

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday 26th May 2026 Newton Croft 7pm

Attendees

Gwyneth Sutherland (Chair)
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)
Brian Sutherland (Secretary)
Holly Forbes (Member)
Cllr Jan McEwan
1 member of the public

Apologies

Alice Miller and Catherine Sapalski

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
GS welcomed everyone and gave apologies for Alice Miller and Catherine Sapalski
2. **Declaration of Interest**
Register of interest – no update.
3. **Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**
CM proposed, BS seconded.
4. **Financial Report**
£20527.92 total
5. **Planning**
26/01704/FUL Erection of house, installation of private drainage system and formation of access, Land 50M NE Of Just Home Manse Road Thrumster
26/01666/FUL Garage conversion at Hempriggs Row
26/01829/PNO Erection of agricultural building (class18) at Borrowstone
26/00053/CLP Blocking/Damming of existing artificial drainage ditches/channels and surface bunding works – it was noted that this application was refused. New carpark at the whaligoe steps – planning coming, project going ahead
6. **Correspondence**
Anything of note has been sent out to members when received.
7. **Police Report**
Police reports are forwarded to members when received, no report received yet. Cllr McEwan has an upcoming meeting with the new Area Inspector.
8. **Highland Councillor's Report**
Cllr McEwan has reported the road at Milton. Potholes outside garage at Newton. Blingery holes have been filled and reopening. Campbell's dairy corner was patched but largest hole left. A99 near where wind turbine blades are being stored the camber on the road is getting worse and the delivery information has not been communicated effectively. Japanese Knotweed – Evan going to look at it. War memorials will be inspected soon – including Bilbster and Thrumster. **Action BS to email RWE Project manager with our concerns over the wind turbine delivery communications.**
9. **Health and Care**
Cllr McEwan had enquired about CGH scanner, she was not told why it was out of action but it now back in use. Three Harbours Medical Practice Phones - she has enquired about them as well and are meant to be sorted end of May.
10. **Local updates**
 - a. Newton- Friends of Newtonhill have had no word on the field they were interested in buying. Proposed new cemetery on Newton Hill - test pits successful.
 - b. Milton- MRA are waiting to find out how much garage rent is.
 - c. Haster- nothing to add.
 - d. Thrumster- nothing to add.
 - e. Bilbster- nothing to add.
 - f. Tannach- nothing to add.
 - g. Ulbster – weed killing carried out twice at the cemetery.
11. **Community benefit**
Quotes for grit bins were gotten, GS has been in touch with the council to try and get something from them. GS has been looking over survey results. Haster fountain – find out what's wrong. Haster noticeboard could be replaced, Cllr McEwan wasn't sure if the bus shelter was due to be replaced – since meeting she has found out it is not. Thrumster hall – money towards fire safety equipment purchasing approved. Thrumster defib has an error code so is currently out of action.
12. **Microgrants**
It was noted that the Thrumster Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride raised over £27 000 (at the time of the meeting).
13. **Questions or Contributions from the public present**
Nothing to add.
14. **Date of Next Meeting** 30th June 7pm at Newton Croft. **Meeting closed 20:01**

G Sutherland
Chair