

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 7th February 2017 TVH, Tarbert.

Present

Neil McKnight, Jane Cowen, Sheila Campbell, Alan MacDonald, Bob Chicken, Alex Horn, Jim Curnyn, Neil MacCallum, Anne Horn, Robert McPhail

Minute of 10th January 2017

Accepted as a true minute

Apologies

Gwyn Abernethy

Nomination for Chairperson

Bob Chicken resigned his position of chairperson. Robert McPhail, as vice chairperson, took over the chair. He thanked Bob for his contribution as chair and was pleased that he will remain as a director of the Trust.

Nomination for Chairperson - Alan MacDonald

Proposed – Robert McPhail

Seconded – Sheila Campbell

Alan MacDonald was duly elected as chairperson

Resignation of Director

Ali McBride has notified the Trust that she wishes to resign from the Board. The Trust accepts her resignation and recorded thanks for her work on the children's playground and bunkhouse.

Matters Arising not on the agenda

- Jane has written letters to Kenny MacNab and Malcolm McKinnon thanking them for their contribution to the White Shore Path
- A & B Council new Education Strategy, Our Children, Their Futures, was launched on 16th February in Tarbert School. Robert gave input about the school's involvement in the community woodland, orchard and castle

Correspondence

- Community Empowerment day 11th March, Arrochar. Nominees, Neil MacCallum, Jane and Sheila. Robert will forward names to Audrey Baird.
- Insurance premium due. Jane will progress.
- A&B Council New Housing Strategy – Anne will e mail out to directors

Proposed Guidelines for Directors

Jane has drafted a set of guidelines to be adopted by the Trust to avoid confusion between the Trust and other organisations/agencies. The guidelines also look at responsibilities of Directors.

All directors have responsibility to be aware of, and oversee, financial affairs.

Robert has agreed to work with Alex, as a subcommittee, to present joint reports to meetings, that will tie in with the income from Sron Doire and Freasdail. Accounts will be reconciled with the bank statements on a monthly basis. Robert to send Jane the financial accounting proposal. TSCT unanimously approved Robert applying to Bank of Scotland for online access to the bank statements between meetings.

The draft proposal was adopted and Alan and Jane will go through DTAS policies and codes of conduct to adapt and adopt those required by TSCT.

Community Benefit Planning

Robert has prepared papers that provide the basis for disbursement of community benefit.

RES has a non-voting representative position on the Community Benefit Advisory Board.

These papers will be sent on to RES for their agreement. There is not expected to be any great changes so the TSCT Board agreed in principle to accept the Community Benefit Disbursement proposal papers.

Proposed – Anne Horn

Seconded – Sheila Campbell

Proposed Board for the Dissemination of Funds - Neil McKnight, Sheila Campbell and Alex Horn

Proposed – Robert McPhail

Seconded – Anne Horn

A&B Council representative will be decided following local elections in May. A further independent community representative will be invited to join the Dissemination Board.

Development Worker & Business Plan

TSCT will advertise for expressions of interest to deliver a service to the Trust. Alan and Sheila will take this forward in order for the Trust to be ready when finance becomes available.

Regeneration Funding

- Alan prepared information regarding the Barmore Road/ Garvel Road junction for Anna Watkiss that shows that the Harbour Authority has already put in place the infrastructure for the alteration to the junction. The Garvel corner plans are available. On this basis, Anna Watkiss will take it to the next stage to feed into the Regeneration scoring system for reconsideration.
- Robert McPhail declared an interest in the indoor bowling facility – he is helping the Bowling Club with applications for funding.

Planning and Development Day

There have been no responses to the Planning and Development Day programme.

TSCT agreed to have an information session on 2nd March 7-9pm and directors will be available to discuss dissemination of community benefit with organisations from the village.

Jim will prepare leaflet with information about community benefit which will also promote membership of the Trust.

Jane to book Templars' Hall and send out new information and contact Ali regarding the Facebook page.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Finance Alex has provided a spreadsheet with up to date account details contained in minute file.	Alex
Tarbert and Skipness Community Renewables TSR has loaned Sron Doire Wind Farms £140,000 which has resulted in £22,000 in the account as our loan repayment. TSR will repay £9,700 both in February and August to REIF> 1 payment of dividend will be paid annually to TSCT for community benefit. We do not know how much this will be until it is announced.	Bob
Junior Activities Our Children, Their Futures A&B Council policy statement launched in Tarbert on 16 th January. Tarbert Academy has received £12,000 to be used at discretion of head teacher to close the attainment gap. Students now working on skiff.	Neil
Claonaig Bunkhouse Gwyn has prepared a letter for the estate and an update on the bunkhouse to be posted throughout village. Bunkhouse cannot go forward unless water situation is improved. Toilets and entry to Kintyre are still an issue at Claonaig and update/ letter give the opportunity for community to make suggestions to TSCT and Community Council.	Gwyn
TSCT Hub Project Reply from Douglas Hendry included within minute February 2017 file. Alan concerned that it did not answer questions TSCT had raised. TSCT will declare expressions of interest in both the old library and police station as asset transfers or purchase. The old health centre is likely to be put on the market soon.	Jane/Alan
Tarbert and Skipness Paths March work day will be arranged to complete work. Plan for Beach clean early April Jane has forwarded CD to Jolyon Gritten.	Alan

Jane will contact those that completed original survey for their views about the work done.	
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Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 7th March 2017