

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 20th
March 2025 at Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, and Cllr R Goddin. Cllr C Stallard Vale Ward Councillor Apologies were received from Cllr J Protheroe.
25.029	COUNCIL VACANCIES
25.029.01	Three applications for co-option to the council had been received. After discussion it was agreed to co-opt Gopa Crockford and Marc Baker. Proposed Cllr C Hawkins Seconded Cllr D Ambrose. 4 councillors for the proposal, 1 against. As Ms Crockford was present, she joined the meeting as a councillor.
25.030	PUBLIC SESSION
25.030.01	There were no members of the public present.
25.031	POLICE REPORT
25.031.01	Pc Williamson reported that 3 crimes had been reported to the police since our last meeting. A burglary, a criminal damage and a drugs offence.
25.032	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
25.032.01	None
25.033	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
25.033.01	The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr P Murphy, Seconded Cllr R Goddin
25.034	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
25.034.01	The safety of trees overhanging the Pavilion. The Clerk confirmed that 4 Seasons has inspected the trees concerned and confirmed that they were living and healthy. There was a risk to the pavilion if an overhanging branch split from the main tree. It was agreed to wait for the written report before deciding on any further action.
25.034.02	Additional defibrillator The Clerk had confirmed with Welsh Government that the free defibrillator was still available to us and that a new location at The Village Shop is acceptable. Occupiers of the shop will confirm with the building's owner that it can be put there.

25.034.03	Drinking Fountain on Village Green. After a full year a refund has now been received from Culligan. There was discussion on a replacement fountain, one with a bottle filler still preferred. There was also discussion on whether one should be placed against a wall or other structure. Clerk to bring prices to the next meeting.
25.034.04	Transfer of Banking. It was agreed to defer this until the new financial year.
25.034.05	Benches. The two defective benches have been removed at a discount of £100 lower than the price quoted. The new benches have arrived and were awaiting assembly. The Chair confirmed that he would arrange a small group to do this and that Sustainable Wick will write to us concerning the third bench on the small green.
26.035	FINANCE
25.035.01	Cllr Murphy reported that the Bank account balances are: Current Account £4174.94 and Deposit Account is £27392.68. Those balances reconcile with our records
25.035.02	It was agreed to renew our membership of One Voice Wales at a cost of £187.00 Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr D Ambrose.
25.035.03	Cllr Murphy reported that there has been an increase in the number of visits to our website.
25.036	PLANNING MATTERS
25.036.01	Decisions None
25.036.02	Applications None
25.037	CORRESPONDENCE
25.037.01	St James Church – Flower Festival. There was support for the festival. Decision on what we will do deferred to next meeting.
25.037.02	Child Poverty Supporting Communities grant. This was discussed, Clerk to contact the Head Teacher of Wick School seeking ideas for a bid. Councillor Crockford asked to be involved in any meeting with the school.
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25.037.04	Applications for funding – Wick fete committee to support costs of fete. Agreed to donate £250 Proposed Cllr J Purcell Seconded Cllr G Crockford.
25.037.05	Application for funding SSAFA - Noted.
25.037.06	Senedd Enquiry into Town and Community Councils. This report has been circulated to councillors who were reminded that suitable training is available from One Voice Wales
25.037.07	Transport for Wales Consultations. It was Agreed that the Community Council should register for this.
25.037.08	Bus Franchising and Regional Transport Plan. - Noted.
	Play Wales – Toolkit for the use of school facilities for play out of school hours. Noted
25.038	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
25.038.01	Cllr Purcell had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee; they were looking into what is needed to update the War Memorial.
25.038.02	Cllr Purcell had attended a workshop on Neuro-Divergent women which had been very interesting.
25.039	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
25.039. 01	The Clerk reported that the Vale had completed the work they are going to do. Still no sign of a revised Heads of Terms or Lease. It was agreed that, in order to prevent any further delay, that if a revised Heads of Terms or lease was received and approved by our solicitor it could be signed before our next meeting. We remain committed to securing the use of the Pavilion and field for the benefit of the community despite the long delays experienced. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr J Purcell.
25.039.02	It was agreed that we should start looking for an electricity provider ready so that we are prepared when we take over. Clerk to seek information on current use.
25.039.03	A copy of the structural survey received has been circulated to members. No unexpected issues found.
25.040	COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

25.040.01	There was further discussion on the removal of litter bins by the Vale Council. Councillors will be asking for the one removed from the sports ground to be returned.
25.040.02	Concern was expressed over the amount of litter on the road between Wick and Llantwit Major, Cllr Stallard will approach the Vale Council about this.
25.040.03	There was discussion on community litter picking hubs. Our nearest was at Southerndown. There was support for the Pavilion to become one. Cllr Stallard will contact Keep Wales Tidy and copy us in to her request.
25.040.04	There was discussion on Greenlinks Community Transport scheme. Currently the vehicles are all kept at Alps Quarry, Wenvoe. There was a need for more volunteer drivers in this area. It was agreed to advertise for drivers on our website and Facebook page.
25.041	OTHER BUSINESS
25.041.01	None
25.042	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
25.042.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 17 th April 2025 at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	