

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 15th September 2022
at Wick Sport's Pavilion and via WhatsApp

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr P Murphy, Cllr R Thomas-Challenger, Cllt J Williams and Cllr R Goddin. Cllrs C Stallard and J Protheroe Vale Ward Councillors Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute's silence was held in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II
22.085	PUBLIC SESSION
22.085.01	There were no members of the public present
22.086	POLICE REPORT
22.086.01	There was no Police report
22.087	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
22.087.01	None
22.088	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
22.88.01	Due to a challenge to the accuracy of the draft minutes an electronic extract of the recording of the minutes had been sent to councillors and the Clerk had been available for an hour prior to the meeting to play the recording if requested The Chair reminded councillors that the minutes prepared by the clerk are draft only, amendments can be made at the following meeting. Resolutions of the Council were required to publish resolutions of the council within 7 working days but there had been an exception to this. The format of the minutes was discussed, it was agreed to make clearer agreed actions in the minutes. The minutes of the July 2022 meeting were agreed unanimously Proposed Cllr J Purcell, Seconded Cllr R Goddin
22.089	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING
22.089.01	21.017.05 Pizza Oven – Cllr Ambrose confirmed that the taster session had gone ahead, it had been well attended and a very enjoyable afternoon. He apologised for not having informed councillors of the date earlier. Cllr Murphy had sought advice from the manufacturer which had been circulated. We have been informed that the Vale Council had agreed the placing of the Pizza oven at the location, but concerns remained over safety. The Community Council has not agreed to take on responsibility for the oven. It was agreed that before agreeing to take on responsibility for it the clerk would submit a paper on the matter to the Council covering all of the issues raised for an informed decision to be made. Action: Clerk Prior to accepting responsibility for the oven, to prepare a paper covering all the issues raised on the pizza oven once a fire risk assessment had been received. The pizza oven would not be used until the issues raised had been resolved to the satisfaction of the council. Studio response to be informed that the Community Council has not agreed to accept ownership or responsibility for the oven.

22.089.02	<p>Pavement on Broughton Road. Cllr Stallard reported on correspondence with Mr Clogg, Vale Council on this matter.</p> <p>It was agreed that whilst the single dropped kerb was unsatisfactory, there was little point in taking this matter further at the moment.</p>
22.089.03	<p>Speeding vehicles. The clerk had received interest from members of the public to set up a community speedwatch. Information had been passed to the Police, awaiting a response. Councillors raised doubts as to the effectiveness of speedwatch. The clerk was also awaiting a response from James Aitkin for a site meeting at St Brides Road.</p> <p>There was discussion on average speed cameras and speeding motorcycles.</p> <p>Action Clerk to chase up site meeting and contact Police again concerning Community Speedwatch</p>
22.089.04	<p>Environmental Policy The chair reported that a grant application had been made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Places for Nature Scheme. The equipment had been received, the plants were awaiting collection. The proposals for planting around the area of The Star were outlined by the Chair as were proposals for a wildflower area.</p>
22.089.05	<p>Railings on the Village Green. No response had been received from the Duchy of Lancaster concerning the landscaping where the damaged railings had been removed. Concerns were expressed as to how long replies from the Duchy were taking on this and other matters.</p> <p>Action Cllr Williams would contact Archie Rose and would report back to the next meeting.</p>
22.089.06	<p>Public Benches The Clerk reported that of the 7 public benches the Vale had agreed to refurbish, 5 had been done but the one opposite the village shop and the one outside the school had not yet been done.</p> <p>Action Clerk to contact Vale to enquire if the two remaining benches were to be refurbished.</p>
22.089.07	<p>Bus Shelter on the Village Green. The clerk reported that a response had been received from Mr Clogg to the effect that the shelter had been refurbished to an acceptable standard. Concerns had been raised by both the public and councillors as to the areas which had not been painted, including soffits and ceiling</p> <p>Action Clerk to write again expressing concerns that much of the wood remained untreated.</p>
22.090	FINANCE
22.090.01	<p>RFO reported that WCC have £2672.54 in the current account and £20064.94 in the savings account. These figures reconcile with the council's own records.</p>
22.090.02	<p>Pavilion income is just under £400, and was last banked on the 28th July. The Clerk reported that £98.50 pavilion bookings had been made</p>

22.090.03	<p>during the month of August and were to be invoiced. The clerk had £22.30 to be banked</p> <p>RFO reported that costs received from Vale Council for 2021 relating to the pavilion were £5156, and reminded councillors that the precept was currently set at £6000 for year 2022/23</p>
22.091	PLANNING MATTERS
22.091.01	<p>Decisions None</p>
22.091.02	<p>Applications None</p>
22.092	CORRESPONDENCE
22.092.01	<p>Welsh Government – Biodiversity and resilience duty information had been circulated to councillors. Action Clerk to prepare draft policy for a future meeting</p>
22.092.02	It's for them campaign on verges - Noted
22.092.02	St David's Day Awards - Noted
22.092.03	Welsh Government workshop on diversity - Noted
22.093	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
22.093.01	Cllr Purcell reported on a Village Hall meeting.
22.093.02	Cllr Ambrose reported on a meeting of the Fete Committee. There was discussion on a living Christmas Tree. Awaiting a response from Rob Ball who would take soil samples when the condition of the ground permitted.
22.094	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
22.094.01	<p>Councillor Stallard had further contacted the Vale concerning a meeting to discuss the terms of the lease. She had been informed that the cabinet would be asked to give delegated authority to officers to facilitate the transfer of the pavilion and sports field to the community council.</p> <p>There was discussion on the “Red Lines” to be submitted following our meeting with the Vale in January, the need for a meeting of the council to discuss development, the inclusion of the sports field in the transfer.</p> <p>Actions Clerk to send a copy of the lease report to Cllr Thomas Challenger. Clerk to circulate the aspirations and red lines as discussed earlier in the year</p>
22.094.02	<p>The clerk reported that he had put in an emailed bid for the excess S106 funding which had been agreed in principle subject to a formal bid being submitted.</p> <p>Action Clerk to submit updated bid.</p>
22.094.03	The Clerk had received and fitted replacement pads for the Defibrillator which had passed their use by date. The Clerk pointed out that in the event of the defibrillator being used replacement pads would be required immediately. It was agreed that the clerk should order replacement pads as required without waiting for a meeting to authorise them

	Proposed Cllr Hawkins Seconded Cllr Murphy
	OTHER BUSINESS
22.095.01	The fete committee had reported that current picnic bench they had purchased for the village green was well used and they suggested there was a need to purchase another for the other side of the play area. The cost of the bench was £687 plus Vat and the Fete committee was offering to donate the £687 to the community council towards the purchase of the bench if one was purchased by the Community Council. This was agreed unanimously. Proposed Cllr P Murphy Seconded Cllr R Goddin
22.095.02	Cllr Williams raised the future coronation of King Charles. Cllr Williams asked that, when details are known, that Community Council should support a village event to mark it. Following discussion, it was agreed to work with other organisations in the village to support a suitable event.
22.095.03	Cllr Murphy raised the earlier agreed purchase of the picnic bench and, after giving it more thought, he no longer supported the purchase of the picnic bench. Different options to support the purchase of the bench were discussed As both the proposer and seconder of the resolution now withdrew their support the resolution was reversed. Fete Committee to be informed.
22.095.04	The Chair had purchased wood for the pizza training day. There was discussion on what had been agreed at the previous meeting. Cllr Murphy pointed out that we had only agreed to ascertain the costs and not to make the purchase. It was also pointed out that cash purchases by councillors were to be discouraged. The Chair would seek a better receipt from the supplier and confirm how the purchase was made.
22.096	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
22.096.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 20 th October 2022 at 7.30pm - Hybrid Meeting.
Clerk signature Date 20 th October 2022	<i>Conway Hawkins</i>