

## **County Councillor Report SCC AGM June 2023**

I would like to say how delighted I am to have entered my 7th year as the elected PCC member for Solva. I thought I would just outline what this role entails.

Primarily I am the link between Pembrokeshire County Council and the 1215 people of Solva and Brawdy. I am here to answer residents' concerns and enquiries. This can vary from the mundane questions about littering and dog fouling to assisting residents with far more important and life improving issues.

All 60 Pembrokeshire County Councillors represent their residents and help to determine policy but 18 of those have more senior roles including myself. The basic requirement is that a County Councillor attends at least a meeting every 6 months and these are Full Council, Annual Council and when required Extraordinary Council. Then there are many other Committees that members sit on to ensure the smooth running and timely decisions of the Council. As a more senior member I have 12 roles. In addition to the mentioned three, I am Chair of the Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee which examines the services that are supplied to the public, I sit on the Planning Committee, the Licencing Committee, where we determine licencing policy, and also the Licencing sub Committee which determines applications from the taxi and pub trade. I also sit on the Partnerships Panel which receives regular updates from the Police and other social providers and also the Disciplinary committee which deals with staff issues. I am the reserve member on the Standards Committee and sit on the Council tax working group that makes recommendations on Council tax policy. Finally I am Deputy group Leader for the PCC Conservative Group and also a member of Brawdy Community Council.

I have to say that I enjoy the challenge of problem solving that residents ask me to get involved in and I have formed strong links with Officers in County Hall that can only benefit our community. Overall the event of the past year that has given me the most pride to be part of in Solva is the annual Firework Display at the Harbour, the turnout was absolutely astounding and was clearly reflected in the bucket collection.

I thank all members of the Community of Solva for their support and in turn if you need help, please get in touch

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