

## **WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
2025 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 J Purcell, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr G Crockford, Cllr M Baker and Cllr R Goddin. Cllsr J Protheroe and C Stallard Vale Ward Councillors
<b>25.056</b>	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>
25.056.01	There were no members of the public present.
<b>25.057</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
25.057.01	Pcso Stone reported that 3 crimes had been reported to the police since our last meeting, all public order offences. The issue of vehicles speeding through the village was discussed, it was agreed that the clerk would place another entry on the village hub to encourage a community speed watch group. <b>Action</b> Clerk to arrange entry on village hub.
<b>25.058</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b>
25.058.01	None
<b>25.059</b>	<b>MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING</b>
25.059.01	The minutes of the April 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr J Purcell
<b>25.060</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>
25.060.01	The safety of trees overhanging the Pavilion. No update
25.060.02	Additional defibrillator The owners of the village shop have agreed to the defibrillator being placed on the wall of the sop, arrangements being made to arrange installation. Community Council to purchase a cabinet and pay for installation. <b>Action</b> Clerk to purchase cabinet and arrange installation with shopkeeper Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr M Baker
25.060.03	Drinking Fountain on Village Green. The Clerk reported that he has not had a response from the plumber re installation. It was agreed to seek an alternative. <b>Action</b> Clerk to order drinking fountain and arrange installation.

25.060.04	Capital Grant for Play equipment. The deadline for applications has been extended to 9 <sup>th</sup> June. Following discussion it was agreed to pursue suitable skateboard ramp for the Sports Field. Clerk to prepare bid, Cllr Murphy agreed to draw up any plan needed, quote for installation, if required to be sought. <b>Action</b> Clerk to prepare funding bid
<b>25.061</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>
25.061.01	Cllr Murphy reported that the Bank account balances are: Current Account £6037.11 and Deposit Account is £27,405.48 Those balances reconcile with our records
25.061.02	Cllr Goddin had checked and confirmed the end of year summary previously circulated.
<b>25.062</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
25.062.01	<b>Decisions</b> None
25.062.02	<b>Applications</b> 2025/00397/FUL (LF) Location : West Ceffyl, Broughton Road, Wick Proposal : Renovation of existing Barn, and change of use to include Dog Boarding This application was discussed. Whilst not objecting to the application there was concern over possible noise and traffic disturbance to neighbours.
<b>25.063</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
25.050.01	Places for Nature - Noted
25.063.02	Summer Play - It was agreed to fund the Play Rangers for 4 sessions during the summer holidays at a cost of £676.50. We have budgeted £800. Wick Youth Club will work with the Play Rangers and deliver activities in the remaining 2 weeks. The Chair proposed that the balance of the £123.50 be donated to Wick Youth Club to support their summer activities. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr G Crockford
25.053.03	It was agreed to renew the Zurich Public Liability insurance at a cost of £596.21. Clerk to check with insurer concerning the new benches. Proposed Cllr C Hawkins Seconded Cllr P Murphy
<b>25.064</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc</b>

25.064.01	Cllr Purcell had been unable to attend the last meeting but had received an update. The Hall had received a quote for a replacement war memorial and were awaiting another quote.
<b>25.065</b>	<b>SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA</b>
25.065. 01	The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with our solicitor requesting advice on the revised Heads of Terms. Our Solicitor estimated the cost of £500 plus VAT and had requested a payment up front of that amount. This was agreed. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr P Murphy
25.065.02	The Clerk reminded councillors that it was 10 years this month since we had originally asked the Vale for the Community Asset Transfer.
<b>25.066</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES</b>
25.066.01	Cllr Protheroe reported on the changes to the scrutiny arrangements for the Vale Council. Cllr Stallard was congratulated on her appointment as Deputy Mayor of the Vale.
25.066.02	Cllr Baker raised issues with speed limit signs on Water Street, Broughton and potholes in the Clemenston area. Potholes at Trepit Road were also discussed.
25.066.03	The reliability of the 303-bus service was discussed with one councillor raising the issue of the last bus not arriving at all. Cllr Stallard would raise this and other concerns over the new timetable which came in on 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>25.067</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
25.067.01	The Clerk reported that he had received a number of comments, some positive and some negative over the extent of grass cutting on the Village Green which was being cut much shorter and up to 3 times a week. Cllr Stallard will report the concerns back to the Vale Cricket Club
<b>25.068</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>
25.068.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 7.30pm.
<div>Chair signature</div> <div>Date</div>	

