

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:
Chairperson , Cllr D Ambrose, Councillors J Purcell, C Hawkins, P Murphy, R Goddin, G Brockford and M Baker.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
NONE
CHAIRMANS REPORT
Appended at the rear of these minutes
ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:
Chair Councillor D Ambrose was elected Chair Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr j Purcell. Vice Chair Councillor J Purcell Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr P Murphy
DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None
ASSET REGISTER, RISK REGISTER, STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND UPDATED TRAINING PLAN
The asset register, risk register, standing orders and amended training plan were reviewed by councillors and were accepted subject to updating during the year as required. The revised financial regulations were adopted by the council It was agreed to add Cllr R Goddin as an authorised user of the online Bank Accounts. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr J Purcell
APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR
It was agreed to re-appoint Richard Christopher as internal auditor. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr D Ambrose

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL:

The following were duly proposed, seconded and elected to serve the Council until the next Annual General Meeting in the given posts:-

Village Hall Committee	Cllr J Purcell
Footpath Warden	Cllr D Ambrose
Joint Community Liaison Committee	Cllr C Hawkins, Reserve Cllr D Ambrose
One Voice Wales	Cllr C Hawkins Cllr G Crockford
Fete Committee	Cllr C Hawkins
Responsible Financial Officer	Cllr P Murphy
Clerk and Proper Officer	Cllr C Hawkins

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm

Date	Date
Clerk Signature	Chairperson Signature

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2025 AGM

CHAIR'S REPORT - YEAR APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025.

The 2024/25 Year was once again a busy one for WCC, and as in past years, much of the business was generated by our dealings over several issues with The Vale Local Authority, including the ongoing and protracted negotiations over transferring Sports Pavilion and Field to WCC under a long-awaited tenancy agreement.

These negotiations included liaising with The Vale Council over work to bring the Pavilion up to the minimum standard required for electrical, structural and fire safety compliance. This

work was finally completed in March 2025. They also involved liaising closely with The Vale over repairs to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) on the Sports Field, examining the health and safety of the trees overhanging the Pavilion roof, and successfully arranging the relocation of the Pizza Oven to Wick & Marcross School.

Thanks in particular to our two Vale Councillors Jo Protheroe and Carys Stallard, further funding was secured to enable the Wick CC to continue supporting The Food Hub and Warm Places scheme. This provided a valuable fortnightly service offering free food to local families in need, as well as a warm and welcoming space for local residents to meet and talk over a free cup of tea or coffee, provided and served by members of Wick Youth Club.

WCC also pursued a number of other matters during the year on behalf of local residents, as well as helping to support a range of activities and events in the community.

These included once again making grants to both Wick Fete and to Wales Air Ambulance; joining other representatives from the community in providing a wreath for Remembrance Sunday; and paying for the Village Xmas Tree and lights on the Small Green.

WCC also initiated a survey of the condition of benches around both the Greens in the village, subsequently paying for two benches to be removed and replaced with two picnic bench and table sets, one to go on the Main Green, one on the Sports Field.

The Community Council also pursued the installation of a new Drinking Water Fountain on the Village Green, and the provision of a third Defibrillator for the Village, to be located within easy reach of St James Gardens. Despite unavoidable delays, it is hoped that both these community facilities will finally be installed early in 2025.

It was with shock and sadness that Wick Cllrs heard of the death over the Christmas holidays of fellow Councillor John Williams. John was an energetic and committed member of WCC, whose work on behalf of the community was greatly valued and whose presence will be greatly missed.

Following John Williams' death and the resignation due to non-attendance of Cllr Rhys Thomas Challenger, applications to fill the two resulting vacancies were invited from Wick residents, and the successful applicants Gopa Crockford and Marc Baker were appointed as Councillors in March 2025.

Despite once again ending the year as we began, still awaiting a revised lease for the Sports Pavilion and Sports Field from The Vale Council, nonetheless WCC remains committed to securing the use of Pavilion and Field for the benefit of the local community, and remains confident that this will finally become a reality in the next year.

Meanwhile, for all their entirely voluntary work on behalf of the Wick community over the course of this year I should like to thank all my fellow Councillor, and in particular our RFO Cllr Phil Murphy for keeping the Council's Finances in excellent order; and The Clerk, Cllr

Hawkins, for his tireless pursuit of a wide range of matters on the Community Council's behalf, including working to ensure that The Pavilion, in the absence of management support from The Vale Council, nonetheless remains open for community use.

David Ambrose, Chair, WCC

May 2025.