

## TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2026 Newton Croft 7pm

### Attendees

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

### Apologies

Alice Miller

### Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**  
GS welcomed everyone and gave apologies for Alice Miller
2. **Declaration of Interest**  
Register of interest – G. Sutherland, Secretary Thrumster Hall.
3. **Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**  
HF proposed CM seconded.
4. **Financial Report**  
£16016.94 Total
5. **Planning**  
26/02969/FUL Alterations, extension and installation of septic tank New House, Thrumster, Wick, KW1 5TR, Mr Mark Warden  
26/02999/FUL Siting of 3no. storage containers (retrospective) Location of Works Land North East Of Thrumster Garage, Thrumster, Wick, Mr Robbie Anderson  
26/02535/FUL Change of use of agricultural shed to garage/workshop (retrospective) **Land** 35M SW Of, Craigmuir, Thrumster, Wick, Mrs Heather Taylor
6. **Correspondence**  
All correspondence is forwarded to members when received.
7. **Police Report**  
Police reports are forwarded to members when received, no report received yet.
8. **Highland Councillor's Report**  
Japanese Knotweed at old Newton woodland walk has been treated.  
Condition of road at Milton hill has been reported again.  
New cemetery on Newton Hill will go to planning soon.  
Tourist tax £5 per night regardless of whether a highland resident or not public consultation will begin early September. F&R framework to address multi-million pound budget gaps.  
Whaligoe car park planning ongoing.  
Dangerous state of shops in the town centre, Nickle and Dime and old Woolworth building responded positively, M&Co difficulty contacting them. Barriers will be fully operational in September. White, Yellow and disability bays lining ongoing.  
Island at old WHS carpark will move to new wider location at new community hub.
9. **Health and Care**  
No update.
10. **Local updates**
  - a. Newton – Ice cream van 6.30 on Friday. Woodland - wild flower meadows cut, funds health, lets for Crofthouse going well, Halloween event very popular, planning in progress and require volunteers to help.
  - b. Milton – Pothole in village between No.6/8 reported. Permits received for brown bins, rent for garage next year to be funded by TDCC.
  - c. Haster – Fountain refurbishment progressed. New notice board ordered, Colin MacKenzie will coordinate collection from Metrosigns, Bramley Landscapes asked to quote for installation - £720. Permits received for brown bins.
  - d. Thrumster – War memorial due inspection.
  - e. Bilbster – War memorial due inspection.
  - f. Tannach – layby without sign – difficult to see in the dark, vehicles pass it and having to reverse back.
  - g. Ulbster - Weed killing carried out again at the cemetery and single war grave Commission form signed.
11. **Community benefit**  
Quotes for white de-icing salt - £6+VAT for 25kg bag GS will order  
Scope of work at Haster – fountain replace pump and fix broken masonry, wording repainted on fountain, investigate the possibility for siting a defib near the fountain.  
Haster noticeboard - ordered
12. **Microgrants**  
Information re-posted on FB page as a reminder to folk
13. **Questions or Contributions from the public present**
14. **Date of Next Meeting** 29<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at Newton Croft. **Meeting closed 19.52**

*G Sutherland*