

# Solva school comments clarification



Pembrokeshire County Councillor Lyn Jenkins has made the following statement regarding her comments at Thursday's Extraordinary meeting relating to Solva School:

"In respect of my awareness of the proposals to close Solva School, there appears to have been some misunderstanding.

"I do recognise that the matter was discussed in Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> July and I subsequently met the Director for Children and Schools, Kate Evan-Hughes, on the 14<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the possible school closure and the ongoing arrangements in respect of governance of education in Solva.

"The Director followed up with an email on the 17<sup>th</sup> August responding to the concerns raised by me.

"However there was a misunderstanding as to whether the proposal was that education would remain on the site of Solva school as part of the proposal of a 3-16 school, or whether it would cease completely in the area. This was the issue I was trying to raise in Council.

"On reflection I realise that my statements may have been misleading.

"I have now arranged a further meeting with the Director to discuss the implications of the proposal for Solva and how the statutory consultation period will allow the community of Solva to express their views.

"The Director has also assured me she will meet with the headteacher and governing body at the earliest opportunity."

Kate Evan-Hughes said: "I was pleased to meet with Councillor Jenkins today (Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September) and to clarify what was clearly a misunderstanding around the terminology of 'closing Solva school'.

The Director went on: "It is important to remember that this is the start of the consultation and that the opinions of parents, pupils and staff in all the affected communities will inform the recommendation to Council at the end of the statutory consultation period."