

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday 30th September 2025 Newton Croft 7pm

Attendees

Gwyneth Sutherland (Chair)
Brian Sutherland
Holly Forbes (Secretary)
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)
Alice Miller
Catherine Sapalski
Cllr Jan McEwan
2 members of the public

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

GS welcomed everyone, no apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest

No change.

3. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting

CM proposed, BS seconded. Actions updated in list.

4. Financial Report

See attached. Exploring moving to a Royal Bank of Scotland account.

5. Microgrant for voting

Quorate as all members present. Individual application- £250 awarded. HF to contact for banking details and GS to pay bank transfer.

6. Planning

No planning applications in this month.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence has been forwarded onto members as received.

8. Police Report

No report since last meeting. Report was received after the meeting and circulated to members.

9. Highland Councillor's Report

Toddlers pool is now open in Wick. Riverside toilets vandalised this week. Councillors discussing closing them earlier. Wick High Street renovation work starting in October. WHS attainment is above highland average across all subjects. No phone policy making a difference. New all weather pitch going down in holidays. New reception area next year. Cllr McEwan continuing to try to get the island near the old school removed.

10. Health and Care

Thrumster Defibrillator. Not registered on the circuit map. GS has started to fill in forms to become the guardian.

11. Local updates

- a. Ulbster- nothing to add.
- b. Thrumster- Planning going to be submitted soon for the hub. Paths on Thrumster Estate very overgrown. **Action GS to speak to landowner.**
- c. Tannach- Person camping in the trees at Swartigill again, spoken to by GS and BS.
- d. Newton- Newtonhill woodland ran their annual census end of August, 38 000 users estimated for the year. Planning 2 Halloween evenings on the 24th and 25th of October, 6-8pm. TDCC would like to donate £500 to the woodland- friends of the woodland will get back to us and we will e-vote. Letter of

support given for land purchase. Excellent response about query from a member on the proposed new path. 29th and 30th November Christmas tree sale.

- e. Milton- Christmas lights have all packed in. Potential funding routes being explored could help with this.
- f. Haster- Insurance for the play park is up for renewal in October. **Action: HF to reply to broker remove to CC liability.**
- g. Bilbster- nothing to add.

12. Community Benefit

Nothing to add.

13. Questions or Contributions from the public present

No questions. Discussion on speed limits in the villages and coming into Wick near Milton. **Action: Poppy wreaths being ordered- CM will get RBLs bank details**

14. Date of Next Meeting

28th October 7pm at Newton Croft

Meeting closed at 20:20

Action List Summary

Action	Date action Raised	Actioner	Status
Information commissioner	24/06/2025	TDCC	In progress
Investigate separate liability insurance	24/06/2025	GS	In progress
Haster playpark	24/06/2025	CM	In progress
Milton signage and Openreach box	24/06/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress Cllr reported signage. Openreach not budging, Cllr will keep trying.
Japanese knotweed at Newton	24/06/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress BS reported online as well, HC employee was going to have a look at it
Learn how to do online payments	26/08/2025	GS	Complete
Removal of Simon Harrison from bank account	26/08/2025	GS	In progress
Inform TCDA that they can put planning applications in under CC name	26/08/2025	TDCC	Complete
Check condition of woodland walks near Thrumster	26/08/2025	AM	Very overgrown and fallen trees. Estates responsibility. Action to contact estate- see end of table.
Swartigill burn layby- get a new passing place no parking sign and to contact Rangers	26/08/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress Council rangers going to keep watch and signage will be going up to say passing place no parking by the roads department. Someone camping there this weekend- photos passed onto Cllr McEwan.
Deterioration of road on bend near Thrumster Mains/Yarrows View/Mill Farm Croft on Tannach Road- raise further	26/08/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress
HF to forward photos to Cllr McEwan of Weir Crescent road edge deterioration	26/08/2025	HF	Complete. Cllr McEwan has reported to roads department.
CM to investigate and ask Highland Council about another brown bin for use by volunteers in Haster	26/08/2025	CM	In progress- CM has reference number, waiting on the bin labels to be re-sent.
Check Thrumster and Bilbster war memorials to see what maintenance is needing done	26/08/2025	TDCC	In progress
Microgrant portal	26/08/2025	HF	In progress
Explore potential funding	26/08/2025	GS	In progress
Letter of support for Friends of Newtonhill woodland for land purchase	01/09/2025	HF	Complete
Contact Thrumster Estate about overgrown paths and fallen trees	30/09/2025	GS	New
Contact insurance broker for Haster Playpark	30/09/2025	HF	New
Poppy wreath ordering- get RBLs bank details	30/09/2025	CM	New

FINANCIAL REPORT

Community Bank Account – Balance £7140.00

Income

Nil

Expenditure

£150.00 - M R A – Money for Plants

£9.00 – Bank A/c Service Charges - £4.75 (26/08) + £4.25 (23/09)

£150.00 – Microgrant – A Forbes

£47.00 – Information Commissioner – Fee

£32.40 – Wix.com – Website Fees

For Info

Balances

£2350.00 - Foundation Scotland Microgrants

£2488.41 – Playpark

£2301.59 - Community Council

£ 0.00 - Village Officer Funding

£7140.00 - Total