

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 24th February 2026 Zoom 7pm

Attendees

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

Apologies

Catherine Sapalski

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

GS welcomed everyone. Catherine Sapalski gave her apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest

Register of interest – no update.

3. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting

AM proposed, CM seconded.

4. Financial Report

Bank Account – Balance £18902.70

5. Planning

Nothing to report.

6. Correspondence

Anything of note has been sent out to members when received.
Still awaiting on cheque for VO money.

7. Police Report

Police reports are forwarded to members when received.

8. Highland Councillor's Report

No councillor in attendance.

9. Health and Care

Scanner not working in CGH- why it wasn't working and when will be fixed? **Action** Ask Cllr McEwan if she is able to find out for us.

10. Local updates

- a. Newton- Friends of Newtonhill have purchased materials and will send on receipts for our records. Tractor coming to prune hedges on Friday 27th site will be shut – will be advertised. Electrician coming to look at power for defib.
- b. Milton- Annual quiz being sent out to, covers rent of the garage. Grit bin uphill empty, CM will report to council. Grass cutting started.
- c. Haster- nothing to add.
- d. Thrumster- Discussion on Thrumster cemetery and war graves.
- e. Bilbster- nothing to add.
- f. Tannach- Grit bin policies sent to members of public enquiring about bins.
- g. Resilience planning – GS will send out info she got on plans.

11. Community benefit

Defib back in use in Thrumster after purchase of pads and batteries. Waiting to find out about war memorials from the council. Potentially can purchase salt and grit for spreaders. Grass cutting costs can be funded. Work in cemeteries as well. Idea to fund stone signs for each village similar to what Watten has. £500 set aside for each village for VO type activities.

12. Questions or Contributions from the public present

Nothing to add.

13. Microgrant vote

Quorate 5 members present. £500 awarded to an international exchange project between young people who attend Wick High School, with young people from Gymnasium Petrinum, one of the secondary schools in Brilon, Germany. Two of the pupils attending are from the CC area. HF will get bank details to allow transfer of funds.

14. AOB

Caithness Broch Project - a polite rejection to their request for a letter of support as 4 of our members are on windfarm fund panels and may have to declare a conflict of interest for any applications that come into them. **Action** HF to reply.

Another instance of illegal camping at Swartigill. The campers had a fire going and tents in the trees and two vehicles parked on the bend. Same person as previous time. Landowner contacted. BS spoke to them and landowner has the vehicle reg plates. Cllr McEwan was also informed.

15. Date of Next Meeting

31st March 7pm on Zoom.

Meeting closed 20:01

G Sutherland