

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 TVH, Tarbert.**

**Present**

Jane Cowen, Sheila Campbell, Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil MacCallum

**Apologies**

Neil McKnight, Jim Curnyn, Anne Horn, Alex Horn, Gwyn Abernethy, Bob Chicken

**Minute of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Accepted as a true minute

**Matters Arising not on the agenda**

- Neil MacCallum will deliver leaflets along Garvel Road

**Correspondence**

- Tarbert Seafood Festival 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> July TSCT will take a stall for TSCT, TSCC, Jane, Sheila, Robert, Neil and any other volunteers please, from 11am until 4pm.
- Letter from Wm Duncan and Co. offering HMRC Fee Protection Scheme. The Board decided not to pursue this.
- Windy Bus Tour 6<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Notification of Paths for All Money – Robert will look at local paths and draw up a plan of repair.
- Rural Development path improvements - contact Jolyon Gritten

**Proposed Guidelines for Directors**

Director's Code of Conduct accepted unanimously and signed off by Alan on behalf of the Board. All new directors will receive a copy to be signed and returned to Company Secretary.

Roles and Responsibilities accepted unanimously.

Equal Opportunities Policy accepted unanimously. Jane will prepare a Policies folder for these and future additions.

**Development Worker & Business Plan**

Two applications have been received for a freelance/consultancy based administration and development service.

Jane, Sheila, Robert and Alan to meet up last week in April to discuss applications and interview plan.

**Regeneration Funding**

It is unlikely that Regeneration will be discussed at the April Area committee. Jane to contact Anna Watkiss for update.

Alan expressed concern that the Trust and the Community Council are not cohesive regarding regeneration. This could affect the village reputation of being proactive and forward thinking about development and sustainability.

Neil gave an extensive description of how the Community Council had arrived at their plans for Public Realm regeneration project.

Neil attended the Housing Needs surgery on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Housing is seen as crucial to the continued sustainability of the village and is a priority of the Trust. TSCT and TSCC to develop a cohesive approach to this issue.

### Update of Community Plan

The update of the Community Plan will follow the Community Benefit process,

<p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Finance</b>          Alex not present and had not forwarded report to Robert.          Community Empowerment event – A&amp;B Council paid Trust £160 + £54 mileage          Standing Orders for membership will be in bank by 31<sup>st</sup> March.          Up to £2,250 will be taken from Freasdail Community Benefit to a line in the budget for actual expenditure on admin.</p>	<p>Alex/Robert</p>
<p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Renewables</b>          Half yearly accounts for Srondoire are included with the minute file. TSR is thus able to prepare our own half year accounts; the figures are with the accountants and will be prepared for submission to REIF.          The figures look a bit more optimistic than those of the first quarter. Wind generation has been at or above the forecast for this year but the income generated is still lower than that assumed in the financial model.           Srondoire has released dividends to the Trust of £4062.50 which, when added to the rates relief given directly to each trust shows a total of £7,087.50 against a budgeted figure of £5,449. This is on top of the loan repayments that they have paid to TSR.           CARES have written to us informing us that the River Avich hydro project by Awesome Energy Dalriada is in the final stages of development and they plan to start building in May 2017. They are currently running a Community Share Offer aiming to raise £400,000 towards the costs of this 350kW, £1.5m project. The offer is open until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. TSCT is not interested in investing in the Avich hydro project.   <b>Force 9 Airaigh</b>          There was a meeting between the representatives of the Airaigh wind farm project and the Trust; Jane, Alan, Sheila and Neil MacCallum attending on behalf of the Trust.</p>	<p>Bob</p>

<p>Airaigh will return to the Trust with a memorandum of understanding regarding receipt of Community Benefit from the Airaigh project by the Trust. The memorandum of understanding will be in the form of a joint investment entity between West Kintyre, South Knapdale and Tarbert and Skipness.</p> <p>Both West Kintyre and South Knapdale benefit when Tarbert and Skipness communities spend money to support sustainability as Tarbert is their location for schools, health services, bank and shops.</p>	
<p><b>Filling Station</b> THA advised that it would be easier for them to acquire the land than the Trust. HIE will offer support THA.</p>	THA
<p><b>Junior Activities</b> No report this month</p>	Neil
<p><b>TSCT Hub Project</b> EOI for library and police station have been received and acknowledged. For Asset Transfer to go ahead the project must be an income generator and not rely completely on grants for the future income.</p>	Jane/Alan
<p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Paths</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> April date of next work party and Beach Clean</p>	Alan/Jane

**AOCB**

- Kenny MacNab has requested a Trust representative join the Clyde Fishing Forum

**Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017