

Wick Community Council

NEWSLETTER – Winter 2020

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Wick Sports Pavilion Update

Following the decision by the Vale Council that the Sports Pavilion is surplus to their requirements, it is still intended that the Community Council will take a 25-year lease on the Pavilion. However, due to the pandemic, no date has yet been set for the signing of the lease. We hope it will take place early in 2021

Since the last newsletter there have been several changes in the rules for the use of community buildings. Currently, due to Covid restrictions, the Pavilion is available for hire to organisations, but there are limits on the numbers of people permitted to use it and the purposes for which it can be used.

Enquiries about booking the Pavilion can be made to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or phone 07710 209437.

Thanks to all those residents who responded to the recent consultation exercise on the future use of the Sports Pavilion. An updated plan will be published for consultation shortly

Christmas Lights.

The Community Council has been pleased to support the lighting up of the Village this especially dark Christmas. In addition to our usual Christmas tree we have been able to support some businesses in the village to add additional lights.

A big thank you to all those who have made the effort to brighten up the village this year, especially Rob and Sam Ball for our best ever Christmas tree.

External Audit

Wick Community Council have been informed by the External Auditor that accounts and statements submitted for 2019/20 cannot currently be approved, until accounts for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are submitted. The Accounting Statement for 2019/20 can be viewed on the website www.wickcc.wales

Councillor Hawkins, the Clerk and Proper Officer, has apologised for not submitting the accounts for 2017/18 and 2018/19, attributing increased workload with regard to the Sports Pavilion as the main reason. He has also apologised for not informing councillors.

In May of last year, the Community Council appointed Councillor Murphy as Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). He will now prepare the accounts for previous years, and they will be submitted to Council and External Auditor for approval in January 2021.

Councillor Ambrose, the Chair of the Community Council, would like to report that the RFO has carried out a pre-audit of accounts and can confirm that all receipts and payments agree with bank balances.

The 2017/18 and 2018/19 accounts and all documents will be made available for public inspection for 20 working days in early 2021.

These dates of inspection will be posted on the website www.wickcc.wales



Dog Fouling

This year we have received several complaints concerning the failure of some dog owners to clean up after their pets.

All dog owners are urged to make every effort to act responsibly and pick up and properly dispose of any mess left by their pets. Bagged waste can be put in any of the many bins around the village.

Play Rangers and activities for young people

The Community Council was pleased to support again this year play activities at the Pavilion during the school holidays.

This year's events were a joint enterprise between the Community Council, The Vale Council, Play Rangers, Play Wales and Wick Youth Club. Thanks to all who made this possible

Attendance this year was limited to just 30 children per session due to the Covid-19 restrictions and every session was fully booked.

Feedback on the play sessions was all very positive and the Community Council hope to support similar activities in the coming year.



Multi Use Games Area and Rugby Field

Many residents will have noticed that work has started on the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Sports Field.



It is hoped that this work will be completed, and the MUGA in use by February 2021.

New Website

Wick Community Council launched a new website this year. The website address is www.wickcc.wales

Information included on the website includes:

- Current News Articles
- Newsletters
- Accounting Statements
- Notices of Exercise of Electors Rights
- Dates of forthcoming meetings
- Minutes going back to 2017
- Current Planning Applications

