

ROYAL BURGH OF WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Location: Meeting held via Zoom.

Date: Monday 3rd May 2021.

Time: 7:15pm.

Present:

Elected members:	Joanna Coghill (<i>JC</i>)	Chairperson
	Allan Farquhar (<i>AF1</i>)	Vice chairperson
	Kimberley Miller-Rosie	Treasurer
	Wendy Campbell (<i>WC</i>)	
	Alastair Ferrier (<i>AF2</i>)	
	David Dunnett (<i>DD</i>)	
	Doreen Turner (<i>DT</i>)	
Co-opted members:	Claire Mackenzie (<i>CM</i>)	
	Allan Bruce (<i>AB</i>)	
	Roy Mackenzie (<i>RM</i>)	
Ex-officio members:	Cllr Raymond Bremner (<i>Cllr RB</i>)	The Highland Council
	Cllr Willie Mackay (<i>Cllr WM</i>)	The Highland Council
In attendance:	Jayden Alexander (<i>JA</i>)	Secretary
	Alan Hendry	NOSN press reporter
	Jane Davidson (<i>JD</i>)	CEO of PPP
	Patricia Sutherland (<i>PS</i>)	Wick Market Traders representative

Apologies:

- Cllr Andrew Sinclair

1. Welcome and apologies.

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special vote of thanks to Sharon Powell from SSE for joining. Apologies as per listed.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

- [Approval and adoption of minutes](#)

The minutes of the last meeting which was held on Monday 3rd April 2021 was circulated by the secretary to RBWCC members. Circumvent to various errors the which will be amended by the secretary, the minutes were approved and adopted.

Proposed by: *WC*

Seconded by: *AF*

- [Outstanding actions](#)

It was agreed that the outstanding actions would be discussed under private business due to the heavy agenda for the evening.

- [Matters arising](#)

There were various matters arising from the previous minutes, however, as most topics were for the attention of the community councillors it was agreed that this would be discussed later under private business.

3. Introduction from the CEO of PPP.

JD thanked the community council for the warm invite to the meeting and for the opportunity to speak about the work going on at PPP. JD explained that the aim for the centre is to focus on restoring their services and to facilitate a way to support the community during current times, such as Care at Home (care for the elderly), HomeLink (criminal justice / supporting individuals with learning difficulties) and to facilitate something for



young people in the community who. Are disengaging from education. Other ideas included providing playgroups and / or after school clubs for children. An example of another idea was to provide a service for elderly individuals who are lonely, PPP are looking at ways of how they can tackle this issue which has proved to be an expanding situation in the community as well as a place for young people to go to after school to spend time, have fun and engage with other young people and to socialise etc. The nursery at PPP became accredited in 2020 and they aim to continue to be an exceptional nursery for the area. Different avenues for Telford's Café are also going to be explored. Zoom has been a way for people to communicate with one another during COVID, such as for elderly people being able to meet virtually for afternoon tea sessions. JC thanked JD for such an interesting and detailed report and expressed that if RBWCC could do anything to provide some information or details on the community then queries would be made welcome, even to meet again. AF1 expressed that it is good to see PPP being used by the TSB bank to provide a service to the local people again.

4. Correspondence.

JD thanked the community council

5. Local Police report.

There was no local police report due to the absence of a representative and no report had been received prior.

6. Highland Councillor's report.

Cllr RB gave a detailed report into various current issues in the area (report attached).

7. Treasurer's report.

- Wick Community Council
The end of year financial accounts report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
- Wick Christmas Lights
CM will submit the current balance to JA for including in the minutes.
- Wick Flower Baskets
The current bank balance stands at £5,316.18.
- Wick Paths Group
A financial report will be sought from JB from JA.

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The current bank balance stands at £737.77.

8. Sub-groups report.

- Wick Community Council
CM stated that the committee are currently thinking about future plans and that the sum of £500 was received from the COVID discretionary fund.
- Wick Flower Baskets
JC explained that new planters (both long and round boxes) would be purchased along with more hanging baskets and confirmation was received from the flowers provider that plants would be supplied this year. However, the group are short of £1,500 to pay for the actual plants, but the group will submit an application to the COVID discretionary fund.

9. Wick Community Campus and Noss Primary School.

CM explained that the costs for the new path designs have been submitted to HC, however, it is looking doubtful that work will be carried out before summertime. Work commences on the next Thursday to repair the leak damage. CM confirmed that the path at the boulevard area was always part of the contract, HC then confirmed that they would complete work in that specific area during their own time. DT asked if it would help if RBWCC submitted a letter to HC to see if they could push work along. Cllr RB is to ask Brian Porter for an update on the path work.

10. Council business.

- Wick Common Good Fund
JA circulated the up to date spreadsheet of historic items to RBWCC members prior to the meeting.
 - Caithness club corner project
JA confirmed that the photographic panels had been dispatched and would be delivered to AB's home address.
 - North Head Memorial Tower
It was agreed to discuss this under private business.
 - Riverside Fountain project
Research into lighting for the fountain area is being carried out.
- Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council

- Wick Riverside Islands

It was suggested that perhaps the islands located within the Wick River belong to HC. Cllr RB is to investigate further.

- Dog fouling campaign

AB confirmed that he would get things in the process for the campaign making a start. It was noted that the bin at the Riverside was overflowing which is an improvement to see people actually using these facilities.

- Wick Market Traders

Due to the Wick Market Traders winding up it was agreed that a cheque be written to RBWCC for the funds which are in the market traders bank account to be transferred to RBWCC until a new group has been formed.

11. AOCB

- Halsary Wind Farm

JC explained that paperwork for the new Halsary Wind Farm funding would be drawn up by Caithness Voluntary Group and the fund would hopefully be open for applications by summertime. Money would then be backdated to when the wind turbines became functional. As JC is RBWCC'S representative on the committee, she confirmed that she would keep the community councillors up to date with new information.

JC thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was brought to a close.

Date of next meeting

Location: Meeting held via Zoom

Date: Monday 7th June 2021

Time: 7:15pm

Action List

April 2021

ACTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED
OCT 20/01	List to be composed of tasks to be taken on during the next big clean of town (on hold due to COVID-19).	Cllr RB / Cllr NS	
OCT 20/02	Update to be sought on NHS Near Me (RB awaiting response from NHS).	Cllr RB	
OCT 20/07	Investigations into Wick Grizzly Park to be carried out to find out what can be done with a view to re-open the park (officially).	AF1	
MAY 21/01	Alex Paterson to be invited to discuss North Head Memorial Tower with AB, AF1 and AF2.	JA	
MAY 21/02			