Draft Minutes and decision notice

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A mee/ting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 15th October 2026 at Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair, Cllr D Ambrose opened the meeting at 7.00pm
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr R Goddin, Cllr N Adams, Cllr M Baker and Cllr G Crockford. Cllr C Stallaed, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies received from Cllr J Purcell and Cllr J Protheroe.
26.119	**Gareth Kiddie**
26.119.01	Mr Gareth Kiddie gave a presentation on the draft brief for a feasibility study, Following the presentation councillors were able to ask questions. Cllr Baker joined the meeting at 7.25pm as the presentation was ending
26.120	**PUBLIC SESSION**
26.120.01	There were two members of the public present who raised the issue of parking of vehicles in David Street and Blaen Dewi. It was reported that the road is sometimes blocked and there are concerns over the safety of pedestrians. There was a discussion on the situation and possible solutions. The Clerk reported that concerns had also been raised by residents of Blaen Dewi who had also raised the fact that they were unable to charge electric vehicles there overnight. Cllr Stallard confirmed that a site meeting with Highways has been requested., it was agreed that the first step would be to have the site meeting and discuss again after that.
26.121	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
26.121.01	None
26.122	**POLICE REPORT**
26.122.01	Pc Williamson reported that there had been three crimes since our last meeting. A harassment, an assault and a person bitten by a dog. There was a discussion on how long it takes to get an answer on 101 and the prevalence of cannabis smoking. No updated information on speeding.
26.123	**MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING**
26.123.01	The minutes of the 17th September 2026 meeting were agreed.

	Proposed Cllr R Goddin seconded Cllr G Crockford.
26.124	**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
26.124.01	Local Lettings Policy. The Clerk had circulated information from the Vale Council confirming that the Local Lettings Policy would continue to apply to Wick. We were still awaiting confirmation from Bethan Pickup concerning how it had influenced lettings at Clos y Stabl. **Action** Clerk to seek confirmation of this.
26.124.02	Grass cutting and meadow areas. The chair and Cllr Stallard had walked around the village with Adam Sergeant looking at possibilities for meadow areas. Adam will be circulating notes of the suggestions made, It was agreed to defer further discussion until after those notes were received. The Chair commented on how tidy the centre of the village looked thanks to the work of Leighton Austin and Jeff Bartle. The playground was also looking good thanks to the work of Mike Fletcher. Cllr Crockford suggested that there should be a message of thanks placed on Facebook to all those who helped keep the village tidy, with special reference to the three named people. This was agreed. The chair agreed that he would take photos of the areas. Cllr Goddin suggested that a picnic bench should be placed on the area of land near the Star. **Action** Clerk to ask Highways if permission would be granted to place a picnic bench there.
26.124.03	Bus shelter and cycle rack at St Brides Road. An email had been received from Lisa Elliot, Vale Council concerning a possible bus shelter and cycle rack outside the shop at St Brides Road including a query on funding being made available from the Community Council. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the best option would be a smaller bus shelter and cycle hoops and that the larger combined shelter was too large and expensive. **Action** Clerk to feedback to Lisa Elliot.
26.125	**FINANCE**
26.125.01	The Council has received an Unqualified Audit Opinion for the 2025/26 Annual Return, explanation and link below:

	An **unqualified audit opinion**, also known as an **unmodified opinion**, is the most favourable outcome of an audit. It means the auditor has concluded that the financial statements are **fairly presented in accordance with the applicable accounting framework**, such as GAAP or IFRS, and that there are **no material misstatements** that would affect users' decisions. Link: WCC Annual Return 2025/26
26.125.02	The RFO has circulated the quarterly Bank Reconciliation to councillors which was accepted. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr N Adams.
26.125.03	**Monthly Financial Report: 12th September to 15th October 2026** Previous balance on 12th September 2026 was: £11360.20 in Current Account, and £27,890.06 in Deposit Account Total £39,250.26 Transactions since 12th September: Add Income (£00.00) Minus Expenditure (£1196) 29th September, Cleaned in a Jiffy, Pavilion Cleaning, £80.00 29th September, NightSearcher, Insurance Claim (Lighting), £1116.00 New balance on 15th October 2026 is: £10164.20 in Current Account, and £27,890.06 in Deposit Account Total £38,054.26
26.126	**PLANNING**

26.126.01	**Planning Applications** None on the agenda
26.126.02	**Planning Decisions** None
26.127	**CORRESPONDENCE**
26.127.01	Vale of Glamorgan Council – S106 report Noted
26.127.02	Vale of Glamorgan Council – Meeting with planning inspectorate/ Cllr Baker will respond saying that we do wish to meet.
26.127.03	Vale of Glamorgan Council – Review of Polling Station - Noted.
26.127.04	One Voice Wales – Annual renumeration report- Noted
26.128	**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc**
26.128.01	Cllr Crockford reported that she and Cllr Hawkins had attended the One Voice Wales area committee meeting. There had been a presentation on the Public Service Board, otherwise nothing to report.
26.128.02	The Clerk had attended a workshop with the Vale of Glamorgan Council on improving working relationships with Town and Community councils. A report on the workshop will go to the Community Liaison meeting in November.
26.129	**SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA**
26.129.01	The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from Penny Lauder that the work we had discussed with her had been agreed, she was waiting a start date for the work from Vale Estates.
26.129.02	There was discussion on the sub-lease for the cricket club. No reply has been received from the club confirming the sub-lease. **Action** Clerk to check if cricket club still wish to lease the storeroom.

26.129.03	Tree Maintenance. Following a complaint from a resident the Vale has now agreed to remove the trees causing damage to a boundary wall. The tree risk assessment will now take place after the trees have been removed.
26.129.04	The proposal to engage Gareth Kiddie to prepare a feasibility study was discussed at length. It was agreed that we need a plan for the Pavilion and Field to pass on to the new council in May. A clear plan will assist when applying for grants. It was agreed that we should hold an open drop-in session for the public at the Pavilion. It was suggested that there should be a special meeting of the community council to agree a way forward.
26.129.05	Cllr Hawkins Proposed that we engage Gareth Kiddie to prepare a feasibility study as per his draft. Seconded Cllr D Ambrose. Votes For the proposal Cllrs Hawkins and Ambrose. Against Cllrs Adams, Baker and Goddin. Abstained Cllr Crockford. It was agreed that we still need a plan and various suggestions we made as to how we should do this. It was agreed that we should meet informally to discuss a way forward, date to be agreed. It was agreed that we would hold a public drop in session to consult with the public over future use alongside a survey of residents. Details to be agreed when we meet.
26.129.06	Rebuilding Costs. Our insurer requires a rebuilding cost, originally the Vale had not been able to give us a cost but had now quoted £627,000. The Clerk would see if this was acceptable to the insurer.
26.130	**COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**
26.130.01	Cllr Adams queried the safety of the rugby post on the field. **Action** Cllr Stallard will ask if it can be removed.
26.131	**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN**
26.131.01	No update

26.132	**OTHER BUSINESS**
26.132.01 26.132.02	The Clerk reminded councillors that it was Remembrance Sunday on 8th November. Councillors were asked if they could attend. The Clerk has ordered a wreath. .It was agreed to engage Four Seasons to provide a Christmas Tree again this year. Proposed Cllr Hawkins Seconded Cllr Goddin
26.133	**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**
26.133.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm

Chair signature Date	