

Tannach and District Community Council

Tuesday 5th October 2021

7.30pm via Teams

Minutes

Present: Emma Sinclair (Chair)

Holly Forbes (Secretary)

Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)

Andrew Sinclair (Councillor)

Steven Sinclair (Member)

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Alice Miller (associate), PC Matthew Thain, Ros Bruce (MRA)

1. Welcome

Emma Sinclair welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and gave apologies for Alice Miller, Ros Bruce (Milton Residents Association) and PC Matthew Thain. She apologised for the rescheduling of the meeting from the previous week due to a broadband outage.

2. Confirmation of last monthly meeting's draft minutes

Catriona MacDonald proposed, and Emma Sinclair seconded.

3. Actions from last meeting

- a. Path at Milton: The path is now complete.
- b. Garden Issue: It is looking a lot tidier.
- c. Potholes on Newton Road/Hill: Some filled but the worst ones untouched. Milton junction with A882 getting bad as well. **ACTION** contact roads department again.
- d. Microgrants: Spoke to Foundation Scotland and Thrumster Community Development Association got the grant money whilst the council was in abeyance. **ACTION** Contact Foundation Scotland to start process of TDCC administering it again.
- e. Planters: Delivered and filled. MRA receipts have been passed to TCDA to reimburse.

4. Financial report

£3412.55 at latest statement, no money has come out account. Expenses to be paid shortly are the website fees, printer ink, paint for swings in Haster and the poppy wreaths. Currently waiting on bank card.

5. Co-option vote

- a. Catherine Paterson: all 4 members voted yes.
- b. Ashley Miller: all 4 members voted yes.

6. Local Issues

- a. Haster playpark consultation at 7pm in Bilbster Hall to allow public to view designs and give opinion. Caithness Voluntary Group staff helping with applying to funds (Tannach, Camster and BOWL).

- b. Village officer: £1000 available, community councils reimbursed by Liz Geddes
- c. Haster Street lighting: Poor lighting on the path behind houses in Fountain Square in Haster was reported to the community council. We have forwarded on the concerns by residents to the lighting department of the council and they are aware of the issue.
- d. Newtonhill: Friends of NewtonHill Woodland raised a concern that as the trees planted there are getting bigger, they are blocking motorists' line of sight leading to cars meeting where there are no passing places. They have suggested a new passing place between the houses *Dargai* and *Levada*, there is a field entrance that may allow this to be done easier. **ACTION** Contact roads department.
- e. Insurance needs to be sorted for the community council **ACTION** Look into getting covered before next meeting.
- f. Milton residents are still keen for a speed reduction on the main road passing their village.
- g. Newton path: SSE carrying out work to repair. Wick Paths group are keen to see if it could be tarred.
- h. Thrumster speeding still an issue **ACTION** Raise with PC Thain

7. Any other relevant business

- a. Christmas trees were discussed. The past few years each village has gotten their own.
- b. Grit bins will need to be checked to ensure they are full before the colder weather sets in. It was reminded that the community council can ask for more shovels to spread the grit.

Next meeting 26/10/21 at 7.30pm on Teams.