote to SCC on 30th November 2022 about the toilets which were a non-statutory service. PCC were looking at options for financial savings. The current cost to provide the toilets in

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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lower Solva was £12,056.00. To prevent closure, PCC would like to discuss a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) to SCC at an annual cost of £12,056.00.

- i. **Precept Increase.** SCC members did not want to see the toilets close but could not justify a precept increase of £12,056.00 to keep them open.
 - ii. **Collaboration & Co-production Solution.** SCC members highlighted the importance of the public toilets and requested PCC urgently pursued a solution based on co-production and improved collaboration with PCNPA and the National Trust. PCNPA could, for example, increase their car park charges in Solva to help cover the cost of running the toilets. The National Trust could also be invited to contribute and the overall cost to PCC could be significantly reduced or even removed. PCC to be engaged. **Action Mark**
 - iii. **2023/24 Precept Date.** The PCC date for setting the SCC precept was **Friday 13th January 2023**. If PCC could not find a better solution other than CAT and SCC increasing their precept the toilets could close if PCC voted to take that cost saving option.
 - iv. **What the community thinks.** SCC members agreed the community should be consulted. A social media campaign to establish what the community thinks was to start **ASAP** together with a petition. **Action Beth**
- b. **23/24 SCC Budget & Precept.** As the future of the lower Solva toilets were uncertain and the cost of the 2022 August local election had yet to be issued by PCC, the budget and precept would be agreed at the SCC meeting on 11th January 2023.
- c. **Solva Skate Park Motion.** Sam briefed members about the project. Members agreed the previous Pump Track proposal would not now be taken forward.
- i. **Motion.** Proposed by Bethany, seconded by Richie that SCC establish a project team to develop a new concrete and inclusive community skate park on the site of the existing facility. The current skate park will be maintained until it was no longer fit for purpose or financially viable. All members present agree the motion.



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- ii. **Planning Consent.** SCC would seek guidance from the planning authority at PCNPA. **Action Clerk**

- d. **Lower Solva Play Park new items.** 30 questionnaires were completed by members of the community at the village forum in November. Results/analysis were to be forwarded to the Clerk. **Action Alyssia**

- e. **Upper Solva Youth Project – Location.** The project, funded by the Edge Festival, consisted of a fixed basketball hoop, backboard, and small playing/shooting area. The proposed location was on the RHS of the existing play park adjacent to the skate park. Members agreed to progress the project and secure quotes. **Action Clerk**
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- f. **Proposed Diversion of Pembrokeshire Coast Path (Public Footpath PP102/20), Porth-y-Rhaw, Solva (see PCNPA email 2 Dec 22).** SCC had no concerns.

- g. **Planning. Applications received:**
 - i. **Application No:** NP/22/0331/FUL (see amended plans)
Proposal: The proposed siting of 13 additional static caravans, managers accommodation, associated infrastructure and ecological enhancement
Location: Llanungar Fach Caravan Park, Llanungar Lane, Solva, SA62 6UA

 - ii. **Application No:** NP/22/0567/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 1.2 m high boundary hedging bank planted with Blackthorn, hawthorn, Gorse & Ferns to create a wildflower corridor
Location: Land adjacent to The Old Barn, Penrhiw, Solva, SA62 6XJ

 - iii. **Application No:** NP/22/0652/FUL
Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing Store/Garage within rear garden of 49 Bro Dawel, Solva to create residential annexe for occupation by family members
Location: 49 Bro Dawel, Solva, SA62 6TZ



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iv. **Application No:** NP/22/0681/FUL

Proposal: Single store extension to detached dwelling, installation of roof lights and creation of new window openings

Location: Mill Lodge, Middle Mill, Solva, SA62 6XD

8. **Reports.** Lead members reported on:

a. **Clerk & RFO Report.**

i. **SCC Bank Balance at end of October.** The balance on 30th November 2022 was £42,561.42. Income & Expenditure (actual) for November 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	£5,421.34
Solva Fireworks Display	£3,021.07
Community Elections	£5,000.00
Parc Y Capel	£6,885.18
Clubhouse Wheelchair ramp, safety rails & tarmac	£7,900.00
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	£400.00
Upper Solva Youth Project	£3,531.00
Solva Christmas Fayre	£320.00
Total	£38,273.40
Free cash	£4,288.02

TOTAL £42,561.42

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

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



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- b. Solva Community Clubhouse (Audit of Accounts). Ifor
 - c. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Ifor
 - d. Children's Christmas Party. Alyssia
 - e. Solva Christmas Fayre. Richie
 - f. Parc y Capel tree planting (PCNPA 70th anniversary) Richie
 - g. Community Renewable Energy Project. Richie
 - h. Warm Rooms scheme. Ifor
 - i. Multi-Generational Path & historic styles. Ifor and Richie
 - j. Solva Community Bathing Water Project Seasonal Report 2022.
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 - k. Unlawful Tree felling St Brides View. Ifor
 - l. Play & Skate Parks Quarterly Inspection – SCC action plan. Ifor
 - m. County Councillor. Mark
10. **AOB.**
- a. **Ambulance Service.** (See item 6ai). Iain was invited to contribute input to the SCC letter to Eluned Morgan MS Minister for Health and Social Services and Steven Crabb MP. **Action Bruce**
 - b. **First Responder Scheme.** (See item 6a ii). Solva Care had previously pursued the matter in January 2022 and received a disappointing response from the Welsh Ambulance First Responders Scheme - There were no plans at present to establish a First Responders scheme for Solva. SCC would discuss a further approach with Solva Care. **Action Bruce**
 - c. **Solva Regattas.** (See item 6a iii). The question of PLI would be raised with Zurich. **Action Bruce**



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- d. **Newsletter Editor.** The post would become vacant at the end of January 2023. Social Media and February's Newsletter would advertise the post. **Action Bruce**
- e. **PLANED CWBR Youth Project.** Colin volunteered to be the SCC representative for the project. PLANED to be informed. **Action Bruce**
(See planed email dated 6th December from Rachel Whitfield)
- f. **First Aid Training for School Children.** A proposal to achieve this would be investigated and presented to SCC in the New Year. **Action Alyssia**
- g. **Whitchurch Airfield.** Rob reported the problem of dog fouling on the airfield walks was prevalent and needed to be addressed. There was no signage which the National Trust would be asked to correct. **Action Bruce**
- h. **Instagram Account.** Bethany requested an SCC email address for the account. **Action Bruce**

11. **Date of next meeting.**

- a. Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 6p.m. in the Clubhouse.
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 14th December 2022

Signed by: (Chair) Community Councillor Ifor Thomas