

Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Via Zoom

Date: Monday 4th April 2022

Time: 7pm

Present	Elected Members	Joanna Coghill	(JC)	Chairperson
		Allan Farquhar	(AF1)	Vice-Chair
		Wendy Campbell	(WC)	
		David Dunnett	(DD)	
		Doreen Turner	(DT)	
		Alastair Ferrier	(AF2)	
	Co-opted Members	Allan Bruce	(AB)	
		Roy Mackenzie	(RM)	
		Eswyl Fell	(EF)	
	Ex-officio Members	Raymond Bremner	(Cllr RB)	Highland Councillor
Non-Members	Jayden Alexander	(JA)	Secretary	
	David Scott	(DG)	NOSN	

Apologies: Sharon Powell, Kimberley Miller-Rosie, Claire Mackenzie.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies as per listed.

2. Adoption and Approval of Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 was circulated by JA.

These minutes were approved and adopted as follows, subject to the two amendments noted by JA:

Proposed By: WC

Seconded By: AF1

3. PPP and Highlife Highland

No response was received from HLH in response to the invite which was emailed, Jane from PPP submitted her apologies and confirmed that she would do her best to make the May meeting.

JC proposed that George Ewing of Cycling UK be invited to the April meeting to discuss the proposed cycling route and plans for making paths more cycle friendly. All agreed and JA will include him in the invitation list for May.

4. Update from Wick Development Trust (WDT)

Jonathan Miller submitted his apologies; therefore, no report was provided.

5. Report from Local Police

No report was received in advance of the meeting and no apologies were received. However, JA advised that a report may be received within the next few days as this was the case in March. JA advised that he would circulate this to members if received.

6. Highland Councilors' Report

Cllr RB emailed a detailed confidential report to JA. JA circulated this to members.

7. Report from SSE Transmissions

Sharon Powell submitted her apologies, due to this no report was provided. JA is to contact Sharon to arrange a site visit for members.

8. Update on East Caithness Community Campus and Noss Primary School

AF1 circulated the details report he had received on the damage to the campus to members. No correspondence had been received from Hub North or Highland Council with regards to any of the issues or recommendations which were detailed in the report, all agreed that this

provides a very poor show for both Hub North and Highland Council, however, nothing more was expected from either party. JC agreed that more answers need to be pushed for.

9. Review of Monthly Correspondence List

All correspondence received by the Secretary is recorded. The correspondence list for March 2022 was circulated by JA.

JA confirmed that all correspondence had either been dealt with or were in hand. The following point was raised:

- WC asked Cllr RB if there is a condition where a play park for children has to be put in place in a certain area if so many houses are built. Cllr RB advised that the condition would depend on the terms on which the houses are being built on.

10. Review of Action List.

Some amendments to the action list were discussed and JA will amend the list accordingly for the May meeting.

11. Treasurer's Report.

Community Council Accounts:

Wick Community Market: £816.89

Wick Christmas Lights: TBC

Wick Flower Baskets: £3,361.15

HAPPY: £1,032.88

12. Community Council Sub-Group Reports.

Friends of Wick Cemetery:	WC confirmed that work for the year would commence in the next few weeks.
Wick Community Market:	AF1 said that the spring market would run on either the 16 th or 30 th April.
Wick Christmas Lights:	Due to the absence of CM a report was not provided,
Wick Flower Baskets:	EF confirmed that a quiz sheet was being made up to raise some funds, the group are looking at making an application to the Dounreay Community Fund and hold a possible stall at the new community markets.
Wick Paths Group:	A report was provided by John Bogle in advance of the meeting: <i>"A very successful walk organised and led by WPG and RBWCC member Allan Bruce took place in glorious weather on 6th March. 25 people took part and were shown some of the projects completed by the Paths Group and some upcoming ones. The Paths Group joined with Wick Development Trust in the RBWCC led local contribution to Spring Clean Scotland. The local campaign is led by Allan Bruce with major litter picks planned for the 4 Sundays during the campaign. The first event on 27th March was organised by the Paths Group and there was a fantastic turnout of 24 volunteers (including 2 RBWCC</i>

Councilors), again we were blessed with glorious weather. The group collected 58 black rubbish bags of mixed waste, 4 bikes, 1 child's tractor, 1 scooter, 1 glass table, 3 creels, 1 table lamp, various pieces of scrap and quite disgustingly dozens of full dog poo bags!"

HAPPY:

AF1 said that there was nothing to report.

13. Council Business.

- **Lighting for Wick Areas:**
It was confirmed that lighting under the main bridge would not have a long lifespan as it would be near water and it was advised that Historic Environment Scotland would be unlikely to approve plans to light up the bridge from underneath. Cllr RB suggested lighting it from either side. JC confirmed that quotes had been received for x2 new planting containers which would cost £1,135.88 which would leave £995 after purchase. All agreed to go ahead.
- **Wick Common Good Fund and Assets:**
Cllr RB advised that Highland Council have applied invitations to pay at various other car parks in the Highlands which have proved that tourists do pay in the summer months.

RM advised that no artefacts had been recovered from the small room in the Carnegie Library. Rm advised that the only place he has yet to investigate is the former air raid shelter in the library grounds.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd May 2022 at 7pm, Mowat Room in Wick Assembly Rooms.

The above date was re-scheduled for Tuesday 3rd May 2022 due to the Assembly Rooms being closed.