

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 TVH, Tarbert.**

**Present**

Jane Cowen, Sheila Campbell, Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil MacCallum, Neil McKnight, Alex Horn, Ann Horn, Bob chicken

**Apologies**

Jim Curnyn, Anne Horn, Alex Horn, Gwyn Abernethy.

**In Attendance**

Hans Kok – Viking Festival

Hans Kok explained that A&B Council is interested in developing the Viking Festival as a bigger, bi-annual attraction along Loch Fyne.

Such a festival would be delivered by a professional company at a cost of £250,000 and would involve community groups along Loch Fyne developing their own Viking events. On the Sunday of the festival 2017 representatives from Norway and Sweden Viking Festivals will meet with Tarbert members to discuss future links.

The 2017 festival will be surveyed to identify numbers attending the festival, where they come from and how much is spent.

The Viking Festival is not seeking funding but rather TSCT could organise the portage event. Given our current commitments this was seen as beyond our capabilities but we can be supportive via links to the skiff and heritage agenda.

It was also suggested that, as a festival, the Viking Festival should link up with the Festival's Committee.

Hans was thanked for his contribution to the meeting

**Minute of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Accepted as a true minute

**Matters Arising not on the agenda**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Tarbert Festivals**

Report from Robert regarding meeting with John Hardie enclosed with minute file.

Robert recommends that TSCT should support Tarbert Festivals from Community Benefit dividend – with the Trust credited with support

**Proposed Guidelines for Directors**

No report this month

### **Development Worker & Business Plan**

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

Interviews 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> June – to be confirmed

Jane will amend costings for part time worker.

### **Regeneration Funding**

This was not discussed at the April Area Committee. There is no May committee so the next will be June.

The April minute discussed concerns over the channels of communication between the Trust and Community Council over the Regeneration programme. The process started last year but the scoring process was not communicated to the village organisations. Notwithstanding this groups in the village need to try and work closer together.

Bob, on behalf of the Community council admitted that the Community Council needs to be more focussed and more organised.

The Community Council supports:

- upgrading of the Garvel Road junction in principle
- townscape development, concentrating on delivering parking spaces
- the development of an indoor bowling facility

### **Community Benefit Dispersal and update of Community Plan**

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

- The Community Benefit Dispersal Process will be launched on 5<sup>th</sup> May with e mails to all who attended Information Day, local posters and advertisement in local press
- Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Decisions by 31<sup>st</sup> July
- Bob will confirm representatives from THA and CC
- Representative from Freasdale to be invited to all dispersal meetings
- There is room for 1 more independent representative.

<b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Finance</b> Updated financial report included with the May 2017 minute file. £510 membership has been received and postal memberships are still being received.	Alex/Robert
<b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Renewables</b> Update is included with the May 2017 minute file.  It is likely that TSCT will receive a small dividend from Sron Doire this year.  Cour Windfarm – Gwyn reported that Cour Wind Farm - Blue Energy, are considering using community benefit to upgrade the water supply on the east coast of Kintyre where there is no public water supply. TSCT welcomes this decision and gives support to this use	Bob

of community benefit.	
<p><b>Junior Activities</b>  Minibus has arrived – a community resource as long as driver has D1 qualification on driving licence or has undertaken relevant training. Cost £79 per day + fuel.</p>	Neil
<p><b>TSCT Hub Project</b>  E mail received from David Rennie; the library has now gone on the market and it can be sold despite an expression of interest from the Trust. This is legal but not in the spirit of the law.  Our choices are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Late registration of Community Right to Buy</li> <li>2. Report and Complaint to Communities Minister</li> <li>3. Carry on with application to Council and request sight of title deed of library</li> <li>4. Find somewhere else eg Fishermen’s Co-op</li> </ol> <p>Whatever we choose it must have a high level of self-funding</p>	Jane/Alan
<p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Paths</b>  <b>White Shore</b>  30 people including 10 children turned up for beach clean – very successful. Report has been sent to GRAB Trust, Advertiser and put on website.  New steps were also made for path.</p> <p><b>Rights of Way Paths</b>  Survey of local paths included with May 2017 minutes. Signposting would be useful but all paths would need to be upgraded. This can be done relatively easily and Robert proposed starting with 2 or 3 of these to progress.</p> <p><b>West loch Path</b>  Bear has produced feasibility study for a shared cycle/pedestrian route from Carrick to Kennacraig. Report is contained with May 2017 minute file.  This is beyond the means and scope of the Trust and needs to be done officially as it will be alongside the trunk road. Douglas Grierson is the Council contact who has successfully brought Sustrans money into the area.</p>	Alan/Jane

**AOCB**

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May Windy Bus Tour

**Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017