

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 6th June 2017 TVH, Tarbert.

Present

Jane Cowen, Sheila Campbell, Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil MacCallum, Bob Chicken, Gwyn Abernethy

Apologies

Neil McKnight Anne Horn, Alex Horn,

In Attendance

Dave McBride, T & S Community Council

The Community Council is looking for support to take the West Loch Path forward. Referring to the A83 feasibility study between Carrick and Escart completed by BEAR Dave said that progress of the joint pedestrian and cycle path was too large for the Community Council to progress itself.

TSCT said this project must be done professionally. The BEAR feasibility study has been sent to Douglas Grierson of A&B Council. The Trust is currently awaiting a response.

To develop the project the community, including the cycling community, must show support.

Our task is to keep the project in the forefront by:

- Putting pressure on Sustrans to upgrade the route
- Petitioning cycling clubs for their support
- Emphasising benefits to Tarbert of having a safe walking and cycling route to and from the village
- Getting Cal Mac to support the project

Minute of 2nd May 2017

Minute amended to reflect better the intentions of Blue Energy, Cour Windfarm

Matters Arising not on the Agenda

None

Correspondence

- E mail from Gina Chicken to form a group of TSCT, TSCC, THA and TEC meeting 1-2 times a year to discuss emerging projects, agree overlaps, and feed into Community Plan. Robert and Alan to attend from the Trust
- 15th June 1.30-3.30pm LEADER drop in information session in TALC

Development Worker & Business Plan

Interviews on Thursday 8th June.

A freelance contract will be offered up until December and the work covered will support community groups regarding planning, funding, safeguarding and

governance. An inventory of groups will be produced identifying any gaps the Trust may need to address.

The worker will also take over the administration of the Community Benefit Dispersal and updating the Community Plan

Regeneration Funding

The Board discussed the housing situation in Tarbert:

- Robin Currie is the Convener for Housing in the new administration
- ACHA is currently scoping the area for 3-4 bedroom houses. Alan has identified 7 families looking for 3 bedroom houses.
- McLeods are keen to develop in Tarbert and have plans already complete
- Alan will continue to pursue ACHA and the Council for facts about the current situation

Regeneration meeting will now take place in June

A&B Council's Sustainable Communities Initiative which may be of interest- <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2017/jun/don%E2%80%99t-miss-out-share-%C2%A350000> £50,000 available for local environmental improvements (after £100,000 top sliced for dog wardens) Closing date 31st July.

Community Benefit Dispersal and update of Community Plan

Update included with minute file.

17 applications

Advisory panel meeting Tuesday 13th at 4.30pm to discuss process. Council representative still to be nominated.

Assessment meeting to be held before end of June to report to TSCT meeting of 11th July.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Finance Updated financial report included with the June 2017 minute file. Bob reported that the Community Council has £5.000 in account and proposes that is passed on to TSCT as a restricted amount to be used as cash flow/seed corn support to projects, always to be repaid to the restricted fund.	Alex/Robert
Tarbert and Skipness Community Renewables 30 th June meeting approved accounts to 28 th February 2017. Next income is due in August and currently we have enough to pay our accounts and repay loan to REIF. John Hardie, treasurer TST Ltd. wants TSR Ltd to be in good financial shape before generous dividend.	Bob
Filling Station HIE have advised Tarbert Harbour Authority that the Trust is the appropriate body to purchase land through the Scottish Land Fund. THA will liaise with the Trust.	

<p>Junior Activities No report this month</p>	
<p>TSCT Hub Project As the process rumbles on with the Council together with heavy hints that we should purchase the property instead of a transfer, the Trust decided to withdraw interest in the building. After re-focussing the project to employ a freelance worker, who, through her contact with, and support to local groups, will raise the profile of the Trust it was decided that a building was not required at this time. The Trust will continue to pursue acquiring window space to use as trust notice board. The Heritage project will be pursued, potentially through Ring Net Heritage Group.</p>	Jane/Alan
<p>Tarbert and Skipness Paths No update this month</p>	Alan/Robert

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- Check minute for date when internet banking was agreed

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11th July 2017