

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 17th April
2025 at Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Deputy Chair, Cllr J Purcell opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr G Crockford, Cllr M Baker and Cllr R Goddin. Cllr J Protheroe, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies were received from Cllr C Stallard, Vale Ward councillor. Cllr Ambrose joined the meeting later – See below
25.043	PUBLIC SESSION
25.043.01	There were no members of the public present.
25.044	POLICE REPORT
25.044.01	Pcso Stone reported that 1 crime had been reported to the police since our last meeting, a public order offence.
25.045	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
25.045.01	None
25.046	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
25.046.01	The minutes of the March 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr R Goddin, Seconded Cllr P Murphy
25.047	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
25.047.01	The safety of trees overhanging the Pavilion. The Clerk reported that a report had been received from 4 Seasons concerning the risk posed by two trees. Whilst both trees were living and healthy, they posed a risk if they did come down in high winds. Cllr Protheroe offered to raise this matter with the Vale Council.
25.047.02	Additional defibrillator The Clerk reported that he had emailed the new shop keepers with details of the Welsh Government grant requirements and was awaiting a response.
25.047.03	Drinking Fountain on Village Green. The Clerk had circulated information about a suitable replacement fountain at a cost of £786 plus installation. It was agreed to go ahead with this one. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr P Murphy Action Clerk to order drinking fountain and arrange installation.

25.047.04	Transfer of Banking. The clerk reported that he had circulated to the Chair and RFO an email from One Voice Wales concerning Unity Trust Bank. Having considered this, it was agreed to defer the transfer of banking until the situation of the possible merger of the council with St Donats has been confirmed
25.047.05	Benches. The two new picnic benches have been delivered and were awaiting assembly. Cllr Murphy offered to help with this if there were any difficulties. An email has been received from Sustainable Wick offering to pay £600 towards a third picnic bench on the small green. It was resolved to purchase this bench and accept the offer from Sustainable Wick.
25.047.06	Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr P Murphy Action Clerk to order additional bench St James Church Flower Festival. It was agreed to purchase a flower arrangement up to a cost of £100 Proposed Cllr J Purcell Seconded Cllr P Murphy Action Clerk to purchase suitable display
25.048	FINANCE
25.048.01	Cllr Murphy reported that the Bank account balances are: Current Account £3832.46 and Deposit Account is £27,405.38. Those balances reconcile with our records
25.048.02	Cllr Murphy had circulated a summary of the end of year accounts which were accepted. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr G Crockford
25.048.03	There was a discussion on the likely increase in energy costs for the pavilion beyond that budgeted for. No action needs to be taken at this stage.
25.049	PLANNING MATTERS
25.049.01	Decisions 2023/00642/FUL Location : Mill Cottage, Church Farm, Clemenstone Proposal : Proposed two storey side extension - Approved
25.049.02	Applications

	<p>The below application had been received too late to agenda. It was agreed that there was no need to comment.</p> <p>2024/01006/FUL (DE) Location : Arosfa, Ewenny Road, Wick Proposal : Double height side extension to the existing bungalow and conversion of loft space with dormers and recessed balcony</p>
25.050	CORRESPONDENCE
	Cllr Ambrose joined the meeting
25.050.01	Stronger Communities grant- Details had been circulated, closing date for application 30 th April. Last year we had submitted a bid for a feasibility study on the development of the pavilion, although we had been successful with the application , we had not been able to proceed due to difficulties obtaining quotes and the delay in the transfer of the pavilion. It was agreed that we would still benefit from a feasibility study. Cllr Murphy offered to take a new look at the brief for the quote prior to the re-submission of the bid.
25.050.02	Minor Authority Governor – Wick and Marcross Church In Wales School. A vacancy has arisen for a governor and we have been asked to nominate one. Following discussion it was agreed to nominate Cllr M Baker.
25.050.03	Application for funding Teenage Cancer Trust - Noted.
25.050.04	Vale of Glamorgan council – Play Sufficiency Workshop. The Clerk would attend this, any other councillor welcome to do so also.
25.050.05	Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant. Clerk to contact Wick Young Farmers to see if they would like to participate in this.
	Cllr Purcell left the meeting
25.050.06	<p>Capital Grant for Play equipment.</p> <p>There was discussion on this, and it was agreed that we should submit a bid for either a replacement piece of equipment for the park or a skateboard ramp for the sports field. It was agreed to make further enquiries about the eligibility of the village green for a grant and the possibility of a skateboard ramp at the sports field.</p> <p>Action Clerk to check on possible options and prepare bid</p>

25.051	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
25.051.01	The Clerk had attended a community liaison committee meeting. There had been a presentation on busses, the timetable for the 303 service will change from 27 th April in a bid to improve reliability but links with the train service at Llantwit would not be as good.
25.051.02	The Clerk had attended a webinar on the Digital Divide; grants were available to assist those in the community who found it difficult to cope with the move to digitalisation of services. Information has been passed to Wick Pensioners, but it was not considered to be an issue.
25.052	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
25.052. 01	The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Openreach about the full fibre voucher scheme. There were difficulties with this due to the lack of a Post code for the pavilion. It was agreed that the clerk would purchase a letter box and apply again for a post code. Action Clerk to purchase letterbox and apply again for a post code
25.052.02	An amended Heads of Terms has been received and is now with respective solicitors. The Vale is no longer prepared to insure the building and requires us to do so. Cllr Murphy has previously received an email from the Vale saying that the Vale would insure the building as part of a blanket policy, he will send the email to the Clerk for our solicitor.
25.053	COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES
25.053.01	Cllr Protheroe reported that the bike repair station would be repaired.
25.053.02	Dwr Cymru would be holding a drop-in session at Ogmere Village Hall on 22nd April. All welcome to attend
25.053.03	Cllr Protheroe will chase up a visit to the new estate on St Brides Road.
25.053.04	Cllr Ambrose raised an issue with the bend warning signs as one enters the village from Llantwit Major. Cllr Protheroe will pursue with the council

25.053.05	A concern was raised over the delay in granting planning permission for the changes at the Village shop. This has been raised by Cllr Stallard with the Vale.
25.054	OTHER BUSINESS
25.054.01	<p>It was agreed to place an advert in the Fete program. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr D Ambrose</p> <p>Cllr Murphy reported that the establishment of a litter hub at the pavilion was ongoing.</p>
25.055	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
25.055.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 th May 2025, AGM at 7.00pm, normal meeting at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	