



Solva Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Solfach

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 5:30p.m.
in
Solva Community Clubhouse.

Attended by:

Community Councillor's Gareth Chapman (Chair), Richard Davies, Joe Griffin,
Josh Phillips, Colin Reynolds, Ifor Thomas

County Councillor Mark Carter

Clerk & RFO: Bruce Payne

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1. **Welcome and Introduction.** The Chair welcomed:
 - a. Cllr Jon Harvey PCC Leader.
 - b. Cllr Michele Bateman PCC Cabinet Member for Housing.
 - c. James King Solva CLT member. (via Zoom).
 2. **Moment of Silence.** Yes.
 3. **Apologies.** Community Councillor's Alyssia Fiander-Houlden, Rob Richards, ATEB members.
 4. **Declarations of interest - Personal or Prejudicial.** None.
 5. **Agree the Minutes of the meetings held on:**
 - a. 7th January 2025¹. All actions were reviewed.
 6. **Public representations on items of business to be discussed.**
 - a. **Newgale Coastal Adaptation:** Mr Mark Carter spoke as an affected Business owner of the proposed scheme. Mark had attended the update on Wednesday 29th January 2025 in Roch and spoke about significant local and

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wider opposition to the Newgale Coastal Adaptation scheme, particularly from local business owners and residents implying a belief that the scheme was either unnecessary or poorly timed. Mark suggested that the consultation process had been lacking in engagement with key stakeholders. The fact that he highlighted Gengard Ltd as an example indicates that the impact on local businesses were more widespread than just his own.

His suggestion to divert the £40 million to areas like social care, primary care, and Withybush Hospital reflects a common sentiment in local communities where people feel immediate social needs outweigh long-term infrastructure projects such as Newgale where costs failed to justify benefits. Mark proposed that plans be shelved for 30 years.

Items of Business.

7. **Boundary commission final community recommendations – Solva reduced to 6 Community Councillors.** The Commission had submitted its final recommendations to the Welsh Government on the future community arrangements for Pembrokeshire County Council.

The Final Recommendations can be found on the Commission's website:

<https://www.dbcc.gov.wales/reviews/01-25/pembrokeshire-community-review-final-recommendations>

Comments regarding the recommendation involving the City of St Davids and the Community of Solva should be addressed to the Welsh Government. They should be made as soon as possible and, in any event, **not later than 6 weeks** from the date the Commission's recommendations are submitted to the Welsh Government. Representations should be addressed to:

Local Government Democracy Team
Local Government Policy Division
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or by email to:

LGPolicy.Correspondence@gov.wales



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- a. **SCC Action.** Members had looked through the report. All the decisions had been made on purely a numerical basis, there was no consideration placed upon operational considerations as set out in the original Representation to the Boundary Commission. A second Representation would be submitted to Welsh Government. **Action Clerk**
 - b. SCC would also consult with all other Community, Town and City Councils affected by the proposals. **Action Gareth**
8. **Solva CLT.** SCC members and CLT members had a very open and forthright discussion with the PCC Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing for over 1 hour. Jon and Michelle (together with ATEB) would attend a future SCC meeting once Planning Approval was granted. Application No. - NP/23/0545/FUL [Citizen Portal Planning - application details](#)
- a. **Community Council Planning Briefing.** Attached for reference.
9. **New Solva Sign.** Two designs has been submitted to PCC for approval.



10. **Newsletter.** The next meeting of the Newsletter sub-committee² was on Friday 7th February at 10:30am in the Clubhouse:

² Newsletter sub-Committee: Gareth, Richie, Editor, Clerk, St Davids City Council representatives



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11. **Performing Rights License.** The Clubhouse, as a registered Charity, must apply to PPL PRS Ltd for a music licence. [Charity Music Licence - PPL PRS - TheMusicLicence](#)
Action Clerk

12. **Welsh Language, Wesh Heritage, and its traditions.**

a. **Welsh Language Project.** The target date to complete remained Easter 2025. Members agreed the following topics would be progressed at pace:

Srl	Topic	Welsh version	English version	Lead
1	Solva Geology	Complete	Complete	Colin
2	Limekilns			Ifor
3	Smalls Lighthouse			Richie
4	Solva Harbour Society			Rob
5	War Memorial			Colin
6	Memorial Hall			Joe
7	Solva History			Alyssia
8	Solva Gudel's			Gareth
9	Pilgrims Way			Joe
10	Community Events			Alyssia

b. **Welch Translation.** Welsh translation costs were significant. Alternatives to the current provider to be investigated. **Action Colin**

c. **QR Code Sign Size.** To be agreed. **Action Colin**

13. **Planning Applications Received.** SCC had receive the following applications. There were no planning concerns with:

a. **Application No:** NP/24/0687/FUL
Proposal: The proposals seek to install retrofit works to this property. Additional insulation will be added to the roof to improve the thermal performance which will result in an increase of the ridge height of 150mm max. Solar PV has been proposed to the roof and external wall insulation will upgrade the performance of the walls. The external wall insulation will have a render finish to match existing.
Location: 6, Ynys Dawel, Solva, SA62 6UF

b. **Application No:** NP/24/0629/FUL



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Proposal: Provision of Storm Porch to existing dwelling
Location: The Lock Up House, 10, Pen Yr Aber, Solva, SA62 6UR

Reports & Discussion

14. Clerk & RFO Report.

a. **SCC Bank Balance at end of January.** The balance on 31st January 2025 was £31,392.77 Income & Expenditure (actual) for January was presented and reviewed.

RISTRICTED FUNDS	
IRP Determination 44 Payments to Members	£70.00
Community Elections contested / non-contested	£2,000.00
Intergenerational Park Project	£501.31
SCC Reserve	£6,254.60
Solva Fireworks Display	£4,363.35
Parc Y Capel	£5,663.76
Defibrillator spares (pads etc.)	£845.37
Welsh Language Fund	£86.82
Community Warm Spaces	£3,500.00
Total	£23,285.21
Free cash	£8,107.56

TOTAL £31,392.77

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

c. **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 2025.** Members noted that additional funding would be required for the event. **Action Chair / Vice Chair**

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

15. **Macrocarpa Tree works.** Works were scheduled on 17th Feb. The Main Rd would be subject to restriction (by War Memorial). Information to be published on FB. **Action Ifor.**



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16. **Ash Dieback – Parc y Capel.** Quote awaited to remove the affected tree.
Action Ifor
17. **Glanhafen Trench Works – 7th February (Power to Parc y Capel).** All arrangements were in place. Residents to be notified of the works. **Action Gareth**
18. **Newgale Coastal Adaptation update.** Members supported the comments presents by Mr Mark Carter at agenda item 6.
19. **County Councillor.**
 - a. **Solva Bus Shelter (Parc y Capel).** Damaged in Storm Darragh, the roof had remained in Parc y Capel for 2 months. PCC Maintenance confirmed to Mark on 6th February that repairs would be carried out shortly.
20. **AOB**
 - a. **Dog Fouling.** Joe again raised the issue of uncontrolled dog fouling along Bro Dawel, local path ways and the surrounding area. Members agreed they would investigate prior to the deployment of PCC Enforcement Officers. **Action Mark**
 - b. **SCC Website.** The cost to maintain the SCC website with Webzer was unaffordable. Arrangements would be put in place for an alternative solution. **Action Richie and Josh**
 - i. **Target Date.** Current arrangements would remain in place until the end of 2025.
 - ii. **Solvanews.co.uk.** Members agreed this would also cease (with Webzer) at the end of 2025. **Action Clerk**
 - c. **Lewis Terrace Pot Holes.** Colin spoke about the number of potholes on Lewis Terrace. The issue would be reported via PCC's "My Account". **Action Colin**
 - d. **BT Open Reach Repairs.** Gareth requested if PCC could look at the poor repairs carried out to the road by BT at the bottom of Solva Hill. **Action Mark**
21. **Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 6pm in the Clubhouse.



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Compiled by:
Bruce Payne (Clerk) 6th February 2025

Signed by: (Chair)

Community Councillor Gareth Chapman