

Draft minutes and decision notice

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.30pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr C Hawkins, and Cllr R Goddin Cllr C Stallard, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies received from Cllr M Baker, Cllr G Crockford and Cllr J Protheroe.
25.135	PUBLIC SESSION
25.135.01	There were no members of the public present.
25.136	POLICE REPORT
25.136.01	Pcso Stone sent her apologies and reported that 4 crimes had been reported to the Police since our last meeting.
25.137	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
25.137.01	None
25.138	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
25.138.01	The minutes of the November 2025 meeting were agreed, Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr J Purcell
25.139	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
25.139.01	Provision of dog poo bags. As requested, the Clerk had obtained prices for bag dispensers at a cost of £100 per dispenser plus £32 for 800 bags. To cover most of the village the clerk suggested that 6 dispensers would be required. There was a lengthy discussion on this. Following which it was agreed to purchase one dispenser for the Sports field together with a supply of bags as a pilot project, to be reviewed and extended if thought to be a success. Proposed Cllr J Purcell Seconded Cllr D Ambrose.
25.139.02	Capital Grant for Play equipment. The Clerk had spoken to the supplier who awaiting the arrival of the skating surface from America.
25.139.03	St David's Day concert. The Clerk reported that a response to the funding application was expected by tomorrow.
25.140	FINANCE

25.140.01	Cllr Murphy reported that there was a balance of £13496.72 in the current account and £27668.17 in the business account. These figures reconciled with our accounts.
25.140.02	The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Eon about the Christmas tree charges. Eon had started estimating our bills as if it was a residential property and we were in credit by £744. They have suggested that I contact them again with a new meter reading in the New Year to request a refund. In the meantime Eon would stop taking payment from our account.
25.140.03	Cllr Murphy had circulated a suggested budget for 2026/27 which was discussed. Following discussion, it was resolved to accept the proposed budget and to set the precept at £12,000 for the next financial year. Proposed Cllr C Hawkins Seconded Cllr J Purcell.
25.140.04	Cllr Murphy reported that the audit of last year's accounts had still not been received from Audit Wales who had apologised for the delay.
25.141	PLANNING MATTERS
25.141.01	Decisions None
25.141.02	Applications None
25.142	CORRESPONDENCE
25.142.01	South Wales Police -Funding Safety Together survey. Councillors to complete as individuals.
25.142.02	Vale of Glamorgan Council – Communities facilities grant. The Vale of Glamorgan Council had suggested we consider this; it was noted that community councils were unable to apply.
25.143	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
25.143.01	Cllr Purcell had attended a meeting of the Village Hall committee. A bid for Lottery Funding had been made for work at the Hall. There had been discussion on the provision of community information for new residents.

25.143.02	The Clerk reported having attended a Welsh Government workshop on the Local Resolution Protocol for dealing with minor complaints. Councillors were urged to familiarise themselves with the protocol and training was available on using it.
25.143.03	The Clerk had attended a further meeting of the Western Vale Community Councils at Cowbridge. Nothing of significance to report.
25.144	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
25.144.01	<p>The Clerk had received a copy of a draft lease and further amended Heads of Terms which had been circulated to councillors for comment. There were concerns over some aspects of the draft lease. There were also concerns that the Heads of Terms had been further amended three months after we had accepted it.</p> <p>The Clerk had submitted an invoice for the reimbursement of legal costs to the Vale.</p> <p>It was agreed to further discuss the lease after legal advice has been received.</p>
25.144.02	The Clerk reported on the circumstances surrounding the theft of our two floodlights. The replacement cost was £645 each. The Clerk to investigate a claim with our insurers.
25.145	COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES
25.145.01	Cllr Stallard reported on the revised Local Development Plan, there was a possibility of up to 50 new affordable homes at Heol Faen..
25.145.02	<p>The punctuality of busses had been reviewed by the Vale who were going to ask First Cymru to operate a service just between Bridgend and Llantwit to improve reliability.</p> <p>The council was investigating basing a Greenlinks bus in the rural vale, possibly at Wick.</p>
25.145.03	Councillors were asked to consider responding to the Active Travel proposals for the area. Responses needed by 5 th January 2026
25.146	OTHER BUSINESS
25.146.01	The Chair had circulated an updated Biodiversity Action Plan for consideration. It was agreed to appoint Cllr Ambrose as our Biodiversity champion.

25.146.02	The plan was accepted for publication on our website The Clerk reported that the homes at Clos y Stable had been allocated, no date for occupation has been confirmed.
25.147	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
25.147.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 th January 2026, at 7.30pm.
Chair signature Date	