

## **WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm  
A meeting of Wick Community Council was held via Zoom

	<b>MEETING OPENED:</b> The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr S Dearlove, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr K Jauncey and Cllr S Edwards, Vale Ward Councillor. Apologies received from Cllr R Lewis and Cllr J Purcell
<b>20.093</b>	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>
20.093.01	There were no members of the public present
<b>20.094</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
20.094 .1	Pc Williamson reported that last month there have been three recorded crimes in Wick including a serious assault in one of the pubs. Police were investigating and would report back to the next meeting. There was a public order neighbour dispute in Broughton and in David Street. There had been an increase in thefts of horse related crime wider afield. A Councillor raised the theft of Christmas trees from the village but they had not previously been reported to the police. Cllr Ambrose asked if any speeding information was available. Pc Williamson would enquire. There was a discussion on speeding in the village including concerns raised by a member of the public and Cllr Purcell.
<b>20.095</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b>
20.095.1	None
<b>20.096</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2020</b>
20.096.1	The Minutes of the October meeting were agreed Proposed Cllr P Murphy, Seconded, Cllr S Dearlove
<b>20.097</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING</b>
20.097.1	20.088.3 We had been awarded £2667 for the Play Grant. All items requested had been approved except for the tennis equipment
20.097.2	20.085.3 The MUGA was progressing well despite poor weather
20.097.3	Cllr Edwards reported on the meeting at The Beacons and Broughton Road. A report would be received in due course.
<b>20.098</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>
20.098.01	The Annual Return, comprising Accounting Statement, Governance Statement and Internal Audit Report for 2017/18 had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting, however it was agreed to defer approval until January.
20.098.02	The quarterly bank reconciliation for December had also been sent to councillors. The Community Council bank balance as of 13th December was - Current Account £15,644.60, Deposit Account £2055.79

20.098.03	Councillors were advised that January was the last opportunity to agree the Precept for 2020/21. Cllr Murphy would prepare the 2020/21 budget, and this would be sent to councillors at the beginning of January and considered at the next meeting on 21st January 2021.
20.098.04	Cllr Ambrose referred to the meeting held recently regarding non-submission of accounts. It was agreed to that an article should be included in the Winter Newsletter.
<b>20.099</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
20.099.1	<b>Decisions.</b> Church Farm, Clemenstone for dormer bungalow - Approved
20.099.2	<b>Applications.</b> 2020/01346/FUL (SZ): Open space land at Chapel Road, Broughton Proposal: Proposed change of use from open space land to garden ground, proposed provision of store and provision of hardstanding for vehicle access and turning point There was a lengthy discussion on this matter, Clerk to submit observations
20.099.3	2020/01393/FUL (MST) Location: Tyn Y Cae, Trepit Road, Wick Proposal: Proposed loft conversion, with dormers and wooden garage to replace existing - No observations
<b>20.100</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
20.100.1	The Clerk had circulated a copy of deeds and an email from a resident concerning ownership of land at David Street. There was no action the Council could take on this matter, the contents of the deed and land registry entry were noted.
20.199.2	Grass cutting of the village green. The Vale council had quoted £513.91 for cutting the green during 2021. It was agreed to accept the quote Proposed, Cllr D Amboise, Seconded, Cllr P Murphy
20.100.3	The Vale Council's Annual Plan had been circulated. It was agreed to defer until the January meeting.
<b>20.101</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc</b>
20.101.1	Cllr Dearlove reported on planned activities for the fete committee over the Christmas period.
<b>20.102</b>	<b>SPORTS PAVILION</b>
20.102.1	The Clerk reported that there had been a new inspection of the work which had been done on the roof. Some remedial work was required to bring it up to standard.
20.102.02	New regulations for Covid had been issued and the Pavilion would be closed to users again except for the contractors. It was agreed to continue the cleaning of the Pavilion during this time.
20.102.03	Alan Jauncey had wired in the defibrillator and outside light. The battery on the defibrillator had gone down very quickly, Clerk to enquire with suppliers concerning a replacement.

<b>20.103</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
20.103.1	There was discussion on the maintenance of the various benches around the village, some of which were in poor condition. It was agreed that there should be a survey of their current condition.
20.103.2	The newsletters had been received from the printers, Cllr's Ambrose, Murphy and Hawkins agreed to distribute them.
20.103.3	Cllr Ambrose had circulated information on a possible cob oven at the Pavilion. There was a discussion on its possible use and possible site for it. There would be a written risk assessment and users would need to be trained or experienced. The insurers had confirmed that it would cost £30 per year to insure, including public liability insurance. Cllr Ambrose would make further enquiries about the training and Cllr Hawkins would write up a risk assessment when further information known.
20.103.4	Dog Fouling. A member of the public had spoken to the Chair concerning dog fouling on the village green including around the playground. An entry had been put in the newsletter and there had been posts on facebook about it. It seemed that most people do pick up after their dogs but some don't. Cllr Edwards would see if he could get some new signs
20.103.5	A member of the public had emailed in concerning the speed of vehicles passing through the village and causing a danger to children and other pedestrians. There was a discussion on possible remedies. It was felt that an average speed detection system would work best. It was agreed that, although the number of injury accidents may be low, the speed of vehicles through the village was a major concern. Cllr Edwards would seek further advice from Highways.
<b>20.104</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>
20.104.1	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021. Meeting on zoom unless guidelines have changed.
Clerk signature Date	Chairperson signature Date