

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 27th August 2020 at 7.30pm

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held via Zoom

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr S Dearlove, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr K Jauncey, Cllr J Purcell and Cllr S Edwards, Vale Ward Councillor. Apologies received from Cllr R. Lewis.
20.046	POLICE REPORT:
20.046.1	A report had been received from the Police. Since our last meeting there had been a racially aggravated assault, a criminal damage and public order offences relating to a neighbour dispute. A complaint of dangerous driving and a complaint of a dangerous dog. The neighbourhood policing team was being increased in number.
20.047	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
20.047.1	Cllrs Dearlove and Hawkins - Wick Youth Club
20.048	MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD IN JULY 2020:
20.048.1	The Minutes of the July meeting were agreed. Proposed, Cllr K Jauncey, Seconded Cllr J Purcell
20.049	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:
20.049.1	There had been no response for the Cricket Club concerning the water supply.
20.049.2	Cllr Murphy had reported that he had not received a reply concerning the footpath at St James Road. He had also contacted the Vale concerning a blocked footpath. Cllr Edwards said that he would chase up a reply
20.049.3	20.042.3 The work on the benches had not yet been completed, Cllr Ambrose had surveyed the benches for the work required.
20.049.4	20.042.2 The obstacle course had been completed by the Fete Committee and it had been well received. It was agreed to try to make it permanent once the work on the Muga had been completed.
20.049.5	20.043.1 The defective lights have been reported to the Vale and there had been some recent storm damage to the cover on an extractor fan from the showers. Six tenders had been received for the Muga, we'll be updated in September.
	20.044.1 The 303 bus had returned to its previous frequency.
20.050	FINANCE:
20.050.1	Councillors discussed 4 documents, the Accounting and Annual Governance Statements, and 2 Internal Audit Reports that had previously been emailed. It was also explained that the documents were required for submission to the External Auditor and pending approval by councillors, would be emailed to the Auditor in the morning. The 4 documents were subsequently approved. No information had been received to date from Audit Wales or External Auditors regarding the non-submission of accounts for the previous year. The Council were in the process of setting up online banking and were waiting for further information from Barclays. In future monthly bank balances and reconciliation would be reported monthly.

	Proposed Cllr C Hawkins, Seconded Cllr D Ambrose. A vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr Murphy for his work.
20.050.2	Cllr Ambrose raised the question of changing to a more ethical bank. It was agreed to defer this until next year.
20.050.3	Cllr Murphy reported that the new website was now up and running, Councillors were asked to check their entries on www.wickcc.wales
20.051	PLANNING MATTERS:
20.051.1	Decisions. None for this meeting.
20.051.2	Applications. 2020/00753/FUL Barn 1, Church Farm, Clemenstone conversion to residential. No Observations
20.052	CORRESPONDENCE:
20.052.1	One Voice Wales concerning online training. Councillors were asked to express interest in any courses they wanted to attend.
20.053	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
20.053.1	Cllr Purcell reported that there has not been a village hall meeting since our last meeting.
20.053.2	Cllr Ambrose reported that several residents had asked if he had information concerning the opening of the Village Hall. He had raised this with the Chair of the Hall who referred him to Cllr Purcell.
20.053.3	Cllr Dearlove reported that the Fete Committee had installed a picnic bench on the Village Green. It had been well received by the public.
20.054	SPORTS PAVILION:
20.054.1	Cllr Hawkins had circulated a report on the Sports Pavilion Consultation. It was clear that there was a demand for meeting space for small clubs. Most people asked for improvements to the kitchen and toilets. There was support for a café although some questioned whether it would be financially viable. Most people thought that the inside of the building could be reconfigured and that showers could be removed.
20.054.2	There was a discussion on the costs of water testing, fire alarm tests etc. There was a need to ascertain the costs before any lease was agreed.
20.054.3	It was agreed that we should seek ideas for changes to the Pavilion and ask for ideas from the public. The clerk agreed to prepare a brief summary of the responses and to seek ideas via social media and the website.
20.054.4	People overwhelmingly wanted to retain the Rugby Field for community use with several suggestions for increasing the use.
20.055	OTHER BUSINESS:
20.055.1	The congestion at David Street seemed to have eased. There had been no suggestions as to what can be done. Clerk to reply the Mr Clogg saying that we had no suggestions for improvement at the moment but would monitor the situation.
20.055.2	The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from parents concerning the footpath between 36 and 38 St Brides Road. Clerk to write to the Vale suggesting a small barrier to stop children running straight out into the road.

20.055.3	Cllr Edwards reported that the work on the footpath opposite the junction with Cwrt y Felin would be going ahead and that preparation work had been undertaken.
10.055.4	The Clerk had circulated a report on the Play Rangers project during the summer holidays. A free BBQ and play for older children had been provided by the Youth Club. The whole project had gone very well. Cllr Murphy would include the report on the website, the clerk had photos.
20.056	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:
20.056.1	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 th September 2020. Meeting on zoom unless guidelines have changed.
Clerk signature Date	Chairperson signature Date