

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 27th January 2026 Zoom 7pm

Attendees

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

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
GS welcomed everyone.
2. **Declaration of Interest**
Register of interest – no update.
3. **Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**
BS proposed, CM seconded.
4. **Financial Report**
Community Bank Account – Balance £19638.70
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5. **Planning**
 - a. 25/04491/PNO New agricultural shed in Thrumster
 - b. 25/04617/FUL Construction of car park, formation of access, associated drainage infrastructure and landscaping at Whaligoe
 - c. 26/00053/CLP Blocking/Damming of existing artificial drainage ditches/channels and surface bunding works
6. **Correspondence**
Anything of note has been sent out to members when received.
Village officer money - awaiting cheque from ACCC, report was submitted in December.
7. **Police Report**
Police reports are forwarded to members when received.
8. **Highland Councillor's Report**
New cemetery being proposed at Newton, the ground is currently being dug and tested. Work in Wick High Street should be finished by end of March. Recent break ins in Wick, a suspect has appeared in court.
9. **Health and Care**
Nothing to note.
10. **Local updates**
 - a. Newton- Defibrillator progress being made and should be back in use soon. Friends of Newtonhill are in advanced stage in ordering items using funding given for further events.
 - b. Milton- awaiting VO money.
 - c. Haster- brown bin stickers all received now.
 - d. Thrumster- nothing to add.
 - e. Bilbster- nothing to add.
 - f. Tannach- grit bin requested by a member of the public on a secondary route. Cllr McEwan provided the grit bin policy after the meeting.
 - g. Resilience planning- new template available **ACTION** GS to explore updating the plan in the new template.
11. **Community benefit**
Nothing to add
12. **Questions or Contributions from the public present**

Nothing to add.

13. Microgrant vote

Application received from non-constituted group to start a Distinguished Gentlemen motorcycle charity ride event in Thrumster. Quorate all members present. £500 awarded.

14. AOB

£15 000 in funding received from Tannach Windfarm Trust. GS proposed first buying the new pads and batteries required to bring the Thrumster defibrillator back into use, which is £280+vat, all members approved. **ACTION** GS will order the required pads and batteries.

GS invited any ideas on what the money could be used for (only non-statutory work).

The brown grit/salt supplied by the council can clog the grit spreaders bought for each village by the CC, potential to buy white salt for using in grit spreaders.

Money could be held for grass cutting costs rather than waiting for village officer money to come in.

Ulbster cemetery is very overgrown **ACTION** Contact Cllrs for help and potential to do some volunteering to bring back into better condition.

ACTION HF to draw up draft online questionnaire to see what the community would like.

15. Microgrant vote

£500 HF to get bank details

16. Date of Next Meeting

24th February 2026 on Zoom at 7pm.

Meeting closed 20:03

G Sutherland