

Tannach and District Community Council
Tuesday 30th January 2024
7.30pm via Zoom
Minutes

Present: Emma Sinclair (Chair)
Holly Forbes (Secretary)
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)
Steven Sinclair (member)
Catherine Patterson (member)
PC Matthew Thain
Two members of the public

Apologies: Willie Mackay (Councillor)

1. Welcome

Emma Sinclair welcomed everyone, gave apologies for those above and thanked all for attending.

2. Confirmation of last monthly meeting's draft minutes

Catriona proposed, Emma seconded.

3. Actions from previous meetings

- a. Accident damage at Milton- awaiting car insurance payout to carry out repairs. Lamp post replaced.
- b. **ACTION** Emergency plan will be looked out.

4. Financial report

£7658.84 in account
£143.88 zoom cost came out.
£23.26 website costs paid out.

£150 microgrant due out
Costs for repairing lights and grit spreaders will come out soon.

5. Golticlay Windfarm discussion

No strong opinions on the windfarm, will respond with no comment.

6. Path at Newton: potential project with Wick Paths Group

New path being proposed along old Newton Forest towards Newtonhill croft woodland. All positive towards getting a project going with the group.

7. Village officer funding application

£251.12 applied for to cover grass cutting fuel costs for Haster, Milton and Thrumster.

8. Microgrant yearly

Report sent into Foundation Scotland. £1570 awarded in 2023.

9. Police Scotland

7 calls in area in last 30-day period. A couple linked to bad weather- RTCs etc. Still seeing dropped 999 calls. 1 drunk driver. 2nd edition of Caithness community update newsletter available. Launch of rural recruitment campaign, Caithness in the focus. People who specifically want to stay in Caithness as a Police Officer are assured that now. Information session online at end of February.

10. Any other business

- a. Grit spreaders have been bought for Haster, Milton and Thrumster after resident contacting us about potential for one.
- b. Fireworks display couldn't happen due to legislation.
- c. ~£923 left from Foundation Scotland grant. Potentially see about buying a storage container. Thrumster CDA will discuss at their next meeting. Milton's garage needing maintenance or potential to contribute towards rent. **ACTION** Investigate containers.
- d. Road from Milton to gas works- crumbling at the edges. **ACTION** Will raise with roads department.
- e. Query on flashing speed sign on Thurso Road to PC Thain. Council responsibility. Highlighted fix my street app for issues like potholes.
- f. Milton Residents Association thanked for their microgrant and said they had a good turnout for their community get together at Newton Croft.
- g. ACCC meeting on 14th February in the Pentland Hotel.

Next meeting 27th February at 7.30pm on Zoom.