

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 18th
September 2025 Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell (remotely), Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr G Crockford and Cllr M Baker Cllr J Protheroe, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies received from Cllr R Goddin and Cllr C Stallard.
25.096	PUBLIC SESSION
25.096.01	There were no members of the public present.
25.097	POLICE REPORT
25.097.01	Pc Williamson reported that three crimes had been reported since our last meeting. One criminal damage, one possession of cannabis and one domestic assault. There was discussion on other incidents which had occurred in surrounding areas and on how policing priorities for the area were decided.
25.098	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
25.098.01	None
25.099	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
25.099.01	The minutes of the July 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr G Crockford
25.100	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
25.100.01	The Clerk had met with an officer from the Vale concerning the overhanging trees and had circulated details of work which they had agreed to carry out. This was accepted.
25.100.02	Additional defibrillator at the Village Shop has been installed and is emergency ready. It was agreed that it should be added to our insurance.
25.100.03	Capital Grant for Play equipment. The Clerk reported that he had met with an officer from the Vale Council to agree the location for a skate ramp. It was confirmed that the equipment complies with relevant British Standards. Shortly after our last meeting an email was received from David Knevit saying that there had been a delay in the funding and that no orders for the equipment should be placed. This was updated on Tuesday 16 th September saying that orders could now be

25.100.04	<p>placed. The Clerk was authorised to order the equipment as soon as the funds were received.</p> <p>New development at Stable Close. The Clerk had been informed that the vacancies would be advertised shortly, and it was still hoped that it would be occupied in November. It was agreed to put on a small welcome event at the Village Hall on a date to be confirmed soon after the site is occupied. The Council will provide light refreshments.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr G Crockford</p> <p>Cllr Protheroe reported that an online meeting would be arranged with Wales and West housing concerning community support and asked if anyone else would like to attend. Cllrs Ambrose and Hawkins expressed an interest.</p> <p>Cllr Ambrose confirmed that he was in the process of updating the village welcome pack.</p>
25.101	FINANCE
25.101.01	<p>Cllr Murphy reported that there was a balance of £6853.40 in the current account and £27587.67 in the business account. These figures reconciled with our accounts.</p>
25.101.02	<p>Cllr Murphy reported that he had started to look at the budget for the next financial year and would circulate a report for consideration. The budget and precept have to be agreed by the end of January 2026.</p>
25.101.03	<p>Cllr Ambrose raised the question of our continuing to bank with Barclays Bank. He was concerned for their continued support for companies supplying arms to Israel.</p> <p>We had previously considered changing banks to Unity Trust but had eventually decided not to do so for a number of reasons.</p> <p>It was agreed to agenda this for our next meeting, in the meantime Cllr Ambrose will investigate alternatives.</p>
25.102	PLANNING MATTERS
25.102.01	<p>Decisions</p> <p>None</p>
25.10.02	<p>Applications</p> <p>None</p>
25.103	CORRESPONDENCE
25.103.01	<p>Joint One Voice Wales SLCC event - Noted</p>

25.103.02	Ask about life in the Vale survey - - Councillors were invited to complete this survey.
25.104	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
25.104.01	<p>Cllrs Crockford and Hawkins had attended a meeting of 14 Town and Community Councils from the rural vale at Cowbridge.</p> <p>The meeting had been called to express concerns over the poor relationships which existed between community councils and the Vale council. Each council present had expressed concerns about this.</p> <p>There was a general discussion on undertakings given in plans etc, the failure to update the community council charter and other matters. We are awaiting the minutes of the meeting and any actions to be taken.</p>
25.105	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
25.10501	<p>A response to the suggested revisions to the Heads of Terms has been received from the Vale. They have agreed to the inclusion of a clause permitting us to enter into a sub-lease for storage facilities with Wick Cricket Club but they still insisted on the building insurance being taken out by the Community Council, going back on an undertaking given in 2022. This will have a substantial impact on our budget, the Vale were paying just £137 per year to insure under their blanket policy, we have had a quote of £1500 a year for a stand-alone policy from our insurer. The Chair, RFO and Clerk had met with the chairs of Wick and Vale cricket clubs who had expressed a willingness to sign a sub-lease and to pay a reasonable rent, to be agreed.</p> <p>The Vale were now pressing us to decide on the lease and were suggesting that they may withhold previously agreed funding for the kitchen and proceed to “full cost recovery”</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion on whether we should agree the revised Heads of Terms. There was dismay on what has happened since we first asked to take on the Pavilion more than 10 years ago.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should accept the revised Heads of Terms, with an expectation that funding previously agreed for the kitchen etc would be honoured.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Baker Seconded Cllr G Crockford</p> <p>In respect of the sub-lease with Wick Cricket Club it was agreed that the clerk should contact our solicitor about this.</p>

	There was a discussion about storage generally. Cllr Murphy would enquire about the costs of a container.
25.106	COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES
25.106.01	The cycle repair station on St Brides Road has failed again, the pump is not working and cannot be repaired. It can either be removed altogether, left in place as it is with the hope that funding will become available to replace it or replace it at the community council expense. It was agreed that it should remain in place as it is for the time being.
25.106.02	Cllr Protheroe updated the council on work to improve the mobile phone signal in the area.
25.106.03	There was a discussion on the food hub, Wick Youth Club is awaiting the outcome of a funding bid. Cllr Baker reported that the Potato Street Players will donate some of the proceeds of their play to the food hub.
25.107	OTHER BUSINESS
25.107.01	The Clerk was authorised to order a Christmas Tree and purchase new lights for a tree on the small green. Proposed Cllr G Crockford Seconded Cllr M Baker.
25.107.02	The Clerk was authorised to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Proposed Cllr G Crockford Seconded Cllr M Baker
25.108	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
25.108.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 16 th October 2025, at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	