

Wick Community Council

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Wick Sports Pavilion and Field Update

Following the decision by the Vale Council that the Sports Pavilion is surplus to their requirements it is still intended that the Community Council will take a lease on the Pavilion, however, due to the pandemic, there has been a delay in the signing of the lease.

We are now pleased to be able to report that negotiations have recently re-started with the Vale Council with a view to the Community taking over responsibility for the Pavilion and Sports Field from April 2022. These negotiations look to be more difficult than we first thought but the Community Council remains committed to retaining both the Pavilion and the Sports Field for Community use. We'll keep you informed of developments.

There are still some Covid 19 restrictions affecting the use of the building, enquiries about booking the Pavilion can be made to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or phone 07710209437

The MUGA has now been completed and is available for use. The Community Council is delighted that Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales will open the MUGA between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th August.

A 'Cob Oven', which will be available for use by the public, and a picnic bench will be installed near the MUGA shortly.

The defibrillator at the Pavilion has been repaired and is available for use again.

Speeding Vehicles in Wick

For many years the Community Council has raised residents' concerns about the speed of vehicles passing through Wick with the Police and the Vale Council. Whilst the GoSafe Camera Van is a regular visitor to the village its impact on speeding vehicles seems to be minimal. We are fortunate that there have not been any injury accidents in Wick for some years, but we continue to receive reports as to how speeding vehicles frighten residents and affect their wellbeing.

We were pleased when Senedd member Jane Hutt met with Community Council Chair David Ambrose recently and we welcome her support for our campaign.



The Community Council is keen to gather evidence of the impact such speeding has on the lives of residents for use in a new campaign to effectively reduce speed. Please complete our short survey, a link to which can be found on our website and the village Facebook hub.

Play Rangers and activities for Young People

The Community Council is pleased to confirm that again this year there will be a programme of activities for children and young people in the Village.

Each Wednesday afternoon during the school holidays, starting Wednesday 21st July, the Vale Play Rangers will be organising activities for children aged 4 to 11 year olds between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and this will be followed by Wick Youth Club offering games and other activities for 7 to 18 year olds from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Details of how to book a place on the Play Rangers sessions will be circulated on our website and Facebook pages as soon as they are available.

All activities, which form part of the Summer of Fun activities called for by the Children's Commissioner for Wales, will be free of charge for those taking part.

The Community Council has received a Welsh Government grant to provide additional equipment to support play activities and this equipment will be in use during the Summer of Fun activities.



Community Council Meetings

During lockdown Community Council meetings were all held via zoom, but following the relaxation of lockdown rules Wick Community Council has now resumed holding face to face meetings at the Sports Pavilion.

Due to the social distancing requirements the number of people permitted in the Pavilion is limited and meetings are 'hybrid' with members of the public able to attend either in person if numbers allow, or via zoom. There is always an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues at the Council meeting.

Details of meetings, which are normally held on the third Thursday of each month, can be found on the Community Council website www.wickcc.wales, together with details of how members of the public can join the meeting safely.

Public Benches

Residents may have noticed that many of the public benches in the village have recently been refurbished, the remaining ones will be completed shortly.

The Community Council is also looking at the need for benches in other locations around the village.

Website

The Community Council website www.wickcc.wales is regularly updated with items of interest, such as News, Minutes, Agenda, and current Planning Applications, amongst others.