

Ffynnonddewi
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The Clerk
Solva Community Council
Little Valley
Wiston
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20th November 2023

Dear Bruce

Further to our recent telephone conversation I would like to be considered for the vacant position on the Solva Community Council.
Please see the supporting document, below.

Yours Sincerely

G.Chapman

Gareth Chapman

Re: vacant position Solva Community Council

I am Gareth Chapman and have lived at Ffynndewi on the outskirts of Solva with my wife Luci and dog Lola for six years, where we run two holiday cottages, a small campsite and small cider business.

Although we holidayed in the area for many years previously, we actually came specifically to Solva by accident, but very quickly came to realise that Solva is very much more than a pretty holiday village, but also has a thriving community that supports an amazingly disproportionate number of groups, events and activities when compared to it's size.

We think of ourselves as very lucky to have landed where we have and proud to already consider ourselves part of that community and personally I would very much relish the chance to be involved right at the heart of the decision making processes that affect both the parish and it's community.

Although I have only relatively recently moved to the area, I sit on the committee of the Edge Festival and the Solva Surgery Working Group, with a specific designation to the smaller group that is currently helping form a sustainable future for the surgery alongside the Health Board.

I was also very heavily involved in the Trecadwgan Farm campaign a couple of years ago.

I was brought up in the countryside in a village of similar size to Solva and spent the majority of my previous working life in the building industry which I believe gives me a good insight into not only the needs and requirements of a small rural community but that I can also contribute to matters concerning the physical and practical aspects of the parish.

Having been a self-employed business owner for the most part of my working life, that helps me see things from a commercial point of view and how business fit into and can contribute to the community.

From a personal point of view I would like to develop better communications and involvement with those who live in the outlying areas of the Parish outside of the main village.

As above I am already actively involved in other community activities and have demonstrated that I can work with and alongside several of the existing members and would promise to be an equally active member of this council if given the chance.