

# Wick Community Council

NEWSLETTER – December 2018

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We have an establishment of 7 councillors with a minimum of three Councillors required to attend meetings to make them quorate. Current Councillors are Councillor David Ambrose, Chair, Councillor S Dearlove, Vice Chair, Councillor C Hawkins, Clerk, Councillor Kate Jauncey, Councillor Jan Purcell and Councillor Richard Lewis. There is still one vacancy on the Council which can be filled by way of a co-option.

The Council normally meets just once a month, on the third Thursday of the month, except during August. Councillors also represent the Council on outside bodies and attend training sessions.

To be co-opted an applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in, or within three miles of, the community or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the community.

Anyone interested in being co-opted as a Councillor is asked to submit an expression of interest either in writing or by email to The Clerk, 18 Ewenny Road, Wick, COWBRIDGE, CF71 7QA email [wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com) Expressions of interest will be considered at our January meeting.

## Community Council Website

The Community Council has had to move its website. The current website address is <https://sites.google.com/view/wickcommunitycouncil> however, when it changes a forwarding web address will be posted on the website.

## Wick Sports Pavilion

This summer the Community Council was informed that the Vale Council had no further use for the Sports Pavilion and it was their intention to close it. Jayne David, the caretaker, who has worked so hard over so many years to keep the Pavilion in good condition. was made redundant. Our thanks go to Jayne for her outstanding service to our community.

The Community Mapping survey carried out last year made it clear that residents wanted the Pavilion to be retained for use by the community and the Community Council is in discussions with the Vale Council as to how this can be achieved.

In the meantime, to prevent its closure, the Pavilion is being looked after by Councillors on a voluntary basis.

Bookings for the Pavilion can still be made by email to [wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com) or phone 07710209437.

## Your Vale of Glamorgan Councillor

Your Vale of Glamorgan ward Councillor is



Councillor Stewart Edwards. Councillor Edwards lives at 25 Lon-Yr-Eglwys.St. Brides Major CF32 0SH and can be contacted on 07701 372558 or by email at [stedwards@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:stedwards@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

## **Community Mapping and S 106 funding**

Thanks go to all residents who took part in the Community Mapping exercise. Some very clear aspirations for the Village have emerged.

Firstly, by far the highest number of responses asked for the refurbishment or replacement of the Children's Play area on the Village Green.

Second was improved leisure or sporting activities for young people. A multi-use games area, tennis courts or all-weather pitch were frequently mentioned by both young people and adults.

A community café or meeting place was suggested by several people.

Improvements to the Sports Pavilion were frequently referred to.

The responsibility for allocating the S106 money from the David Wilson Homes development rests entirely with the Vale of Glamorgan Council but they have met with the Community Council on several occasions to discuss options.

Councillors and residents alike will be disappointed to hear that the S106 funding cannot be used to improve play facilities on the Village Green. This is due to the fact that new play facilities will be provided in the new development and the Vale is not prepared to spend money for facilities on common land.

Nevertheless the Children's Play facilities was the main concern of those who responded to the Community Mapping. The Community Council is investigating alternative sources of funding for this and we are grateful to the Fete committee which is raising funds which can be used as match funding for grant applications.

Discussions and negotiations are still taking place but it seems likely that the S106 funding will be used to enhance sporting and leisure facilities, to replace the roof on the Sports Pavilion and to the benefit of Wick and Monknash Village Hall and St James Church.

Decisions on how this funding will be apportioned are yet to be finalised by the Vale Council but once there are concrete proposals residents will be informed.

## **Play Rangers**

This year the Community Council again sponsored the Vale Play Rangers to put on their summer programme for children in Wick. It wasn't as well attended as in previous years and if parents have any ideas for suitable activities next Summer please let one of your councillors know.

## **Council News**

This year we were again able to ensure that the Council's precept was one of the lowest in the Vale. We have achieved that by careful housekeeping and by the fact that the officers of the council and all of the councillors carry out their roles without claiming either salary or allowances. Every penny which you as council tax payers pay towards the Council is spent on providing services for the Community.

## **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All**

Our thanks this year again go to David Wilson Homes for providing the Village Christmas Tree.

The Community Council is pleased to have sponsored the Christmas Carol concert which, this year, will be held at St James Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Compliments of the Season to you All.