



# Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 6p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse.

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Ifor Thomas (Chair), Richy Davies (vice chair)  
Bethany Hutson, Alyssia Fiander-Houlden, Colin Reynolds

County Councillor Mark Carter (via Zoom)

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including:

- a. Mollie Roach.
- b. Sue Denman (agenda item 8b).
- c. Katie Daly PCC Strategic Business Manager (agenda item 7a) via Zoom.
- d. Huw Owen Rowlands PCC (agenda item 7a) via Zoom.
- e. Angus Gaskell (agenda item 8c).

2. **Moment of Silence.**

3. **Apologies.** Community Councillor's Rob Richards, Joe Griffin, Sam Ellison.

4. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None.

5. **Agree the Minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** Agreed and signed.

- a. All actions were reviewed.
- b. Publication of Minutes<sup>1</sup>.

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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. 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.



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6. **Public representations on items of business to be discussed.** None.
7. **Items of Business.**
  - a. **Public Toilets Lower Solva.** Katie spoke to members about the PCC Cabinet decision to close PCC funded toilets listed in Group 2 which included Solva. The PCNA decision to financially support Solva toilets was not expected until September. The PCC November deadline remained unchanged. Katie confirmed that any CAT would not prevent the building from being developed for other business opportunities but it must have a public toilet that meets current standards (The Public Health (Wales) Bill). SCC members agreed to discuss the CAT option at their AGM in June. Changes to future SCC precept levels would be included. **Action Ifor**
  - b. **Clubhouse Plans and Hall Possibilities.** The attached possibilities had been circulated to members for comment. **Action All**
  - c. **Newsletter.**
    - i. **Welsh Language options.** Member discussed possible and affordable options. The Editor would prepare and present hard copies of ideas for the SCC AGM in June. **Action Angus**
    - ii. **St Davids City Council.** The City Council had asked if 3 pages of the Newsletter could be focused on St Davids. If agreed, they would established a Working Group to facilitate content. Additional printing and editorial costs would be paid for by the City Council. SCC agreed to the request. The Editor would meet with the Working Group on Friday at 2pm in St Davids. Outcome to be reported at the SCC AGM in June. **Action Angus**
  - d. **SCC AGM.** The agenda (attached) was agreed as presented. The Annual Report (item 5a) would include an update on the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty 2022 Report. **Action Ifor** (Hard copies of the SCC Report to be available. **Action Clerk**)
    - i. **Attendance.** All SCC members present by 5:30p.m. **Action All**



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ii. **Communication.** June's Newsletter would advertise the AGM supported by social media postings. **Action Ifor and Richie**  
Posters to be prepared and displayed in the Memorial Hall, Clubhouse and on all community noticeboards. **Action Richie**

iii. **Refreshments.** Tea, Coffee, milk and Welsh cakes to be purchased. **Action Ifor and Richie**

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

a. **Clerk & RFO Report.**

i. **SCC Bank Balance at end of March.** The balance on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was £36,598.20. Income & Expenditure (actual) for April was presented and reviewed.

<b>RING FENCED FUNDS</b>	
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£1,664.00
Community Elections contested / non-contested	£1,000.00
Gamlin Play Park (match funding)	£5,332.00
Skate Park	£85.00
SCC Reserve	£4,707.38
Solva Fireworks Display	£3,083.91
Parc Y Capel	£6,724.70
Clubhouse disabled toilet project (with baby changing facility)	£1,150.00
Upper Solva Youth Project	£3,531.00
Solva Community Events (Fayres etc)	£298.56
Warm Welcome Community Spaces	£363.93
Total	£27,940.48
Free cash	£8,657.48

**TOTAL      £36,598.20**

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



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

b. **Solva Surgery.** Sue reported the meeting with the Regional Health Board (HDUHB), on Solva Surgery, took place as planned on 25th April. The meeting was held in Solva Memorial Hall and was attended by 18 people, the majority of whom were HDUHB employees. HDUHB officials reported satisfaction overall with the transition to a managed practice. The rest of the meeting was spent by Solva Surgery Working Group representatives: Sue Denman, Gareth Chapman and Iain Robertson Steel emphasising the importance of Solva retaining General Practice in the village and how this could be achieved in a sustainable way. The officials have gone away to consider their response to our ideas and how best to go forward to keep momentum.

c. **County Councillor.** Mark reported the subject of public toilets would again be debated by PCC with a possible deferment on closure. Any deferral would only give more time to T&CC to make an informed decision about CAT. SCC would await confirmation in writing from PCC.

### 10. **AOB.**

a. **Kings Coronation.** Given the Coronation celebrations in St Davids, members agreed to ensure, from EOP Friday, that Union Jacks would be flying on Solva flagpoles together with Coronation bunting at Parc y Capel. **Action** Ifor and Colin

b. **Old goal posts on Clubhouse sports pitch.** These were to be removed and disposed of before the Edge Festival. **Action** Ifor

c. **PCC Biodiversity Implementation Officer.** Colin informed members of the PCC appointment. The Officer, who Colin had spoken to, would reserve a diary date and come to Solva to discuss SCC action 5<sup>2</sup> (Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species.) Biodiversity would be reported on at the SCC AGM in June. **Action** Ifor

d. **Coastal Allotment CAT.** Richie requested an update. PCC Property Division had confirmed to the Clerk the CAT request submitted by SCC on 28<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6  
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty  
2022 Report



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February would be discussed by their Board on 10<sup>th</sup> May. A decision would follow shortly after that.

e. **Speeding Traffic Through Solva.** Members reported that many vehicles and motorcycles ignored the 30mph speed limit when driving through Solva. Serious concerns were raised - the increased risk to pedestrians was significant. On 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 most 30mph limits will change to 20mph in Wales as the new national limit. How would this be enforced if the 30mph limit was not taken seriously by many road users. The question would be raised with the Police and PCC. **Action Mark and Bruce**

f. **Silent Fireworks.** Alyssia reminded members that the 2023 Solva display should include a silent firework display for very young children prior to the main display. Costings and plan were requested. **Action Mark**

g. **Coffee & Catch-up Morning.** Bethany informed members that following the success of the Warm Rooms initiative she would sponsor (by popular request) a regular coffee & catch-up session after Chair Yoga on a Friday morning. Dates to be included on the monthly Clubhouse programme. **Action Bethany**

h. **Beach & Solva Clean-up.** Bethany proposed that SCC sponsor a beach & Solva clean-up every 6 weeks throughout the summer. Dates, times etc to be published in the Newsletter and on social media. **Action Bethany**

i. **Lottery Funding Application.** Work would commence later in 2023 on an all-encompassing Lottery application. The following community projects would be included:

- Upper play and skate park
- Lower Solva toilets
- Solva Community Clubhouse

**Action - Alyssia would lead on the overall application**

### 11. **Date of next meeting.**

- a. AGM - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6p.m. in the Memorial Hall.
  - b. SCC – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 6p.m. in the Clubhouse.
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Compiled by:

Bruce Payne (Clerk) 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Signed by: (Chair) Community Councillor Ifor Thomas