

Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: The Mowat Room, Wick Assembly Rooms.
No Zoom available due to connection issues.

Date: Monday October 3rd 2022

Time: 7pm

Present	Elected Members	Name	Initial	Position
		Joanna Coghill	JC	Chairperson
		Allan Farquhar	AF1	Vice Chair
		Allan Bruce	AB	
		Alastair Ferrier	AF2	
		David Dunnett	DD	
		Doreen Turner	DT	
		Eswyl Fell	EF	
		Norma Craven	NC	

Co-opted Members

Ex-officio Members:

Non-Members:

Dr Huq -Medical Doctor
from CGH
David Scott (Reporter) DS

Apologies: Jayden Alexander, Roy Mackenzie, Claire Mackenzie, Raymond Bremner

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 5/9/22 was circulated by the Secretary.

These minutes were approved and adopted as follows,
end of year accounts from sub groups and amend page
4 Wick Flower remove the word "huge"

Proposed By: DT

Seconded By: DD

3. **Police Report**

Report received from Wick police for members to view,
JC stated it was disappointing no police attended the
meeting.

JC advised she attended an urgent meeting with
Highland council, WDT, Councillors and police about
serious anti-social behaviour at Wick caravan site.
AF1 explained about an incident within the old Wick
swimming pool with youths while there holding a band
practice. The youths had asked to use a toilet and on
later closer investigation discovered they had wedged a
fire door open and returned later to try and gain entry to
the building.

JC gave information on a meeting held with Wick High
school about these issues with some of the youths in the
town. Looking to work more closely with the school on
future CC projects and look to get representatives from
the school pupil council along to our meetings and for
the CC to attend Wick High assembly in the future.

AF1 – is keen to explore possible music/ band practices.

4. **Highland councillors' Report**

Report received from Raymond, most points covered.

Action: JA Remind Raymond about Broadhaven road

JC stated that the great effort by the CC, Raymond and
HC team after (AF2) suggestion to give the town Centre a
tidy up prior to the Proclamation, JC felt Struan Mackie did
a good job with proceedings.

Action : JA RBWCC Facebook page to be updated to
show CVG Fuel poverty help info.

Action : AB to enquire about town centre bins getting a
facelift.

5. Report from SSE Transmissions

No report.

6. Update from Wick Development Trust.

No rep at the meeting, AF2 gave an update on AGM held on the 22nd September that he attended, main focus is on developing the Caravan site for next season and beyond, Spitfire project is progressing but no running total is available, new project manager starts today, moving up to the area, Hector Galbraith.

7. Update on East Caithness Community Campus and Noss Primary

AF1 – foyer redesign will be next year before it is done.

All weather pitch surface DT stated a meeting was going to held this week.

8. Everyone was happy with correspondence list AB noted that ward manager had been contacted about planning notices for consultation going to wrong CC areas.
JC - Have your say consultation is now closed

9. See updated list, a good few closed and a few to be added.

10. Treasurer's Report.

Community Council Accounts: £25420.67

Wick Community Market: ?

Wick Christmas Lights: £4707.00

Wick Flower Baskets: no change ?

Wick Paths Group: £8047.04

HAPPY: £ 1k ish

11. Community Council Sub-Group Reports.

Friends of Wick Cemetery: no update

Wick Community Market:

Next market this weekend AF1 had been speaking with the Caithness commerce

Wick Christmas Lights: AGM held 4 new members, new Treasurer, Les Grant Bingo night going ahead, Santas grotto at rosebank, riverstreet looking to put up lights on every second lamppost.26th

November fun day As you will know we previously decided that we would put Santaland on hold this year due to time constraints etc and clashing with the players pantomime. Now that the panto is no longer going ahead and we dont have time to pull santaland together at short notice we have decided that we will light up the rosebank just like previous years and have a couple of open grotto evenings where people can come in and have a look round at the lights etc and visit santa.

Wick Flower Baskets: flowers to be removed shortly from around the town

Wick Paths Group: see Attached from John Boggle

HAPPY: AF1 looking into possible bands for the event.

12. Council Business.

Wick Common Good Fund

AF2 – gave an update on freedom of information requests, not making much progress on the riverside area money collected over the years, has now asked for them just to provide ANY information they have.

Land behind the distillery the HC has no record of who owns the land

JC asked who owns the furniture in the library

Action : JC this to be followed up

13. AOCB

AF2 – gave an update on Wick airport
Ontime 88%, May and June 4 cancelations
Mostly domestic customers not Business
Edinburgh flight is long term project
7 new security staff, 1 Air traffic control and 3 fire fighters

Action : AB to contact David Swanson about RR personnel traveling north.

Action: JA to add Wick High School engagement as an item on Monthly meeting.

Pictures from Assembly rooms – where have they gone EF
Beatrice fund coming to an end JC
Area community council meeting being held this week JC
and AF2 to attend

19th October DSG meeting JC to attend

BT buildings Girnogoe street JC has make contact with them about tidying up around them.

AF1 – Green road park trees

Thank you to G & A Barnies and CGH estates team about lights on trees at the hospital

Action: AF 2

AB mentioned about Free bus pass scheme for 5- 22 year olds

Action: JA to post info on FaceBook

AB gave a brief on the return deposit scheme

Action: JA to post info on Facebook

CCTV update JC stated the system is not currently working and this is being followed up as a matter of urgency.

Action: JA to ask RB for an update prior to next meeting.

Science Festival – AB asked if a letter could be written to the organisers praising them on their efforts, great event and very well done to all

Action: JA to write letter of thanks to organising committee
Picture required of all those that have received Beatrice grants.

Action: picture possibly in market square in December.

Ancillary works- AB and JC to review list of outstanding tasks.

Action: AB and JC to arrange meeting

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th November 2022