

Draft minutes and decision notice

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 15th
January 2026 at Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr M Baker and Cllr R Goddin Cllr J Protheroe, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies received from Cllr G Crockford, Cllr J Purcell. Cllr P Murphy and Cllr C Stallard.
26.001	PUBLIC SESSION
26.001.01	There were no members of the public present.
26.002	POLICE REPORT
26.002.01	Pcso Stone reported that 2 crimes had been reported to the Police since our last meeting. A criminal damage to a car and a public order incident.
26.003	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
26.003.01	Cllr Hawkins declared a personal but not a prejudicial interest in respect of the agenda item on Pavilion charges as he is a member of three groups which regularly use the Pavilion.
26.004	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
26.004.01	The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr R Goddin, seconded Cllr D Ambrose
26.005	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
26.005.01	Provision of dog poo bags. The Clerk reported that the £100 dispenser was no longer available. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a more expensive model for the pilot project. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose, Seconded Cllr C Hawkins
26.005.02	Capital Grant for Play equipment. No update. There was discussion on a suitable dignitary to open it when installed.
26.005.03	Development at Clos y Stabl. The Clerk had been informed that the developers would be handing over the site at the end of January. Tenants have been told to expect to move in from 9 th February. No date has yet been set for the welcome event. Cllr Protheroe will contact Wales and West housing community officer to arrange an online meeting.

	<p>Cllr Ambrose has been updating the Welcome to Wick guide. Following discussion, it was agreed that the guide should go on the website to be viewed or downloaded and that each house should receive a “Welcome” card with details of how the welcome pack can be found.</p> <p>Clerk to purchase cards</p> <p>Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr M Baker</p>
26.006	FINANCE
26.006.01	Cllr Murphy had sent a report that there was a balance of £17,853.82 in the current account and £27668.17 in the business account. These figures reconciled with our accounts.
26.006.02	Cllr Murphy had circulated the quarterly Bank reconciliation which was accepted.
	Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr M Baker
26.006.03	Charges for use of the Pavilion. This was briefly discussed. It was agreed to defer a decision until the February meeting. The Clerk pointed out that the sub-lease with the Cricket Club could not be finalised until the charges were agreed.
26.007	PLANNING MATTERS
26.007.01	Decisions None
26.007.02	Applications None
26.008	CORRESPONDENCE
	None
26.009	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
26.009.01	The Clerk had attended a meeting of the One Voice Wales area committee. There had been a presentation on the work of the Older People’s Commissioner.
26.010	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
26.010.01	The draft lease and our comments have been sent to our solicitor. The Solicitor will now proceed with the negotiations with the Vale. No response has yet been received in respect of the sewer. This was discussed. It was agreed that if the advice was that we do have to take responsibility for the defective drain we should ask to meet the Vale Chief Exec to make

	<p>representations. We have previously agreed to appoint CJHC as our solicitor, the cost of finalising the lease is expected to be around £2500.</p> <p>26.010.02 In respect of the sub lease with the cricket club our solicitor advised that the cost for the lease is estimated at £1000 to £1500. If we want her to do the Heads of Terms that would be an additional £500. The Heads of Term was straight forward, and we could do it ourselves,</p> <p>It was resolved to ask CJHC to complete the sub-lease for us, the Clerk to prepare the Heads of Terms.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr M Baker</p>
26.011	COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES
26.011.01	Cllr Protheroe reported on the Vale Council's budget. There is a deficit which is lower than in previous years. It was proposed to increase the precept by 5.5%
26.011.02	Cllr Protheroe will find out why the Vale has stopped collecting refuse from the Pavilion.
26.011.03	Further meetings were being held to discuss the poor mobile phone signal in the area. There was also a discussion on waste bins. Cllr Protheroe would raise concerns with Colin Smith, and will ask him if he could come to speak to us.
26.012	OTHER BUSINESS
	None
26.013	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
2./013.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 19 th February 2026, at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	