

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday 28th April 2026 Newton Croft 7pm

Attendees

Gwyneth Sutherland (Chair)
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)
Brian Sutherland
Alice Miller
Catherine Sapalski via zoom
2 members of the public

Apologies

Holly Forbes (Secretary)
Jan McEwan

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
GS welcomed everyone and gave apologies for Holly Forbes and Jan McEwan.
2. **Declaration of Interest**
Register of interest – no update.
3. **Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**
CM proposed, BS seconded.
4. **Financial Report**
£18107.10 Total
5. **Planning**
26/01276/FUL - Partial conversion of garage to additional accommodation (family use) Land 95M NW Of Gaultiquoy View, Wick.
26/01288/FUL - Erection of storage two sheds Thrumster Lodges, Manse Road, Thrumster, Wick, KW1 5TQ
Noted no objections
6. **Correspondence**
Anything of note has been sent out to members when received.
7. **Police Report**
Police reports are forwarded to members when received. Special ACCC meeting with police Wednesday 29th April GS & BS will attend.
8. **Highland Councillor's Report**
No councillor in attendance.
9. **Health and Care**
No updates
10. **Local updates**
 - a) Newton – NFW - Defibrillator is now outside but needs to be connected to the circuit. Easter egg hunt went very well. New Elf's houses, Forestry is under new management and a received a donation from Wick Gala committee.
 - b) Milton - Quiz to help pay for rent of garages/sheds
 - c) Haster - nothing to add.
 - d) Thrumster - nothing to add.
 - e) Bilbster - nothing to add.
 - f) Tannach - nothing to add.
 - g) Ulbster - Weed killer has been applied on grass path into burial ground and around the war grave, £50 will be paid in arrears to TDCC from War Grave Commission to assist with the upkeep of the war grave.
11. **Community benefit**
GS got quotes for additional grit bins, grit and locks. Tried Allans of Gillock but bins were very big. Also mentioned was Wick paths group **Action** - BS will contact to find out where they purchased their bins for Coghill bridge. GS disappointed with replies from the public for our survey, most suggestions will not be possible either due to Highland Council or Insurance restraints and some suggestions were very cryptic making it difficult to understand.
GS suggested helping MDA with shed rent all members agreed. We will also try to help Haster with repairs to their fountain area if we can find out what help they want. **Action** – HF/CM to put out feelers in Haster. GS will liaise with MDA re rent.
12. **Questions or Contributions from the public present**
Nothing to add.
13. **Microgrant vote**
Microgrant for Wick High School Germany trip has been paid leaving £400, will chase up the microgrant portal again. HF has been sent link to complete annual report and will also inform FS of our new account details.
14. **AOB**
GS updated members on other Community Councils activities. Ardgay/Lady Carbisdale £68k bill for lawyers which they need to fundraise to pay. Brora CC have had an energy fund suspended due to mismanagement. Golspie CC have formalised microgrant funding for driving lessons this is partially funded by windfarms in our area.
15. **Date of Next Meeting**
AGM 26th May 7pm at Newton Croft followed by an ordinary meeting.

G.Sutherland