

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held  
on 1<sup>st</sup> August  
2017 TVH, Tarbert.**

**Present**

Jane Cowen, Sheila Campbell, Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil MacCallum, Neil McKnight, Alex Horn, Ann Horn, Nicky Brown

**Apologies**

Jim Curnyn, Gwyn Abernethy, Bob Chicken

Alan welcomed Nicky Brown to the meeting. Nicky has been working with the Advisory Group.

**Airigh Wind Farm**

Alan introduced Nick McKay from Force 9 and Steven Park from Liberty 1 Communications to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with proposed Airigh Wind Farm.

Airigh Wind farm project was scoped with the Scottish Government last autumn. This is a Section 36 Application because it is bigger than 50 megawatts. Application and will be with Scottish Government by August 2018 with planning decision by the end of 2018.

Questions were taken on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

1. Appropriate community bodies will be able to invest post construction. Alan asked why tax would be deducted from community benefit prior to share of dividends if that community benefit was re-invested into the Trust.  
Nick McKay will respond to Alan.
2. What are the multipliers on capitalising Community Benefit?  
Nick McKay will respond to Alan.
3. Tarbert act as a hub for West Kintyre and South Knapdale and could Tarbert and Skipness receive a larger percentage of community benefit by demonstrating the involvement of people from the other appropriate communities in Tarbert services and activities. Nicky is currently analysing data from the first round of community benefit dispersal and will forward this to Steven.

Nick said currently there are many uncertainties; at the point of investment many factors will need to be taken into account.

Force 9 offer £1,500 for communities that require advice at this stage.

Local Energy Scotland will support communities to purchase more specific advice one planning has been agreed and the project is under way.

Nick McKay explained that there had been a request from West Kintyre Development Trust that rather than having 1 MOU combining both community

benefit and ownership, it is separated into 2 separate MOUs. Nick has prepared 2 MOUs, one of which makes no reference to capitalising community benefit as a source of capital for ownership. Alan requested a caveat in the community benefit only MOU that TSCT can use the community benefit, it does not have to be an annual allowance only. Nick and Steven were thanked for their attendance and time.

### **Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Accepted as true minutes.

### **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Development Worker and Business Plan.**

### **Regeneration Funding**

Awaiting response from Anna Watkiss

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

Sixteen grants were approved and groups informed. To date 11 groups returned signed acceptances.

Cheques have been prepared and will be sent out this week.

Nicky has prepared press release for the Argyllshire Advertiser. Copy of press release and grants information spreadsheet to be sent to Callum Whiteford of RES.

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| <p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Finance</b><br/> Updated financial report included with the August 2017 minute file.<br/> Administration of benefit fund - £2,250 to be paid to TSCT from benefit fund for benefit administration</p>  | <p>Alex/Robert</p> |
| <p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Community Renewables</b><br/><br/> Most recent Management Accounts in August 2017 minute file.<br/><br/> There is £25,338 in the bank account.<br/> During August 2017 we are due to pay REIF £6,164 of interest and £9,693 of capital, in total £15,857.<br/> SWF, by August, may pay us the interest due on our loan to them of approximately £5,313 and the capital of £7,009.<br/> We therefore have sufficient to meet our August 2017 commitments to REIF.</p> |                    |

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| <p><b>Filling Station</b><br/>Awaiting decision from owner regarding purchase of the former filling station. Alan will speak to THA.</p>  |             |
| <p><b>Junior Activities</b><br/>No report this month</p>  |             |
| <p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Paths</b><br/>West Loch Path: Douglas Grierson's reply regarding building the Sustrans link said that he only deals with local community proposals. Strong argument that the West Loch path has a community connection from the holiday park to Tarbert and would offer a safe walking route to Tarbert for visitors to boost economy of the village.<br/>Malcolm MacDonald is progressing his part of the footpath, hoping by doing so the other land owner will be persuaded to allow the path alongside his land.<br/>TSCT is not a partner to the development of the Sustrans route and refers it back to Community Council.</p> <p><b>White Shore Path</b><br/>Work party to be held.</p> | Alan/Robert |

#### **AOCB**

- Jane to write to Community Council regarding update on the Community Resilience Plan
- Community Plan refers to Harbour Interpretation Boards. Shemaron Ring Net Heritage Trust has grant for a board. The Ring Net Heritage Trust is also preparing a Heritage Lottery application.
- Community Action Plan due to be updated. Jane will circulate plan.
- AGM 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Alan will write an open letter to The Advertiser regarding poor grass cutting, parking areas and recycling area.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017