**Tannach and District Community Council**

**Meeting at Bilbster Hall, 26.03.2018, 7.30 pm**

**Notes of Meeting**

**Apologies** – John Inkster, Linda Bremner, Rhona Gill

**Attendees** – Sonya, Raymond, Catherine, Catherine Macleod

**Public** – Two members of the public

**Declaration of interests** – Catherine – Chair of Lybster and Tannach. Sonya has an interest in the thatched cottage. Eva happy for someone to go and see her about it.

**Draft minutes:**

Hempriggs House – Raymond has contacted Alex MacManus and will follow up. Catherine M said that David Scott said that pillars had cracked almost as if lightning had struck it.

Cars at Milton – safety concerns at Milton, 9.2.4 to be looked at

Barnetsons – the road issue (rubbish) encroaching onto the road – Sonya said that the Roads inspector was up and said to her that the road is the Council’s up to 1m back – RB to get clarification.

Catherine MacLeod – proposed; Catherine Paterson – seconded

**Finance:**

Account balance £9,872.76 this includes ring fenced micro grants and Bilbster – expenses must be claimed this week end of financial year

**Police Report** – RB gave an overview and no local incidents reported

**Highland Councillors Report** – Minutes from Raymond’s report to be put in here

**Healthcare** – RB will update again after the last report

**Correspondence** – Catherine has quote from Milton £60 plus VAT – alterations to the notice board (too high and difficulty opening). Spare set of keys for the notice board would be good. Catherine can give more info about this. Already approved but approve the new set of keys at next meeting if possible.

**Other correspondence** – Linda will have

**Local Issues:**

Village Officers

**Misc issues including new matters:**

*Ulbster* – nothing more heard about grit bins. Smoke issue – not coming to planning yet. John O Groat Trail – access code, you can’t block or obstruct people from walking but if you have done something and can prove its part of land/community planning then Matt Dent [Access officer from Council) will have an issue and can intervene. Objector has said that where the path ishas meant the fence needs to be extended to restrict the Bull… “Bull gets out”. Matt Dent has said that they will look at a bull prevention fence (to Jay) (not official) – if the user tries to block it in any way then it will be because he is being obstructive.

*Thrumster* – Discussion followed regarding access to archaeological site and horses/muddy and inaccessible. Sonya applied for funding from Yarrows Trust? Who wished to see her accounts regarding installation of fence to keep animals from the archaeological site??? She said was told not to set foot on it ref. made to previous meeting with Ian Giles and John Inkster. Catherine disputes that; the tenant does have access. If any changes were structural work then permission would have to be requested. Discussion about path ‘what is a path’ historic route…. Sonya: as far as the Scot Gov is concerned it’s not a path. Therefore the only way is to put a new path in and Farm Business Services did the work and plans submitted to the council who would liaise with the estate.

RB asked when the Scot Gov had said this. Sonya said it’s in an email somewhere in here paperwork.

… Reference made to wheel-chair access and ease of accessibility if it were up a hill and uneven ground.

Catherine has said that the trail was fine, the issues have occurred only since Sonya took over the tenancy. Fences down, strainers over, fence posts over on the ground.

Chair stated the meeting need to move on.

*Tannach* – nothing

*Newton* – nothing

*Milton* – nothing

*Haster* – RB to ask for an update on the sheds

*Bilbster* – nothing

**Tourism** – the woman who was going to do the signs has moved to Oban. Catherine M said tourism group is going to take it on themselves to action signs. Will seek Camster’s approval to do signs.

Sign at Whaligoe – Catherine could ask Karen if she could mount one on the wall.

Art work – shown last time and approved, permission for installation sites. Two sites – one at pub and one at Newton Croft. Thinking about the layby at Hempriggs. Whaligoe Steps.?

**Future plans:** 4 year plan

Ian Giles – update required from Ian.

**Community benefit** – Rifle Club x 2 applications £250 and £175; High School – Knockhill £550 shortfall.

As the meeting was not quorate, it was agreed that decisions could be made by email to save time. CP asked everyone to agree that the applications be emailed out and decisions be corresponded back. Then ratify at next meeting. Agreed. ACTION LINDA

**Questions from the public:**

Isla Macleod [member of public] – fencing at South Yarrows. Sonya – got in touch with ??

Fence needed repaired – round long cairn and round house (get clarification again from Catherine)

Pot hole at Jo’s House

Issue re junctions to High School raised and explained by RB. [Huge pot holes-road surface]

Point raised by Isla – RB to get the info from Iain MacLean (Putleneytown Parish and Thrumster Church) re ownership history of the church.

**Date of next meeting** – 30th April, clarification for venue.

RB to note the change around of councillors.