

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 21st July 2022
at Wick Sport's Pavilion and via zoom

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr P Murphy, and Cllr R Goddin Cllr C Stallard, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies received from Cllr J Williams and Cllr J Protheroe, Vale Ward Councillor
22.073	PUBLIC SESSION
22.073.01	There were no members of the public present
22.074	POLICE REPORT
22.074.01	Pc Williamson had sent his apologies. No crimes had been reported to the Police in the last month
22.075	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
22.075.01	None
22.076	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
22.76.01	The minutes of the June 2022 meeting were agreed Proposed Cllr P Murphy, Seconded Cllr R Goddin Cllr Purcell noted that the Village Hall AGM was now in July
22.077	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING
22.077.01	21.017.05 Pizza Oven - The clerk reported that work on installing the Pizza Oven would commence next Monday, 25 th July. There were some items of essential equipment which would be need to be purchased by the Community Council, initially a lock to keep it secure. The installer was looking for a date towards the end of August or beginning of September for the initial firing and training session for users. Cllr Purcell reported that she had met with the person installing the oven and was impressed with his professionalism. It was agreed that to prevent rubbish or inappropriate items from being burnt that the Community Council would provide wood for the oven, there was a discussion on costs with the Chair and Vice Chair agreeing to check the price of wood from various suppliers. Members of the public wishing to use the Pizza Oven would be charged for doing so, charge to be determined once we had a better idea of how much wood it would use and the costs of it.
22.077.02	21.068.04 Broadband at Pavilion - Vodafone would be installing the new broadband on 5 th August
22.077.03	Pavement on Broughton Road. The Clerk had updated Charlotte Reine on this, awaiting a response. There was discussion on the need for a further dropped kerb.
22.077.04	Speeding vehicles. A note on the new 20mph limit had been circulated. Cllr Purcell reported on an accident which had occurred outside her home on 7 th July involving a cyclist apparently undertaking a time trial. The Police have been informed.

	<p>Cllr Godin reported on high speeds of vehicles through the village at night. Cllr Murphy emphasised the need to influence the highways department of the need for average speed cameras.</p> <p>There was discussion on the system in use at GroesFaen</p>
22.077.05	<p>Environmental Policy. The chair was continuing to press the Duchy concerning the planting of additional trees and the replacement of railings on the village green. No response as yet. There was discussion on grants available from the Duchy</p>
22.077.06	<p>Zoom subscription. Deferred from last meeting. The clerk had been using his personal Zoom account for the past two years to allow remote access to meetings but no longer had need of it. He asked that the Community Council take over paying for a Zoom account to allow members of the public and councillors to join the meeting remotely. The request was denied, the Clerk was asked to set up a trial use of WhatsApp for the next meeting</p>
22.077.07	<p>Representative on Fete Committee. Cllr Goddin had stood down. It was agreed not to replace him</p>
22.078	FINANCE
22.078.01	<p>As of today's date, the council's bank account balance was £903.58 in the current account and £20058.76 in the deposit account. These balances reconcile with the Community Council's records.</p> <p>Pavilion Income - Councillors need to know how many bookings have taken place in the preceding month, and the value of those bookings. Conway to report monthly.</p>
22.079	PLANNING MATTERS
22.079.01	<p>Decisions None</p>
22.079.02	<p>Applications 2021/01081/FUL (CR) Location: Land at St. Brides Road, Wick Proposal: Residential development of 17 no. affordable units, including new access, landscaping, drainage arrangements and associated works There were no objections to the application but there it was felt that there was an opportunity in the design of the access to reduce speed on the main road. Clerk to respond to application online and to request a site meeting</p>
22.080	CORRESPONDENCE
22.080.01	<p>One Voice Wales - Changes for wildlife document on grass mowing had been circulated. Cllr Ambrose had circulated to members of Sustainable Wick and would circulate more widely.</p>
22.080.02	<p>A fairer Council Tax Consultation - Noted</p>
22.080.02	<p>School and College Transport Policy - Noted</p>
22.080.03	<p>Sustainable Steps action fund grant – Noted</p>

22.081	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
22.081.01	None
22.082	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
22.082.01	<p>Councillor Stallard had asked for a meeting with Cllr John, Cabinet Member responsible but had received a response saying that it would be the subject of a report to cabinet on September or October. There were questions as to what could go to cabinet when we had still not put forward our “Red Lines” and the possible link to a lease for the Sports Field.</p> <p>Clerk to investigate making a formal complaint concerning how this has been dealt with by the Vale Council.</p> <p>It was four years this week since we took over the running of the building when the Vale Council had made the caretaker redundant. It had been a lot of work with no progress.</p> <p>Cllr Stallard would also follow up with the Vale Council.</p>
22.082.02	<p>The Clerk has ordered replacement pads for the Defibrillator which had passed their use by date. It was agreed to pay for the replacement pads.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Hawkins, Seconded Cllr Ambrose</p>
22.083	OTHER BUSINESS
22.083.01	<p>Cllr Ambrose raised the issue of the bus shelter at the Village Green. It appeared to be unfinished, there was bare, untreated wood and the fascia had been replaced with plywood which was unpainted. There was concern that the untreated timber would not last and that the ply looked poor compared with what it had replaced. Clerk to write to Vale Council to ascertain if the work had been completed and to raise concerns about the finish</p>
22.083.02	<p>Public Benches - we had agreed that the Vale Parks department would refurbish the benches. The work has not yet been done and we have not been invoiced for the work. Clerk to chase up with the Vale</p>
22.083.03	<p>Memorial Bench on Village Green. The person asking for permission to place a bench had contacted the Duchy and been told to contact the Community Council. It was agreed to wait for further contact from the applicant</p>
223.083.04	<p>It was agreed to refund a member of the public who had refurbished the picnic bench on the Sports Field to the sum of £50.00</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Ambrose, Seconded Cllr C Hawkins</p>
22.084	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
22.084.01	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15th September 2022 at 7.30pm - Hybrid Meeting.</p>
Clerk signature	
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