

TANNACH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Tuesday 25th November 2025 Newton Croft 7pm

Attendees

Gwyneth Sutherland (Chair)
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)
Holly Forbes (Secretary)
Brian Sutherland
2 members of the public

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
GS welcomed and gave apologies from Alice Miller and Catherine Sapalski.
- 2. Declaration of Interest**
GS now vice chair of TCDA. BS a member of TCDA. Register of interests updated.
- 3. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting**
Typo in financial report. Minutes amended. BS proposed, CM seconded.
- 4. Financial Report**
See attached.
- 5. Microgrant update**
Bilbster sewing group- tutor has left, looking for replacement to carry out the training.
- 6. Microgrant vote**
Wick Active Schools Running Group- £250. £100 awarded, £50 for each member from the area in the group. 4 members quorate. **Action** HF to get bank details and ask for receipt/invoice for minibus hire.
- 7. Planning**
 - a. 25/04170/FUL Erection of new community hub and associated works (Thrumster)
 - b. 25/03564/FUL Installation of biomass boiler (Northfield)- Community council are supportive of the application. **Action** HF to put supporting comment on planning portal.
- 8. Correspondence**
Anything of note has been sent out to members when received.
- 9. Police Report**
No report received yet.
- 10. Highland Councillor's Report**
No councillor present.
- 11. Health and Care**
Independent review being done into maternity care at Caithness General Hospital after campaign from CHAT.
- 12. Local updates**
 - a. Newton- extensive hedge planting near the gas plant. Friends of Newton Hill funding proposal received for £500 (as requested by the community council), bank account details given at the time of the meeting to allow transfer of funds.
 - b. Milton- small potholes have been filled. VO officer funding receipts received from Milton RA.
 - c. Haster- awaiting receipts from volunteers. Brown bin stickers coming from the council.
 - d. Thrumster- awaiting receipts from volunteers. First wreath laid since church has been privately owned.
 - e. Bilbster- poppy wreath laid for Armistice Sunday.
- 13. Community benefit**
Nothing to add
- 14. Questions or Contributions from the public present**
Nothing to add.

15. Date of Next Meeting

27th January 2026 on Zoom at 7pm. February and March meetings on Zoom as well. 28th April back in person.

Meeting closed 19:56

Action List Summary

Action	Date action Raised	Actioner	Status
Haster playpark	24/06/2025	CM	In progress
Milton signage and Openreach box	24/06/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress Cllr reported signage. Openreach not budging, Cllr will keep trying.
Japanese knotweed at Newton	24/06/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress BS reported online as well, HC employee was going to have a look at it.
Removal of Simon Harrison from bank account	26/08/2025	GS	In progress, will be sorted with new bank account.
Swartigill burn layby- get a new passing place no parking sign and to contact Rangers	26/08/2025	Cllr McEwan	Complete Council rangers going to keep watch and signage will be going up to say passing place no parking by the roads department. Someone camping there this weekend- photos passed onto Cllr McEwan. Passing place signs now in place.
Deterioration of road on bend near Thrumster Mains/Yarrows View/Mill Farm Croft on Tannach Road- raise further	26/08/2025	Cllr McEwan	In progress. Road is deteriorating more. Partially filled.
Check Thrumster and Bilbster war memorials to see what maintenance is needing done	26/08/2025	TDCC	In progress.
Microgrant portal	26/08/2025	HF	In progress- emailed Foundation Scotland, awaiting a response from FS. Will chase.
Explore potential funding	26/08/2025	GS	In progress- application into windfarm funds. Waiting for next panel meeting.
Poppy wreath ordering- get RBLs bank details	30/09/2025	CM	Complete. Wreaths ordered- waiting on bank details. Ordered, paid and placed on Remembrance Sunday
Changing of bank account to RBS	20/10/2025	GS	In progress. Application is in. Bank account details have been given. Application to do digital banking has been made, now waiting to hear.
Change website plan to a more basic one	28/10/2025	HF	Complete- plan changed to basic one and refund given.
Investigate if separate account needed for Haster playpark subgroup	28/10/2025	GS	GS contacted CC support, Liam Clancy spoken to and doesn't seem a subcommittee wouldn't be useful for the Haster Playpark as the subcommittee would also go into abeyance if TDCC does.
HF to get bank account details for Wick Active Schools Running Group microgrant	25/11/2025	HF	New
25/03564/FUL Installation of biomass boiler (Northfield)- HF to put supporting comment on planning portal.	25/11/2025	HF	New

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Community Bank Account – Balance £5251.45

Income - £352.68

£196.80 Wix.com – Partial refund on website costs

£155.88 Zoom.com – Fee refunded

Expenditure - £685.88

£ 80.00 Royal British Legion Scotland – Wick Branch – 2 Poppy Wreaths

£155.88 Zoom.com – Fee

£450.00 Microgrant – Bilbster Sunday Sewing Group

FOR INFORMATION

Balances

£1650.00 Foundation Scotland – Microgrants

£1647.01 Playpark

£1954.44 Community Council

£ 0.00 Village Officer Funding

£5251.45 Total