

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. Negotiations with the Vale Council are proving to be more challenging than we first thought, but we remain hopeful of a positive outcome by the Summer of this year.

It is still possible to book the Pavilion, enquiries can be made to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or phone 07710 209437

Speeding Vehicles in Wick

Speeding vehicles remain an issue of great concern to residents, although are not a priority to other authorities as the road through Wick is considered to be safe and not a priority due to the lack of accidents.

We are grateful that we have few casualties in our area but the impact of speeding vehicles, particularly on the main road, on resident's wellbeing is considerable.

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. Thanks to those who completed our survey which can also be found on our website: www.wickcc.wales

Community Council Elections

Community Councils are the first tier of Local Government, there are more than 700 Community Councils in Wales and 8000 community councillors. Elections for Community Councils are held every five years, with the next election taking place on 5th May 2022.

Wick Community Council has seven councillors, some of whom will be seeking re-election in May, whilst others are standing down. The final meeting of the current council will take place on Thursday 17th March.

Nomination packs for anyone interested in standing to be a councillor can be found on the Wick Community Council website, the Vale Council website or email, wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com for one to be sent to you. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Vale Council by 5th April.

Information about standing for the Council can be found on the Electoral Commission website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a-candidate-or-agent/local-elections-wales> and there's a link to this on the Community Council's website too.

Wick Community Council meets once a month on the third Thursday of each month and councillors can attend either in person or via zoom.

Play Rangers and activities for young people

The value of play activities for children and young people is well documented and the Community Council is pleased to work with Wick Youth Club, the Vale Play Rangers and Play Wales to enhance play opportunities.

Over recent years the Community Council has sourced over £5,000 in grants to purchase play equipment for use in the community, much of this is available to be borrowed by groups in the village.

We have arranged additional Play Ranger attendance at the village this year and they will be back for the summer holidays, but they can't be here every week.

The Community Council is pleased to announce that the Vale Play Rangers and Wick Youth Club will start a new project this month to encourage parents and older young people to run their own play sessions using the Community Council's equipment. Full training will be available, and details will be circulated on the village hub or you can register your interest by email to

wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com



Community Council Precept 2022/23

Thanks to careful housekeeping the community council precept is already the lowest per household in the Vale. Recognising the difficulties faced by many families due to cost-of-living strains Councillors have voted not to increase Wick's precept this year Occupiers of a Band D property will pay less than £1 per month towards Wick Community Council.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Community Council is planning to hold a village picnic on the afternoon of Sunday 5th June to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Full details will be available on the website and village Facebook hub shortly.

Any resident who would like to support this event is invited to make contact with the Community Council.

Suicide Prevention

The Community Council is supporting an initiative by South Wales Police to reduce the number of suicides in the area. Any resident who would like to get involved is asked to contact the Community Council.

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.