

Tannach and District Community Council
Tuesday 27th June 2023
7.30pm via Zoom
Minutes

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

Apologies: Steven Sinclair (Member), PC Matthew Thain

1. Welcome

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

2. Confirmation of last monthly meeting's draft minutes

Catriona MacDonald proposed, Catherine Patterson seconded.

3. Actions from previous meeting

- a. Microgrant Application form amended and on website
- b. Wick High School microgrant rejected

4. Financial Report

£7418.36 in account. Awaiting £1000 from Achairn Energy. £474.74 from council grant. £150 from Phil Anderson Financial Services. £120 microgrant and £156.04 for fuel cheques paid out to Milton Residents Association. Proposed by Emma Sinclair. Seconded by Catherine Patterson

5. Wathegar wind farm- No comments from TDCC on planning. Submitted a neutral response and queried about community benefit funding.

6. AOB

- a. Microgrant application for an individual in- will point to hobby fund from Lybster and Tannach
- b. £4188 raised by donations and funday for the new Haster playpark
- c. Newton Row road surface further deteriorated- **ACTION** Email roads department
- d. Police report from PC Thain read out by Holly Forbes in his absence: Since last meeting there has been 4 calls to police in the TDCC area. This included 1 domestic incident, 1 communication offence, 1 RTC, 1 road traffic matter. Not included in this is a large number of "dropped 999" calls. These are pocket dials or accidental calls, which are disconnected prior to police being able to speak with the caller. There has been a huge rise in these type calls across the country, many of which are linked to a recent update to Android phones which places a call to emergency services when certain buttons are pressed. There have been social media posts put onto the Highland and Islands Division Facebook page with more information. Proactive patrols have also been carried out by local and Roads Policing Officers – resulting in drivers being reported for offences such as speeding (94mph in 60mph zone) and

seatbelt offences. The Scottish Police Authority are continuing their Community Confidence Action Research project, which previously saw an online survey being completed by a number of people in Caithness. The SPA are holding an event at PPP, Huddart Street, Wick on Wednesday 12th July 0930-1200. The event is an opportunity for the community to help shape policing in the area. Although the project is primarily focussed on Wick, it will likely affect the wider Caithness community.

- e. Milton road is tarred
- f. CVG donation for using their gambling licence **ACTION** Catriona MacDonald to drop off money
- g. Milton Residents Association used their £120 to spruce up Milton for the summer
- h. Friends of Newton Hill- encouraging people to look out for wildlife on the site as they have a new volunteer who is a biologist

Next meeting: Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 7.30pm on Zoom.