

ROYAL BURGH OF WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Location: Mowat Room, Wick Assembly Rooms

Date: Monday 6th December 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Minutes of monthly meeting held in December 2021.

The names of those present highlighted in grey were present virtually, via Zoom.

Present

Elected members:	Joanna Coghill (<i>JC</i>)	Chairperson
	Allan Farquhar (<i>AF1</i>)	Vice-Chairperson
	Kimberley Miller-Rosie (<i>KMR</i>)	Treasurer
	Wendy Campbell (<i>WC</i>)	
	Alastair Ferrier (<i>AF2</i>)	
	David Dunnett (<i>DD</i>)	
	Doreen Turner (<i>DT</i>)	
Co-opted members:	Allan Bruce (<i>AB</i>)	
	Eswyl Fell (<i>EF</i>)	
	Roy Mackenzie (<i>RM</i>)	
	Claire Mackenzie (<i>CM</i>)	
Ex-officio members:	None in attendance.	
Non-members/Public:	Jayden Alexander (<i>JA</i>)	Secretary
	David Scott (<i>DS</i>)	Press Reporter (NOSN Newspapers)

Apologies

Sharon Powell
Brian Hamilton
Cllr Raymond Bremner

1. Welcome and apologies.

JC took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A vote of thanks was given to those who had joined virtually via Zoom. Apologies as listed.

2. Local Police Report.

JA stated that Sergeant Brian Hamilton had submitted his apologies, however, no report had been received.

3. Wick Development Trust Update.

JA stated that the chair of the trust, Jonathan Miller, had emailed to confirm that Hannah Cambridge hopes to attend the meeting, however, asked for RBWCC to accept their apologies if no one is in attendance (no representative was in attendance).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

JA circulated the draft minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Monday 6th September to RBWCC members.

Approval and adoption: The minutes had been proposed by WC and seconded by DD.

Outstanding actions: As per action list.

Matters arising: The matters arising are as per action list and will be discussed under Council Business.

5. Correspondence.

Several items in the correspondence for November required a response, most of which had been dealt with.

6. Review of Current RBWCC Action List.

No comments were made about any current or completed actions.

7. Highland Councillors' Report

No report had been received. JC expressed her disappointment along with other members of her disappointment at not hearing from the other three Highland Councillors, except from Cllr Raymond Bremner who submitted his apologies due to personal, family matters.

It was stated by a member of RBWCC "Councillors had been voted in but they aren't there to support us as a Community Council".

8. Report from Noss Power Station.

No report was provided due to the absence of a representative (Sharon Powell submitted her apologies).

9. Treasurer's Report.

Wick Christmas Lights: CM stated that she would confirm the bank balance to RBWCC once she checks the new statement.

Wick Flower Baskets: JC stated that she would confirm the bank balance to RBWCC once she checks the new statement.

HAPPY: AF1 stated that no statement had been received yet, however the insurance for the Hogmanay Street Party would be around £400 (tbc).

10. Sub-Group Reports.

- Wick Christmas Lights: As CM had joined virtually, she gave a tour around Santaland. CM and the Christmas Lights team received lots of positive comments.
- Wick Flower Baskets: EF stated that following the survey which took place in the Wellington Street area, the group who led the consultation are looking to spearhead a resident's group to look at sprucing up the area which could involve the flower baskets group. EF suggested getting PPP involved as well as SSE Renewables.
- Wick Paths Group: A report was received in advance of the meeting by John Bogle which was circulated by JA.
- HAPPY: AF1 stated that the deposits for the bands had been paid and they are to work along with Highland Council to follow COVID-19 guidelines, and the insurance has yet to go in place. Cover to Cover is the band which has been hired and they are looking at the possibility of getting Wetherspoons to sponsor them.

11. Wick Community Campus and Noss Primary School.

AF1 stated that the efforts by the team on replacing the missing panel which had been blown away by the wind was excellent, and an investigation is to be carried out on how the fixings for the panels were made and constructed.

12. Council Business

- North Head Memorial Tower: JA stated that an email had been received from John Bogle which was forwarded to him by Richard Otley with regards to the tower. It was agreed for JA to forward the email on to the Wick Branch of RBLs and JA is to notify Alex Paterson also.
- Wick Common Good Fund: It was agreed for JA to contact Sara Murdoch to ask if she would be interested in attending an RBWCC meeting to discuss the future of common good fund and what the next steps are.

13. AOCB.

- **Issue at Wick Harbour**

DD raised concerns regarding the bollards at Wick Harbour and car parking. AB is to raise this with Kyle Mackie.

JC thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed for private discussion for RBWCC members and the secretary only.

Next meeting

Location: Mowat Room, Wick Assembly Rooms

Date: Monday 10th January 2022

Time: 7:00pm