

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 30th June 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**
£16739.45 Total
- 5. Planning**
26/02082/PNO 80M NE Of, Upper Thrumster, Thrumster, Wick, Mr Samuel Streight 1 Upper Thrumster Farm, Thrumster, KW1 5TR.
- 6. Correspondence**
Letter received from WCDT to support their purchase of St Fergus church, GS has written letter and everyone agreed to send it in support of the project.
- 7. Police Report**
Police reports are forwarded to members when received, no report received yet.
- 8. Highland Councillor's Report**
Jan updated us on the new cemetery on Newton Hill, test pits have been dug and passed, land has been purchased. There will most likely be upgrades to the road, path, possibly lighting and parking. Some potholes have been filled but Milton hill is in very poor condition and Newton still has many. Island at the old High School will be moved and repositioned at the new High school on the wider part of the road. Town centre upgrade is nearly complete, a structural report is being carried out on a number of empty shops as masonry is falling from some the buildings. Riverside lighting plans progressing. A commemoration plaque for Ann Dunnet is progressing. Working groups are in consultation with Transport Scotland to continue and hopefully expand the PSO charter. Council are to deal with the reported Japanese knotweed in the old woodland area. Jan to enquire about the Haster playpark status. War memorials are due inspection. Jan will also try to get us 4 grit bins.
- 9. Health and Care**
No update.
- 10. Local updates**
 - a. Newton – See above regarding new cemetery.
 - b. Milton – Road condition from the village up to the gasworks is in very poor condition. Weed killing carried out.
 - c. Haster – Fountain refurbishment to be progressed. New notice board delivery costs excessive, exploring alternatives.
 - d. Thrumster – War memorial due inspection. Weed killing carried out.
 - e. Bilbster – War memorial lettering has been redone, base painted and weedkiller applied. War memorial due inspection.
 - f. Tannach - nothing to add.
 - g. Ulbster -Weed killing carried out twice at the cemetery and single war grave.
- 11. Community benefit**
Quotes for white de-icing salt - £6+VAT for 25kg bag GS will order, Scope for work at Haster – replace pump and fix broken masonry around fountain, repaint wording on fountain, investigate the possibility for siting a defib near the fountain. Haster noticeboard - see if we can arrange better quote for delivery, Thrumster defib has an error code, was sent to manufacturer and has been replaced under warranty with a new unit has been reregistered on The Circuit.
- 12. Microgrants**
To be posted on FB page as a reminder to folk
- 13. Questions or Contributions from the public present**
Nothing to add.
- 14. Date of Next Meeting 25th August 7pm at Newton Croft. Meeting closed 20:31**

G. Sutherland