

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held on Thursday 20th October 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 C Hawkins Cllt J Williams and Cllr R Goddin. Cllrs C Stallard and J Protheroe Vale Ward Councillors Apologies were received from Cllrs J Purcell, P Murphy and R Thomas-Challenger
22.097	PUBLIC SESSION
22.097.01	There were two members of the public present who addressed the council on issues relating to storage facilities at and around the pavilion.
22.098	POLICE REPORT
22.098.01	There was no Police Officers present. Pc Williamson had sent a report, there had been three crimes reported to the police since our last meeting.
22.099	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
22.099.01	None
22.100	MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING
22.100.01	Due to a challenge to the accuracy of the draft minutes the Clerk had been available for an hour and a half prior to the meeting to play the recording if requested. The minutes of the September 2022 meeting were agreed subject to an addition that the pizza oven would not be used until issues were resolved. Proposed Cllr J Williams, Seconded Cllr R Goddin
22.101	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING
22.101.01	21.017.05 Pizza Oven – The Clerk had met with the Vale Council fire risk assessor at the Pavilion and an inspection of the pizza oven and the pavilion had been carried out. A written report would be submitted to the Parks and Leisure department and we would receive a copy in due course. His verbal report in respect of the pizza oven was that he considered the oven itself to be a low risk of injury or death but he had concerns over the housing which he considered to be of high risk of causing damage to the pavilion. He would detail his findings in a report.
22.101.02	Pavement on Broughton Road. Action Clerk to inform wheelchair users who had raised the issue of the result..
22.101.02	Speeding vehicles. The Clerk and the Chair had met with a Highways Officer at the site of the proposed development on St Brides Road. Measures to reduce the speed of vehicles had been discussed. It was a positive meeting with several suggestions were made. In respect of average speed cameras, the Highways Officer would take that suggestion back but there was doubt as to whether there would be sufficient funds for this. He would be preparing a report on the matter as part of the planning process. The Clerk had met with PcsO Stone concerning Community Speedwatch and had been told that the scheme had been suspended,

22.101.03	Environmental Policy The chair reported that the plants had been received and had been planted in the area around the Star and Village Shop with assistance from members of Sustainable Wick, Atlantic College students and children from Wick School
22.101.04	Railings on the Village Green. Councillor Williams had emailed and telephoned Archie Rose but there had been little progress Action Councillor Williams would speak to Mr Rose again to request funding from the Duchy to carry out the required work
22.101.05	Public Benches The Clerk had been in contact with the officer on the Vale concerning this. He thought that all the work had been completed and would check to find out why it had not been. The missing wooden rails from some of the benches was raised, Action Clerk to check if missing rails were part of the work originally requested and contact Vale asking for them to be done.
22.101.06	Bus Shelter on the Village Green. The clerk reported that he had emailed Mr Clogg again with the Council's concerns and was awaiting a reply
22.101.07	Coronation. The date is now known to be 6 th May 2023. There was discussion on a possible event either on the Village Green or in the Village Hall. It was agreed to defer this until more information on a possible bank holiday. Cllr Murphy to be asked if a poll could be held on the website as to whether the public wanted an event on the day of the coronation or another day close to it
22.101.08	Picnic bench on the Village Green This had been put on the agenda again following an email from Cllr Murphy. Cllr Williams raised the possibility of the bench being wheelchair accessible and that any new table should be. It was pointed out that the Village Green was not accessible. Action Clerk to return to the Fete Committee with an offer to buy an accessible bench and to receive a round sum donation towards it. It would remain the property of the Community Council but fete committee welcome to put on a plaque or sign saying it was purchased by funds raised by the Fete Committee Action Councillor Williams would make enquiries about changing the kissing gate to an accessible one.
22.102	FINANCE
22.102.01	Cllr Murphy had sent a report showing that as of 13th October, WCC have £2496.46 in the current account and £20064.94 in the savings account. These figures reconcile with the council's own records.
22.102.02	Cllr Murphy had circulated the bank reconciliation to all councillors which was accepted.
22.103	PLANNING MATTERS
22.103.01	Decisions None
22.103.02	Applications

	2022/01050/FUL (VI) Location : The Barn, Chapel Road, Wick Proposal : Proposed rear extension to existing property - No observations
22.104	CORRESPONDENCE
22.104.01	Vale of Glamorgan Council concerning Local Development Plan - Note
22.104.02	Independent Renumeration Panel Annual Report . - Noted There was discussion on the allowance available to councillors. Action – Clerk to agenda allowance for future meeting.
22.104.03	The importance of building resilience for nature - Noted
22.104.04	Welsh Government Funding available for the purchase of a defibrillator - Action Clerk to contact owner of the Star to enquire about installing one on the outside of the premises.
22.105	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
22.105.01	The Clerk reported on the area committee meeting of the One Voice Wales. There had been a presentation on the South Wales Metro which was discussed.
22.106	SPORTS PAVILION AND MUGA
22.106.01	Councillor Stallard had gone back to David Knevett for a further meeting. The original lease we had been offered was no longer an option. A paper on the lease would go to the Vale Cabinet's next meeting and Miles Punter had invited officers to a meeting for an update on 3 rd November.
22.106.02	The condition survey of the building was discussed. There were concerns over the lack of a guarantee on the roof due to substandard installation.
22.106.03	The Clerk had investigated the possibility of a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman over this, a formal complaint to the Vale would need to be made first To be discussed after our meeting on the 3 rd November Councillors were reminded that the funding for the roof replacement had been taken from the S106 money on the basis of the lease originally offered There was also discussion on the lease for the sports field and MUGA . Councillor Stallard reported that this had now been changed to a licence
22.106.04	The Clerk reported that repairs had been carried out to the toilets and the fire escape door and surrounding frame were to be replaced because they were rotten.
22.106.05	The Clerk reported that the cost of cleaning would rise to £15 per hour from 1 st October.
	OTHER BUSINESS
22.107.01	The Clerk had circulated a draft training plan which was discussed and adopted Proposed Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Goddin The Chair raised an issue of footpaths and stiles in the area some of which had been damaged. The stile in Church Street was difficult to get over and

22.107.02	served no useful purpose. The Chair had raised this with the Vale Council who had agreed to report back
22.107.03	Safeguarding. Children had been involved in the planting of bulbs etc. Good practice required that groups working with children should have a safeguarding policy on place. Action Clerk to bring a draft to the next meeting
22.107.04	Christmas Tree. We were waiting for Rob Ball to investigate possible site for a living Christmas Tree. Currently the ground was too hard for him to complete this. Rob had also been asked to obtain a price for a cut tree on the green at Church Street. It was agreed to erect a tree at the usual location and to purchase replacement lights as needed. There was a discussion on making the light switching on more of a ceremony depending when they were fitted Proposed Cllr J Williams Seconded Cllr R Goddin
22.107.05	Storage Container. The Clerk reported that the Vale Council had agreed to allow Wick Wolves Touch Rugby to place a storage container on the Sports Field. We had been asked to give a letter of support for the funding application for this. There were concerns that no information was currently available on the size or proposed location of the container. There was a discussion on this It was agreed that in principle we supported the funding application for the container. Further information on the size and proposed location of the container was requested Proposed Cllr Goddin Seconded Cllr Ambrose
22.107.06	County Council Issues. Councillor Stallard raise the issue of which buildings might be suitable for a warm place/ Cosy café type use of the pavilion during the winter months. Councillors agreed to support this.
22.107.07	Councillor Protheroe reported on some cost of living crisis measurers which were being considered, including a possible visit from a food bank van which was welcomed
22.107.08	It was agreed to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and to ask former Councillor Dearlove if he would like to lay it
22.108	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
22.108.01	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 17 th November 2022 at 7.30pm - Hybrid Meeting.
Clerk signature Date	<i>Conway Hawkins</i>