

**THE ROYAL BURGH OF WICK
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held in the Conference Room, Police Station, Wick
At 7.00pm
On
Monday 7 JUNE 2010**

Present	Coreen Campbell	Chair
	Doreen Turner	
	Wendy Campbell	
	Cllr Katrina MacNab	Highland Councillor
	Cllr Bill Fernie	Highland Councillor
	Anne MacKay	
	Joanna Coghill	Baskets Committee
	David Sutherland	Highland Council Ward Manager
	Inspector A McInnes	Northern Constabulary
	David Dunnet	
	Brian Nelson	NOSN
	Martin Duffy	
	Geraldine Durrand	
Apologies	Gail Ross	
	Barbara Walker	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Northern Constabulary for the use of their conference room for tonight's meeting. Apologies are noted above.

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 10th May 2010

Proposed by Doreen Turner, seconded by Joanna Coghill

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Police Report

Inspector McInnes reported that there had been a drug raid today resulting in 5 positive outcomes from 6 raids. He urged anyone with any information relating to any crime issues to contact Crime Stoppers or the station as this is always very useful to the force. They are constantly working on the drug problem in the area. The crime detection rate is consistently good. The Drinking In Public Places Bye Law is in place but it has not yet gone into the enforcement stage. So far warnings have been issued and alcohol disposed of. Discussion took place surrounding the enforcement of the law on Gala Night and Wendy Campbell pointed out that it was part of our culture.

The crime statistics in May totalled 509, 399 Not Criminal, 110 Criminal of which 20 were vandalism related. Cllr Fernie asked if it would be appropriate to allocate a monetary figure against the vandalism. Using the NPR system only 1 out of 400 cars were noted to have a defect. A lengthy debate then took place surrounding vehicles entering the Market Square, it was agreed to look into this further and add the item to the agenda for further discussion. It was also agreed that the Traffic Warden might be able to purge the square in the evening.

An anti knife initiative and road safety campaign are to be introduced in the near future.

5. Highland Councillor's Report

Cllr Fernie reported that 99 project groups had benefited from the Highland Culture Programme totalling £484,000. He had received correspondence regarding budget cuts on Libraries, Museums, music lessons and Caithness Horizons and urged the public to access the Budget Blog on Highland Council web site. There is a School Management Consultation taking place which is run by The Scottish Government and this may see a change to the way our schools are run in future.

Wick High School - There is to be a public exhibition and meeting later this month to discuss the opinions of the community before Highland Council make its final decision in August. Many options have to be looked at including the old part of the building, access issues, library and pool issues.

Anne McKay brought up the subject of the possibility of a new swimming pool being incorporated in the new build and what would happen to existing pool and staff. A lengthy discussion followed and it was suggested that a representative from the pool staff should be asked onto the consultation committee or that councillors meet with staff at existing pool.

Joanna Coghill asked about teacher cut backs and Cllr Fernie told the group that some subjects taught were not compulsory subjects and this is where there could be cut backs.

David Sutherland reported that the refurbishment of the Assembly Rooms was nearly complete and encouraged us to take a look. The building being offered to Flower Basket Committee will now be shared with Highland Council but there is sufficient room for both parties.

Cllr McNab reported that Wellington Enterprises had now disengaged themselves from The Wellington Centre but that Caithness Voluntary Group are looking at taking the lease over if viable but some groups using the building at present are not prepared to pay an increase in their rent.

David Dunnet asked if anything was happening about erecting a 10mph sign on the road towards the Trinkie that had been requested sometime back. David Sutherland replied that this takes quite a considerable amount of time before any changes can be authorised.

Chair to remind David Sutherland

6. Correspondence

Highland Council – Highland Core Path Improvement Scheme *to be passed to Cllr Smith*

Highland Council – Insurance Policy *to be retained by Secretary*

Highland Council – Variation of Premises Licence

Highland Council – Planning Application Caberfeidh Court *Chair to write with no objections*

S U R F – Application for Community Activist

Scotland TranServ - Maintenance work to start on South Road

Berriedale & Dunbeath Community Council - Community Wind Farm Group *Chair to reply with agreement suggesting The Association should take this forward*

C V G – Newsletter

Scotrail – Reply to letter dated 20 May

Scottish Health Board – Report *Passed to Doreen Turner*

Mail for Jenny Bruce delivered to Karen Spruce, Papigoe *Pass to Cllr Smith who may have contact with her through Wick Paths Project.*

7. Treasurer's Report

£15,678.75 – CC
£5,578 – Baskets
£?????- Lights
£158.66 – Play
£???????- HAPPY

8. Planning Report

Nothing to report

9. Christmas Lights

Singing Kettle - August

10. Wick Paths Report

Nothing To Report

11. Baskets

Plants are late in arriving because of the lack of sunshine. A number of donations are being received due to the local business's receiving letters from the Committee. Only one reply was received from contractors regarding the painting of the bollards.

12. Town Entrances

There might be a problem with the entrance on the Milton road, David Dunnet to look into measurements etc., also members were requested to look at the Homebase side of the trees for the South position. Formal quote and design received from Caithness Stone Industries £24,600 + VAT. which is inclusive of 50% discount as they wish to use photography of the structures in their brochure. It was thought we might be able to find a way of claiming the VAT back through HC. Coreen and Katrina will put together an application to Leader and Awards For All. A letter was received from Mrs Sutherland stating the design had come from an outside designer and that we would require their permission to use it.

Chair to confirm that the design was requested by CC

13. Wick High School

No other report than was discussed earlier

14. AOCB

None

15. DONM

Monday 2nd August 2010 Mowat Room, Wick Assembly Rooms. At 7pm

Coreen Campbell
Chair