



MEETING MINUTES

Venue: The David Mowat Room, Wick Assembly Rooms

Date: Monday 17th November 2022

Time: 19:00

Present			
Grouping	Name	Initial	Position <i>(If Applicable)</i>
Elected Members	Joanna Coghil	JC	Chairperson
	Allan Farquhar	AF1	Vice-Chairperson
	Doreen Turner	DT	N/A
	Allan Bruce	AB	N/A
	Norma Craven	NC	N/A
	David Dunnett	DD	N/A
Co-opted Members	Claire Mackenzie	CM	N/A
	Roy Mackenzie	RM	N/A
Ex-Officio Members	Raymond Bremner	Cllr RB	Highland Councillor
	Jan McEwan	Cllr JM	Highland Councillor
Non-Members	Jayden Alexander	JA	Secretary
	Rona Morrison	RM	New Incoming Member
	Alan Hendry	AH	NOSN Press Reporter
	Jonathan Miller	JM	WDT Representative

Apologies of Absence	
Name	Position <i>(If Applicable)</i>
There were no apologies of absence submitted, apart from apologies from the local Police who confirmed that no representatives were able to attend.	

1. Welcome and Apologies

JC welcomed everyone who was present to the meeting and thanked everyone for joining whether in person or online. JC extended thanks to RM for also joining who had expressed her interest in joining to JC and the Secretary. JC confirmed that should RM decide to become a member following the meeting, then a vote concerning all the current elected members would have to commence.

2. Review of Documents

- **Approval and Adoption of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to members by the Secretary, no amendments were raised and the minutes were approved and adopted as follows.

Proposed By: DT

Seconded By: NC

- **Monthly Correspondence List**

All members reviewed the monthly correspondence list and no points were raised, however, JC indicated that there was a few points which would be up for discussion under private business.

- **Action List**

All members reviewed the action list, and some corrective actions were raised by AF1 concerning the volunteers of Wick Community Market. The Secretary will amend the action list and will distribute as usual for the next monthly meeting.

3. Highland Councillor's Report

Awaiting Cllr RB sending this for including.

4. Local Organisations' Update

- **East Caithness Community Campus and Noss Primary School**

AF1 advised that that there were report of muddy ground being at one location where a playing slide is situated which made the slide unstable.

- **Wick High School**

IT Teacher, Chris Aitken had been invited to the meeting to discuss the possible school trip in 2024, however, no response had been received.

- **Wick Development Trust**

JM advised that the caravan park is now closed for the season, and it was successful given that it never opened until the end of June. The planned month for re-opening in 2023 is April. WDT have a new project manager starting work on Tuesday 18th November 2022, they also have x3 staff who worked at the park, with x1 relief staff member. The current staff members have been assisting with secretarial work and social media presence. WDT have experienced issued with

youngsters in the caravan park. They are looking at the possibility of installing CCTV cameras and they are progressing with work on the WWII project.

- **SSE Transmissions**

No update was received in advance of the meeting; however, Sharon Powell has asked that we get in touch should any questions or queries arise.

5. Council Business and Matters Arising

JC thanked AF2 on his work with getting the new lights switched on at Caithness General Hospital. It was mutually felt that the red lights made a fitting tribute for Remembrance Day.

6. Council Sub-Group Reports

- **Wick Hanging Baskets Committee**

JC advised that the group have now started to clear up the displays after another successful year of colourful displays.

- **Friends of Green Road Park**

AF1 advised that the zip slide has been installed and that adverts for new volunteers will hopefully go out soon.

- **Wick Community Market**

AF1 advised that they will be working alongside Wick Christmas Lights for the Christmas Fun Day, and that they will be preparing to be involved with the Taste North Event.

- **Wick Christmas Lights**

CM thanked everyone who had helped to decorate the Christmas window and advised that the lights would be put up from 6am on Sunday 20th November, with the Market Square Christmas tree being delivered the next day. Funday is on 26th November.

- **Wick Paths Group**

The following report was received from the Secretary in advance of the meeting: *“No work was carried out on paths during October, a planned weedkilling session had to be postponed because of the weather and a planned work session at the South Head Quarries involving volunteers from another organisation was called off when they withdrew at quite short notice. However, WPG members will take forward some of the outstanding items at the South Head Quarries soon. Planning is also progressing with the Grey Bools Path. We were also grateful to receive some substantial donations to our funds”.*

- **HAPPY**

AF1 advised that they have contacted x2 bands and await confirmation. The Highland Council have agreed to honour the license for this year's event.

7. Treasury Reports

- **Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council**
£25,420.67
- **Wick Hanging Baskets Committee**
To be confirmed at the next monthly meeting.
- **Friends of Green Road Park**
AF1 advised that the committee's funds are currently held in the RBWCC account as the committee are not liable to set up a bank account
- **Wick Community Market**
£4,675.50
- **Wick Community Market**
To be confirmed at the next monthly meeting.
- **Wick Paths Group**
£8,547.04

JC proposed for the Secretary to send reminders to representatives of each group to send in balances prior to each monthly meeting so that the balances are recorded accurately in the minutes.

8. AOCB

- Esstyl Fell advised prior to the meeting that Alex Paterson has kindly agreed to sand down the sheds located the harbour in preparation for them being re-painted.
- There were reports of it being dark in the George Street and Hill Avenue area due to the trees overshadowing the road and pavement and that they need to be cut back.
- RM advised that he couldn't gain access to the cellar in the former Carnegie Library, however, x4 sculptures had been found and photographs of them had been taken and RM advised that he managed to trace who each sculpture was a model of. RM advised that these need to be looked at by John Hood and Son for repair quotes. Ruan Peat of Wick Library believes that they are not owned by The Highland Council but will seek approval.

JC thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed for private business discussion.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th December 2022