

**Tannach and District Community Council**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**7.30pm via Zoom**  
**Minutes**

Present: Emma Sinclair (Chair)  
Holly Forbes (Secretary)  
Catriona MacDonald (Treasurer)  
Steven Sinclair (member)  
Catherine Patterson (member)  
Willie Mackay (Cllr)  
2 members of the public

Apologies: PC Thain, Alice Miller (TCDA)

**1. Welcome**

Emma Sinclair welcomed everyone, gave apologies for those above and thanked all for attending.

**2. Confirmation of last monthly meeting's draft minutes**

Emma proposed, Catriona seconded.

**3. Any other business**

- a. Storage containers- emailed Foundation Scotland and had no response from them.
- b. Microgrants- emailed Foundation Scotland and had no response from them.

**4. Financial report**

£6846.13 in account

£162.32 cheque for repairing lights not yet cashed.

£251.12 cheque paid in, village officer fund for grass cutting. **Action** Cheques to go to Milton and Thrumster for grass cutting fuel.

**5. Any other business**

- a. Thrumster update: Thrumster Community Development Association is in the process of taking over the playpark and has secured funding for renovating the tennis courts. Someone drove a van through the playpark in Thrumster, there is video evidence. **Action** Email PC Thain on this issue.
- b. Policing update: In the period since last meeting there had been 3 calls in the Tannach and District CC area. In the entire Caithness area there was 448 incidents raised during the same time period. 1 was in relation to an oil spill on the road, which was passed to Highland Council. 1 was a pocket/accidental dial, 1 was to report a fraud. Recruitment: Our rural recruitment campaign is ongoing, looking for applications from people who want to work in Caithness. Police Scotland is recruiting police officers in Caithness, and encouraging applications from people who share their values, and are either starting out on their career journey or considering a career change. We are looking for recruits of all ages and backgrounds, but you do have to be aged 18 or over (you can apply at 17.5), physically fit, and hold a valid driving licence. As a police officer working in a rural community, you will often be the first responder to incidents and will quickly see how your actions can help people at their time of need.

Apply now at [www.scotland.police.uk/sign-up](http://www.scotland.police.uk/sign-up). When applying, please state on the form that you wish to be posted to Caithness. Newsletter: Our newest edition of the Caithness Community Update Newsletter is available by visiting this link ([neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)).

- c. Roads department- still nothing heard back about the child injuring themselves in a pothole in Haster. **Action** Cllr Mackay to speak to Roads dept.
- d. Railing broken at Milton after accidents in winter- still no progress. **Action** Email roads dept to see what's happening.
- e. Newtonhill woodland have finished their tree planting and are extending their wildflower meadow. New ranger in a job-share so will have the equivalent of a fulltime ranger.
- f. Flowers for villages: £150 awarded each to Haster, Milton and Thrumster as a grant from CC money (£450 total). All voted in favour.

Next meeting is the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm on Zoom and then usual meeting after.