WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 17th September 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. and Cllr G Crockford. Apologies received from Cllr C Stallard, Cllr Protheroe, Cllr M Baker, Cllr N Adams and Cllr J Purcell
26.104	**Bethan Pickup, Rural Housing Enabler**
26.104.01	Ms Pickup outlined the nature of her role in rural settlements. She described the process of assessing housing needs and the local lettings policy. The majority of homes at Clos y Stabl had been allocated to tenants with a local connection, she undertook to try to ascertain the exact number. When Wick became a Primary Settlement the Local Lettings Policy would no longer apply. There were currently 400 families in emergency or temporary accommodation, homes would be allocated to those with the greatest need. There was a general discussion on the issues raised, including low cost home ownership, housing swaps and Housing Associations. **Action** It was agreed to write to our Vale councillors about the loss of the Local Lettings Policy if we become a Primary Settlement.
26.105	**PUBLIC SESSION**
26.105.01	There were no members of the public present.
26.106	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
26.106.01	None
26.107	**POLICE REPORT**
26.107.01	Pcso Stone reported that there had been 6 crimes reported to the Police since our July meeting. There was no information on speeding figures.
26.108	**MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING**
26.108.01	The minutes of the 23rd July 2026 meeting were agreed Proposed Cllr R Goddin seconded Cllr G Crockford.
26.109	**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

26.109.01 26.109.02 26.109.03	Grass cutting and meadow areas. The walk around the village planned for this month has not yet happened. The chair will speak to Cllr Stallard about this. Bus shelter and cycle rack at St Brides Road. The Vale was still looking at options Cycle repair station. The Vale Council was still trying to source a more reliable pump.
26.110	**FINANCE**
26.110.01	Period: 15th July to 12th September 2026 Previous balance on 15th July was: £9,837.72 in Current Account, and £27,817.24 in Deposit Account Total £37,654.96 Transactions since 15th July: Add Income (£4124.22) 20th July, Pavilion Booking, £26.40 21st July, Pavilion Booking, £25.00 28th August, VOGC Precept, £4000.00 3rd Sept, Interest, £72.82 Minus Expenditure (£2528.92) 23rd July, Tesco, £17.24 28th July, IBO Sound and Communications, Marquee, £1272.00 31st July, Vodaphone, Broadband, £32.10 4th August, Manutan UK Ltd, Dog Waste Bin and Gloves, £124.08 4th August, ABC Designs, Skateboard Ramp Signage, £158.40 4th August, Cleaned in a Jiffy, Pavilion Cleaning, £160.00 31st August, Cleaned in a Jiffy, Pavilion Cleaning, £160.00 3rd September, Vodaphone, Broadband, £11.10 10th September, Audit Wales Fee (2024/25), £594.00 New balance on 12th September 2026 is:

	£11360.20 in Current Account, and £27,890.06 in Deposit Account Total £39,250.26
26.111	**PLANNING**
26.111.01	**Planning Applications** None on the agenda
26.111.02	**Planning Decisions** 2026/00454/FUL Location : 4, Church Road, Wick Proposal : Erect a storm porch to the front elevation. Approved
26.112	**CORRESPONDENCE**
26.112.01	One Voice Wales – Model Standing Orders. There has been a small amendment to Financial Standing Orders for procurement. It was agreed to accept the amendment. Proposed Cllr G Crockford Seconded Cllr R Goddin
26.112.02	One Voice Wales, joint event with SLCC. Noted
26.113	**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc**
26.113.01	Cllr Hawkins reported on the Fete held on 25th July. It had gone very well. The Council funded marquee had been a great addition to the fete, it was agreed to budget for a similar amount for next year's fete. Proposed Cllr C Hawkins Seconded Cllr D Ambrose
26.113.02	The Clerk had attended a meeting with the monitoring officer. Issues had been raised from the Ombudsman who had reported an increase in complaints about councillors treating other councillors or the Clerk with a lack of respect, this is a breach of the code of conduct. Councillors were reminded that we were due a monitoring visit at our November meeting.
26.113.03	At our July meeting Cllr Crockford had reported on a possible pausing of the Boundary Review. This was not happening and the merger with St Donats will go ahead next year.
26.114	**SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA**

26.114.01	The Clerk reported that repairs to the sewer have now been completed. Despite assurances to the contrary the Vale Council are now insisting that the sewer be included in the lease. Now that repairs to the sewer have been completed, reluctantly it was agreed to accept the revised lease, subject to the advice of our solicitor. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr G Crockford.
26.114.02	The Clerk had circulated a list of work to be carried out at the Pavilion. There was a discussion in respect of the kitchen, the original design had included appliances, a cooker, a fridge and a microwave. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Vale to ensure the kitchen was completed to a high standard. It was agreed to spend up to £2,500 on this if required. Proposed Cllr R Goddin Seconded Cllr G Crockford.
26.114.03	The remainder of the work on the list was agreed. It was felt that the replacement aluminium door to the front of the building was not a priority if that cost could be offset towards the kitchen. Cllr Crockford left the meeting
26.114.04	Skateboard Ramp Maintenance. The Clerk reported that the manufacturer came out on 1st August and carried out repairs. Currently our insurers required a daily inspection of the ramp for visible damage and an annual inspection by a suitably qualified person. The daily Inspection for visible damage was currently being carried out by the clerk. The Clerk to speak to the insurance company concerning the inspections. It was agreed to authorise the Clerk to affect any urgent repairs up to the value of £250 without waiting for a council meeting. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr R Goddin.
26.114.05	Tree Maintenance. The Vale has now arranged for the overhanging branch above the Pavilion to be removed. The Clerk has spoken to our insurer who require us to have a tree risk assessment and a tree management plan in place before we take out our

	insurance. The Vale have recommended JV Tree services. It was agreed that the Clerk should discuss with 4 Seasons and to arrange the necessary work to be carried out by either 4 Seasons or JV Tree Services as appropriate Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr R Goddin.
26.114.06	The insurer also required an up to date cost of rebuilding the Pavilion and Muga before we take out buildings insurance. Clerk to speak to the Vale about this. The Clerk was authorised to seek a quote from a surveyor for this if required. Proposed Cllr D Ambrose Seconded Cllr R Goddin
26.114.07	Planning for the future use of the Pavilion. Following a discussion it was agreed to invite Mr Kiddie to speak to our next meeting.
26.115	**COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**
26.115.01	There were no county councillors present.
26.116	**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN**
26.116.01	No update
26.117	**OTHER BUSINESS**
26.117.01	The Clerk reported that he had received many complaints about parking. A member of the public had been expected to attend the meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to raise this with our Vale Councillors.
26.117.02	Cricket on the Village Green. The Clerk reported that there have been a number of complaints about cricket on the Village Green, especially damage caused by balls. The future of cricket on the Green was in some doubt which will affect the use of the Pavilion.
26.118	**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**
26.118.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15th October 2026, meeting Gareth Kiddie at 7.00pm, main meeting at 7.30pm

Chair signature Date	