

Wick Community Council

NEWSLETTER – June 2017

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The Local Government Elections which took place last month saw two of our councillors stand down. A fond farewell to former Councillors Dr Robin Sheppard and Susan Littleford and a big thank you for your years of service to our community.

Despite an extensive advertising campaign by Welsh Government, The Vale Council and locally only three people stood for election to the Community Council, they are Cllr Stewart Dearlove, Cllr David Ambrose and Cllr Conway Hawkins

We have an establishment of 7 councillors with a minimum of three Councillors required to attend meetings to make them quorate. There are therefore currently four casual vacancies on the council. As only three people stood for election the Council has now started the process to fill the vacancies by way of co-option.

The Council normally meets just once a month on the third Thursday of the month except during August although 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 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

Play Rangers in Wick – Summer 2017

For the last three years Wick Community Council has been pleased to sponsor the Vale Play Rangers to run a Summer Programme during the school holidays and we will do so again this year. The Play Ranger sessions will take place at the Sports Pavilion each Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm during the holidays commencing Tuesday 25th July.

Those who attended previous year's sessions or who saw the Play Rangers at the recent Village Fete will know how much children enjoy their sessions, parents too are welcome to come along to sit and chat whilst their children play. Full details of the Play Ranger Sessions will be circulated before the end of the school term

Wick Sports Pavilion

Wick Community Council manages the Pavilion on behalf of the Vale Council. The facilities have been improved by the installation of replacement windows and blinds. With the recently installed disabled facilities, heating and lighting this is now a more attractive venue for meetings, small parties, rehearsals, training, talks etc. Wifi is available in conjunction with Wick Youth Club.

We are currently working with the Vale Council to have other facilities at the Pavilion upgraded, especially the kitchen.

We are pleased that this year the Pavilion and Rugby field has been used for evening training purposes by young members of Llantwit Major Rugby Club but the pavilion remains available for bookings for most of the week, especially during the daytime.

Bookings for the Pavilion can be made by email to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or phone 07710209437.

Community Mapping

The community mapping process is a way of bringing a community together to focus on the positives in the area, recognising that everyone has something to offer and attempt to look at solutions to any problems arising in a community and to assist with community development

The process involves getting people talking about what already exists

- **Social Assets** - Community groups, organisations and individuals
- **Physical Assets** - Community centres, open spaces and businesses
- and what really matters to the community.

Community Mapping has been used very successfully across the Vale to identify positive aspects of communities and to look for solutions to any problems which may arise.

Wick Community Council is keen to undertake a Community Mapping exercise to help shape how our community should develop over the coming years. We are conscious that development over recent years has been mostly shaped by forces external to the community.

Over the next few weeks residents will be contacted in a variety of ways. There will be a public workshop, questionnaires and surveys delivered to homes and available on line, we'll be visiting various local organisations and groups, we hope to encourage every resident to take part.

In the first instance we will be at Wick and Monknash Village Hall on Sunday 9th July 2017 when residents will be welcome to drop in anytime between 12mid day and 4.00pm to start the consultation process, take part in some short workshops and discussion groups to help shape the development of our community.

Don't worry if you can't make it on the 9th, we'll be in touch with you in other ways over the next few weeks so you won't miss out.

If you would like to play a greater role in this Community Mapping process please contact the Clerk to Wick Community Council at 18 Ewenny Road, Wick, either by email wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or telephone 07710209437.

Wick Community Council would like to encourage all residents, young and old and however long you may have lived here to take part in the Community Mapping exercise. It has been very well received at other communities in the Vale, particularly Rhoose, St Athan, Ystradowen etc.

Working together we can ensure that our community develops to the benefit of all who live here.

We hope to see you on Sunday 9th of July Wick and Monknash Village Hall, anytime between 12 mid-day and 4.00pm

New Vale of Glamorgan Councillor

After many years of service to residents in the St Brides Ward Councillor Audrey Preston has stood down. Wick Community Council thanks her for her support.

A new Councillor for the ward has now been elected.



He 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

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