

## **WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 12th  
December 2024 at Wick Sports Pavilion

	<b>MEETING OPENED:</b> The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr J Williams and Cllr R Goddin. Apologies were received from Cllrs J Purcell, C Stallard and J Protheroe. .
<b>24.130</b>	<b>Feasibility Study - Mr Alun Thomas</b>
<b>24.130.01</b>	Mr Thomas, who had submitted the lowest quote outlined his options for the feasibility study and answered questions. The timescale for the study was tight but Mr Thomas thought it likely there could be agreement on an extension. He would contact the Vale to confirm. After Mr Thomas left there was a further discussion on the study and the role of an architect. <b>Action</b> Clerk to speak to grant officer at the Vale concerning the bid to find away forward and if necessary another meeting to be called.
<b>24.131</b>	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>
24.131.01	There were no members of the public present.
<b>24.132</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
24.132.01	Pc Williamson reported that 1 crime of a domestic nature has been reported to the Police.
<b>24.133</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b>
24.133.01	None
<b>24.134</b>	<b>MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING</b>
24.134.01	The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr P Murphy, Seconded Cllr R Goddin
<b>24.135</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>
24.135.01	Christmas Tree. The Clerk reported that the Christmas Tree had been erected and lights put on by the requested date. However, it had not been turned on due to storm Daragh causing a power cut and damaging a set of lights. The lights had been replaced and the clerk was now asking what arrangements councillors wanted to turn them on. Cllr Williams raised concerns about the late switch on of lights, St Brides had been on for weeks and had not been damaged. Two years in a row the lights had not been lit on time. Cllr

	Williams requested that 1. We have a smaller tree, 2 we put our own lights on it, 3 we don't pay for £200 electric for the year. <b>Action Clerk</b> to agenda this in September 2025
24.135.02	Additional defibrillator at Star Inn The Chair would speak to Emily in the New Year.
24.135.03	Drinking Fountain on Village Green. The refund had still not been received from Culligan. Cllr Williams asked if the leak had been reported to Welsh Water . The Clerk confirmed that he had but would do so again <b>Action Clerk</b> to contact Culligan and Welsh Water again and to see if our insurance covered legal expenses.
24.135.04	Transfer of Banking. Still pending.
<b>24.136</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>
24.136.01	Cllr Murphy reported that the Bank account balances are: Current Account £4394.58 and Deposit Account is £27,296.13. Those balances reconcile with our records.
24.136.02	Cllr Murphy had circulated a proposed budget for consideration, and this was discussed. There was a possible deficit, but much depended on what happens with the Pavilion. After a full discussion it was agreed to agree the budget and to set the precept at £9000. A proposal to increase the precept by £2,500.00 was not seconded.
24.136.03	Proposed Cllr C Hawkins Seconded Cllr D Ambrose 4 councillors voted for the proposal, 1 against.
<b>24.137</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
24.137.01	<b>Decisions</b> 2024/00792/FUL Location : 26 St Brides Road, Wick Proposal : Proposed ground floor extension to provide new front lobby allowing cycle access, storage and maintenance Approved
24.137.02	<b>Applications</b>  A pre-application consultation in respect of Moorlands Farm was discussed. No observations.
<b>24.138</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>

24.138.01	South Wales Police - Precept survey - Noted
24.138.02	- Parliamentary Enquiry - Community Cohesion. Noted
24.138.03	- Cardiff Met University – Short Course Noted
<b>24.139</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc</b>
24.139.01	The Clerk had attended a meeting of Clerks with the Vale monitoring officer. Councillors being disciplined for breaches of the code of conduct had been discussed.
<b>24.140</b>	<b>SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA</b>
24.140.01	<p>The Clerk had circulated a report on outstanding work and a proposal by the Vale to relocate the Cricket Club equipment to the Pizza Hut. The report was discussed. The concerns of the Vale concerning the storage of petrol and diesel were agreed with. However, the cricket club occupied the storeroom by arrangement directly with the Vale Council without any input with the community council. It was agreed that this was not a matter for the community council.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Clerk to inform the Vale that we consider the arrangements with the cricket club were not a matter for the community council and that we still hoped the agreed work would be carried out.</p>
24.140.02	The Clerk reported that an asbestos survey was to be carried out by the Vale. We have previously been assured that the asbestos was removed when the roof was replaced. The Vale had requested a set of keys to allow the survey to take place.
24.140.03	<p>The safety of the trees overhanging the pavilion was discussed., some branches had come down during the recent storm. Cllr Protheroe had previously been in contact with the Vale about the trees.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Concerns about the trees to be reported to the Vale and to enquire with a local tree surgeon as to whether he is qualified to survey and report on the condition of the trees.</p>
<b>24.141</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES</b>
24.141.01	None
<b>24.142</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>

24.142.01	It was agreed to discuss a report on benches at the next meeting
<b>24.143</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>
24.143.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	