

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday 28th October 2025 Newton Croft 7pm

Attendees

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

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
GS welcomed everyone. Apologies received after meeting for Cllr Jan McEwan.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
No changes.
- 3. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**
CS proposed, CM seconded. Actions updated in list.
- 4. Financial Report**
See attached.
Action HF to change website plan to basic £9 per month plan.
- 5. Planning**
 - a. 25/03719/PNO** Erection of extension to agricultural building at Puldagon. Prior approval not required.
- 6. Correspondence**
Members have been forwarded anything of interest.
- 7. Police Report**
No police report- will forward on when received.
- 8. Highland Councillor's Report**
No councillor present.
- 9. Health and Care**
Thrumster Defibrillator- 2 batteries needed, and both sets of defib pads are out of date. This has been advertised on our FB page and website. The actual defib covered and marked as out of service. Paediatric pads are expensive but not necessarily needed as adult pads can be used on children. Waiting on finding out on funding. AM potentially doing a fundraiser if required.
- 10. Local updates**
 - a. Uibster:** no update.
 - b. Thrumster:** TCDA running behind but the new hub planning permission is coming. Halloween display in half circle. Hoping for funding for Bonfire "light show".
 - c. Tannach:** no update.
 - d. Newton:** Halloween event run despite the weather. Saturday was reasonably busy, Sunday very busy. Monday very busy. Positive reports. 500-600 people attended. Christmas trees sales last Saturday in November.
 - e. Milton:** Christmas lights knackered. Looking into funding for this.
 - f. Haster:** Members agreed to create a subgroup for the playpark. **Action** GS to investigate about need for separate bank accounts
 - g. Bilbster:** Halloween party on Sunday. Applied for events funding.

Action list summary

Action	Date action Raised	Actioner	Status
Information commissioner	24/06/2025	TDCC	Complete- contact changed to HF
Investigate separate liability insurance	24/06/2025	GS	Complete- TDCC has separate liability insurance.
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
Removal of Simon Harrison from bank account	26/08/2025	GS	In progress
Check condition of woodland walks near Thrumster	26/08/2025	AM	Complete. Very overgrown and fallen trees. Estates responsibility. Estate has been contacted.
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. Passing place signs now in place.
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. Road is deteriorating more.
CM to investigate and ask Highland Council about another brown bin for use by volunteers in Haster	26/08/2025	CM	Complete. CM has reference number, waiting on the bin labels to be re-sent. Chasing up council still. Bins still being emptied.
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- emailed Foundation Scotland, awaiting a response from FS.
Explore potential funding	26/08/2025	GS	In progress- application into windfarm funds.
Contact Thrumster Estate about overgrown paths and fallen trees	30/09/2025	GS	Complete. Estate owner aware but planting plan needs to be in place before removing trees.
Contact insurance broker for Haster Playpark	30/09/2025	HF	Complete. Insurance paid.
Poppy wreath ordering- get RBLs bank details	30/09/2025	CM	In progress. Wreaths ordered- waiting on bank details.
Email contacts in Thrumster, Haster and Milton to get receipts for claiming VO funding	03/10/2025	HSF	Complete- emails sent.
Changing of bank account to RBS	20/10/2025	GS	In progress. Application is in.
Change website plan to a more basic one	28/10/2025	HF	New
Investigate if separate account needed for Haster playpark subgroup	28/10/2025	GS	New

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Community Bank Account – Balance £5584.65

Income

Nil

Expenditure

£403.20 Wix.com – Website Costs

£250.00 Microgrant - J Bain

£56.00 Zurich – Public Liability Insurance

£841.40 Howden – Playpark Insurance

£4.75 Bank Account – Service Charges

FOR INFORMATION

Balances

£2100.00 Foundation Scotland – Microgrants

£1647.01 Playpark

£1837.64 Community Council

£ 0.00 Village Officer Funding

£5584.65 Total