



## Community Action Plan 2016 – 2021

### Background

In 2009 Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust (TSCT) commissioned Jura Consultants to produce a community plan for Tarbert and Skipness. At the time the community in Skipness did not want to engage with the process so the report was commissioned for Tarbert alone.

This was completed in March 2010 after extensive consultations with local community groups, businesses and individuals.

The aims of the plan are to create:-

- A healthier community
- A competitive, educated and working community
- A welcoming, vibrant and confident community
- An inclusive, fair and caring community
- A greener and sustainable community

Subsequently the plan has been important in assisting developments by demonstrating to potential funders that this community works in a planned, consistent and responsible way. As a result the years 2010 to 2015 have seen unprecedented development in Tarbert.

The community in Skipness agreed to the plan in principle in 2014 and wish to be included in any updates of it.

In 2014 the Trust came to the conclusion that it needed to develop the plan for the next 5 years to make it more accessible and ensure that local residents, community organisations and businesses have the opportunity to contribute to it. Thus the Trust has:-

- Reviewed the 2010 plan;
- Instigated, in 2014, an annual Community Development Day in order to
  - listen to the community's concerns, ideas and priorities;
  - Amend the action plan accordingly;
- Started work to make it a 'Living Plan', available online and accessible to all by April 2016.

As a result of the 2 development days, and the review of the 2010 plan in August 2015, the Trust is now able to propose a new action plan to meet the challenges of the next 5 years and become the basis for the 'Living Plan'.

We are also working on getting the agreement of other community organisations to the criteria for distribution of funds from the Srondoire and Freasdail wind farms.



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Vision	Objectives	Action	Priority 1-4	By Whom	Timescale
<p><b>A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY</b> A community that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is physically active</li> <li>• Is socially involved</li> <li>• Has space for relaxation, contemplation and reflection</li> <li>• Is well nourished</li> <li>• Has access to good health care services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physically Active</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure everyone has access to a variety of physical activity opportunities and fitness-related facilities</li> <li>• Encourage youth training</li> <li>• Encourage disadvantaged participation</li> <li>• Encourage running, walking, and cycling as well as participation in groups such as Jog Scotland etc</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Involvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure there is a wide variety of opportunities for all to explore their interests and be involved in local community activities</li> <li>• Ensure that information regarding community groups, activities and events is easily accessible and well promoted</li> </ul> <p><b>Space for Relaxation, Contemplation and Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that there are a number of places that residents can access for relaxation, contemplation and reflection</li> <li>• Support the protection of open spaces</li> </ul> <p><b>Well Nourished</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure everyone has access to adequate food provision</li> <li>• Ensure that those with limited mobility are able to access regular nutritional meals</li> </ul> <p><b>Access to good health care services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure essential health care services are maintained</li> <li>• Support for trainee practitioners</li> <li>• Support for local voluntary care groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sports</b> <i>Encourage sports in Skipness Hall</i></p> <p><b>Walks/Cycle Routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>New path to West Loch to complete 6 mile circular walk from village centre via West Loch and Corranbuie track</i></li> <li>• <i>Restore White Shore track</i></li> <li>• <i>Link Kintyre Way to Ardrishaig</i></li> <li>• <i>Increase All Ability sections in walks</i></li> <li>• <i>Link Kintyre Way with cycling routes</i></li> <li>• <i>Cycle Track to Kennacraig</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tackle dampness and poor insulation of housing</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Social Involvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Campaign to promote local community groups' activities, events and achievements as well as provide information on how to get involved</i></li> <li>• <i>Investigate feasibility of community minibus</i></li> <li>• <i>Campaign to recruit new trust membership</i></li> <li>• <i>Review, Improve and promote a central single community notice board both physically in the village centres and online (FB+ Twitter)</i></li> <li>• <i>Co-ordinate events and activities via a diary system to ensure limited overlap of activities and maximum potential for attendance/ participation</i></li> <li>• <i>Men's &amp; Women's sheds</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Space for Relaxation, Contemplation and Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Re-instate community cleaning of beaches</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Nutrition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Promote the use of fresh foods and healthy diets</i></li> <li>• <i>Continued support for voluntary groups such as Meals on Wheels</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Water Supply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Investigate water quality &amp; supply issues to Skipness &amp; Claonaig</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Care Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Maintain current provision of health care services with a focus on the health centre, GP home visits, dental surgery, optician and pharmacy</i></li> <li>• <i>Continued support of local voluntary groups such as hospital transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Maintain access to appropriate healthcare in Skipness</i></li> <li>• <i>Campaign for access to Social Care and Home Support services to all areas</i></li> <li>• <i>Compile &amp; maintain Register of Community 1<sup>st</sup> aiders</i></li> </ul>	2	Skipness Village Hall committee.	1-2 yrs.
			2	TSCT/ Escart Farm /West Loch Shores.	6-12 months.
			2	TSCT.	1yr.
			2	L&WWco.	2yrs.
			3	TSCT.	Ongoing.
			4	L&WWco.	2yrs.
			3	TSCC/ABC/Sustrans.	4yrs.
			2	Alienergy.	Ongoing.
			3	TSCT/TEC/TFC/TSCC/	6months to establish.
			3	TSCT/Schools/Sports groups.	6months for study.
			2	TSCT.	Ongoing.
			1	TSCT/TEC/TFC/TSCC	6 months for study
			1	As Above.	then ongoing.
			4	TSCT.	1yr
			2	TSCT/TSCC/T LFYC/THA.	6months, then ongoing.
3	NHS/ retailers.	Ongoing.			
2	TSCC/ABC.	Ongoing.			
3	Scottish Water.	6months.			
1	TSCC,NHS, ABC.	Ongoing.			
2	As Above.	Ongoing.			
1	As Above.	Ongoing.			
2	As Above.	Ongoing.			
3	TSCC/ABC.	6months.			

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<p><b>A COMPETITIVE, EDUCATED AND WORKING COMMUNITY</b> A community that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a thriving local</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thriving Local Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure harbour remains an economic generator</li> <li>• Support for local retail, services and produce</li> <li>• Support for the fishing industry</li> <li>• Support for local arts and crafts production</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thriving Local Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Create an enterprise centre with community access to Trust assistance with an office, community hub, development worker/s and administrator</i></li> <li>• <i>Establish a Chamber of Commerce (CC)/Business Marketing Collective in order to:-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Develop an economic strategy to maintain employment</i></li> <li>○ <i>Develop loyalty scheme to promote 'Buy Local'</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1	TSCT/THA/TE C.	1-2yrs.
			1	TSCT/THA.	1yr to establish,
			2	CC.	3yrs to achieve
			2	CC.	initial



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<p>economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows residents and businesses to achieve their maximum potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a clear and cohesive offer to potential residents, visitors and investors</li> <li>Maximise tourism and visitor potential</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support existing business development and expansion</li> <li>Increase the number of new enterprise opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Achievement of Maximum Potential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure Tarbert Academy is able to deliver high quality education for both primary and secondary students</li> <li>Provide access for all to job training, skills improvement and/or professional development</li> <li>Maximise the number of employment opportunities with local businesses</li> <li>Encourage cross-partnership working between community groups and businesses</li> <li>Ensure that volunteering opportunities are practical and help to develop local skills and community group capacity</li> </ul>	<p><i>philosophy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine unique selling point for the area</li> <li>Develop cohesive and unified marketing strategy for the area</li> <li>Fully capitalise on tourism opportunities with focus on leisure boating, cruise and outdoor activities markets i.e. caravan, motorhome and camping provision</li> <li>Expand visitor offer in winter months to become a year round destination</li> <li>Discuss with Visit Scotland how the activities of the TIC could be expanded or improved</li> <li>Regularly survey visitors to ensure that expectations are being met and that needs are being satisfied</li> <li>Investigate possible partnership with new Portavadie development</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More Arts Events</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage and advise/assist accommodation providers to invest in improving current stock of holiday accommodation</li> <li>Investigate need for new office, retail and workshop spaces to allow for business expansion</li> <li>Continue to exploit advances in technology to attract more 'remote workers' and encourage home based businesses &amp; young entrepreneurs to the area</li> <li>Develop boatyard facilities</li> <li>Bunkhouse at Skipness as gateway to Kintyre</li> <li>Improve strength, quality and reliability of broadband &amp; mobile connections</li> <li>Develop Harbour Heritage project to include Heritage Trail and archive of Tarbert and Skipness Community Album and other important artefacts</li> <li>Instigate and maintain camping/motorhome park</li> </ul> <p><b>Achievement of Maximum Potential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campaign for appropriate and affordable family housing to encourage new families and keep existing families</li> <li>Encourage local businesses to offer SVQ/apprenticeship training</li> <li>Ownership of community assets + access to council facilities</li> <li>Encourage new families to relocate to the area</li> <li>Ensure adequate childcare facilities during working hours – with holiday cover</li> <li>Use every Social Enterprise project as an opportunity for employment</li> </ul>	<p>2 2 3 3 3 3 4 3 3 4 3 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 4 3 2</p>	<p>CC. CC  CC/THA/VS.  CC. CC/VS. CC. CC TALC/CC. CC/VS/HIE. TSCT. CC. THA/HIE. TSCT. CC/TSCC/providers/ABC. THA. West Loch Shores. TSCC/ABC/Landlords. CC/TSCT. TSCT. TSCC/ABC. ABC/TSCC. TSCT.</p>	<p>workload.       Ongoing. Ongoing. 6months. Ongoing. 2-5yrs. 1-2yrs. Ongoing. 2-3yrs. Initial work done. 6 months to start-up.  Ongoing. 1yr. 1-5yrs. Ongoing. 1yr to investigate. Ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Priority 1-4</b></p>	<p><b>By Whom</b></p>	<p><b>Timescale</b></p>
<p><b>A WELCOMING, VIBRANT AND CONFIDENT COMMUNITY</b> A community that; • Has a good sense of place • Is a safe and attractive place to live, work and visit • Takes pride in</p>	<p><b>Sense of Place &amp; Pride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embrace and celebrate the area's history, tradition and cultural heritage</li> <li>Support local events and festivals</li> <li>Ensure protection and maintenance of built heritage and traditional Scottish harbour village aesthetic</li> <li>Ensure protection and maintenance of natural heritage, views and other amenities</li> <li>Encourage and celebrate</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sense of Place &amp; Pride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on supporting and developing cornerstone events/festivals such as the Scottish Series, Seafood Festival, Music Festival, Tarbert Fair and Christmas Lights Festival and the facilities for them</li> <li>Maintain and update interpretive panels</li> <li>Promote an ongoing programme of arts and leisure activities, learning opportunities and events at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre &amp; village halls</li> <li>Create avenues for local artists and talent to showcase their work to the villages and the public</li> <li>Promote community and resident achievements publicly.</li> </ul>	<p>2  2 3 3 1</p>	<p>TSCT/TEC/THA/TFC.  TSCT/THA/L&amp;WWC/TCC. TALC. TALC/Hall Committees. ALL.</p>	<p>Ongoing.  Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing.</p>



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<p>the area and their community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the capacity to develop, improve and take on new projects</li> <li>• Welcomes all visitors and newcomers, providing them with a first-class experience</li> </ul>	<p>local talent</p> <p><b>Safe and Attractive Place to Live, Work, Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent inappropriate new development within the conservation area and its surrounds</li> <li>• Enable and encourage appropriate new development</li> <li>• Ensure essential the area's facilities and amenities are maintained</li> <li>• Ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety when in the village centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Capacity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure effective implementation of the Tarbert Community Plan</li> <li>• Encourage local groups to develop and improve current activities/events as well as take on new projects or responsibilities rather than creating new groups</li> <li>• Encourage and promote effective partnership working</li> </ul> <p><b>Good Visitor Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure provision of and access to good quality visitor facilities and services – both indoor and outdoor</li> <li>• Ensure friendly customer service and knowledgeable advice about local events, activities and facilities</li> <li>• Ensure area and facilities are well sign posted</li> </ul>	<p><b>A Safe and Attractive Place to Live, Work, Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure Conservation Area Appraisal is adopted by Argyll and Bute Council, and ensure that this is followed by the preparation of a Conservation Area Management Plan and the resources to back it up</li> <li>• Maintain current area provisions with focus on Bank of Scotland, Cashpoint, Post Office., Library, Village Halls, Health Care Services, Tarbert Academy (primary and secondary education) and Skipness primary school</li> <li>• Investigate the potential for improved traffic management such as 20 mph zones, bypass of the trunk road, designated car/lorry/coach parking and pedestrian crossing</li> <li>• Increase number and variety of youth volunteering and involvement opportunities</li> <li>• Assess the implications of the threat of tidal flooding to the area</li> <li>• Support season round interest through village centre planting arrangements and the volunteer efforts to sustain this</li> <li>• Explore opportunities for more car &amp; coach parking</li> </ul> <p><b>Capacity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit a professional to oversee implementation of Community Plan, broker relationships between groups and give advice when needed</li> <li>• Create a mechanism for publicly recognising the efforts and achievements made by individuals, volunteers and groups</li> <li>• Design, implement &amp; maintain a community asset management plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Good Visitor Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make readily available essential visitor information regarding accommodation, catering and events/activities using a central website, the Tourist Information Centre and regular newsletters</li> <li>• Encourage local businesses to cross-promote other local services, facilities, events and amenities</li> <li>• Consolidate and update signage both inside &amp; outside the area</li> <li>• Digitally Archive old photographs of Tarbert and Skipness</li> <li>• Study feasibility of restoring path up Skipness Glen &amp; link to Kintyre Way with possibility of Bothy or Bunkhouse</li> <li>• Repair path to White shore</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>1</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p>TSCC,ABC.</p> <p>TSCC/ABC/NH S/CC.</p> <p>TSCC/TS/ABC.</p> <p>Schools/TSCT.</p> <p>THA/ABC/TSC C.</p> <p>TSCC/ABC.</p> <p>TSCC/ABC/TH A.</p> <p>TSCT</p> <p>TSCC/TSCT.</p> <p>TSCT.</p> <p>CC/VS.</p> <p>CC.</p> <p>TSCC/VS/THA.</p> <p>THA/TSCT. TSCT/L&amp;WWC</p> <p>TSCT.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>1-5yrs.</p> <p>3yrs.</p> <p>1yr.</p> <p>1yr.</p> <p>1-2yrs</p> <p>1yr.</p> <p>2yrs.</p> <p>1yr.</p> <p>1yr.</p> <p>2yrs.</p> <p>6months to report then ongoing .</p> <p>5yrs. 2yrs.</p> <p>1yr.</p>
Vision	Objectives	Action	Priority 1-4	By Whom	Timescale
<p><b>AN INCLUSIVE, FAIR AND CARING COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>A community that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is fully accessible to all</li> <li>• Provides opportunities for everyone to influence decisions and affect positive change in the area</li> <li>• Is inclusive of all people and groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Access for All</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure access for all to facilities, services activities, and resources</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities to Affect Positive Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that there is a wide variety of opportunities to be involved in local community issues and affect change</li> <li>• Establish a clear structure of local responsibilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Inclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage interaction between all ages, genders, regions, cultures and social classes</li> <li>• Establish joint relationship with West Loch Tarbert</li> </ul>	<p><b>Access for All</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase amount of all abilities access to walks &amp; A83 pavements</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities to Affect Positive Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community fuel project to address local fuel prices and fuel poverty :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communal fuel buying</li> <li>○ Investigate renewables</li> <li>○ Community Woodland</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rolling or annual review of T&amp;S Community Plan accessible to all online – The 'Living Plan'</li> <li>• Investigate need for Lifeboat/Rescue Boat</li> <li>• Community Resilience Plans for Tarbert AND Skipness</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Inclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for young people to remain and work in the area</li> <li>• Improve public transport connections between local communities</li> <li>• Evaluate Disabled access to Tarbert &amp; Skipness war memorials</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>4</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>	<p>TSCC/ABC/TS.</p> <p>TSCT.</p> <p>TSCT.</p> <p>THA/TLFYC. TSCC/ABC</p> <p>CC/TSCC/TSC T.</p> <p>TSCC/ABC. TSCC/ABC. TSCT/TSCC.</p>	<p>5yrs to make significant increase.</p> <p>6months for feasibility study.</p> <p>6months to implement. 6months. 1yr for initial work.</p> <p>Ongoing .</p> <p>4-5 yrs. 5yrs 6 months.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve local walks (or parts thereof) to 'All Ability' standards</li> </ul>	3	TSCT.	Ongoing.
<b>A GREENER AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY</b> A community that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is self-sustaining</li> <li>Actively cares for and respects the natural and built environment</li> <li>Is able to adequately provide for the current and future population</li> </ul>	<b>Self-Sustaining &amp; Adequate Provision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the use of local businesses and resources</li> <li>Ensure adequate stock of homes and business space</li> <li>Promote the reclamation/redevelopment of vacant properties and brownfield sites over the development of greenfield sites</li> <li>Responsible sourcing of materials, products and produce</li> </ul> <b>Natural and Built Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure responsible use of the natural and built environment be it economically, recreationally or otherwise</li> <li>Ensure the cleanliness of the harbour, shores and surrounding waters</li> <li>Encourage the reduction of household and business waste through recycling, reuse, composting, and energy efficiency</li> <li>Reduce use of cars and carbon emissions</li> <li>Reduce number of unnecessary trips</li> <li>Protect and maintain green spaces</li> <li>Encourage residents, businesses and landowners to keep properties (buildings and landscape) in good order</li> </ul>	<b>Self-Sustaining &amp; Adequate Provision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the use of local produce and seafood</li> <li>Work with local suppliers to develop wood fuel sources to encourage more use of wood fuel</li> <li>Resolve water quality &amp; supply issues to Skipness &amp; Claonaig</li> <li>Educate community to use power responsibly</li> <li>Prepare proposals to achieve resilience within the community</li> </ul> <b>Natural and Built Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-instate community cleaning of beaches</li> </ul>	3  3  2  3 1   2	CC/Retailers/producers. TSCT.   Scottish Water. Alienergy. TSCC/ABC.    TSCT/TSCC/TFYC/THA.	1yr to run campaign. 1yr to organise & implement. 2yrs.          6 months then ongoing

N.B. **Priority 1-4** - 1 being the highest priority and 4 being the lowest.

**The Key Spending Priorities** (i.e. with a 1 priority) are those associated with:-

- The development of an infrastructure that allows the Trust and other community groups to, more effectively, manage their administration and to assist them to find funding (whether it be from the windfarm income or other sources)
- Urgent work that needs doing soon e.g. Community Resilience Plans

**Responsibility (By Whom)** – At this stage these are purely indicative of who might be responsible. Over the next few months some of these will be firmed up as they are discussed & agreed with the other stakeholder groups.

**Timescale** – Again, these are mostly indicative. They will become firmer once the various parties take on the responsibility for the action.

**Glossary :-**

- TSCT Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
- TSCC Tarbert and Skipness Community Council
- TEC Tarbert Enterprise Company
- TFC Tarbert Festivals Committee
- THA Tarbert Harbour Authority



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ABC Argyll and Bute Council  
L&WWC Long and Winding Way Company (Kintyre Way)

### **Glossary (cont.)**

CC Proposed Chamber of Commerce  
VS VisitScotland  
HIE Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
TLFYC Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club  
TS Transport Scotland  
TIC Tourist Information Centre  
TCC Tarbert Castle Trust