

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held  
on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 TVH Tarbert**

**Present**

Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil McKnight, Jim Curnyn, Bob Chicken, Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, Sam Mckee, Anne Horn, Neil McKnight, Neil MacCallum, Aex Horn.

**Apologies**

Gwyn Abernethy

**In Attendance**

Nicky Brown

**Election of Office Bearers**

As this is the first meeting since the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October office bearers were elected

Chair Person

Nominated – Alan Mac Donald

Proposed – Robert McPhail

Seconded \_ Nicky Brown

Vice Chair person

Nominated – Robert McPhail

Seconded – Alex Horn

Treasurer and Secretary are not directors and remain the same.

**Co-option of Director**

Sam McKee was nominated as new co-opted Director

Proposal – unanimous

Alan welcomed Sam to the Board

**Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

Accepted as true minutes.

**Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising

**Correspondence**

- University of the West of Scotland is carrying out research into Development Trust's experience of the Community Empowerment Act. Jane will contact for more information.
- Airigh Wind Farm MOU for investment has been received. Jane, Bob and Alan will meet to discuss

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

There was a Trust visit to Freasdail wind farm. Directors were told that there is an underspend in Local Energy Discount (LED) that will result in a further payment of Community Benefit to the Trust at a future date.

## Development Worker and Business Plan.

Report included in minute file.

- Forest Friends – Meetings at school involving school staff, parents have resulted in a Forest Friend Action and availability plan. Foundation Scotland Application to be prepared to support community involvement in Forest Schools. If application is successful volunteers require to be PVG checked by the Trust. Jim is link person from Trust to Forest Schools.
- Nicky is researching Community Shares looking at future opportunities with Visit Scotland building
- Jane and Alan to meet with Nicky to go over Community Plan update.
- Leader Application for Development Worker rejected. We can re-submit but need a different angle.

## Regeneration Funding

Meeting was held between stakeholder in plans for Tarbert Regeneration. Anna Watkiss wants to form a working group with the community to progress the 2 Tarbert Schemes, Barmore Road junction and harbour development. Alan will represent the Trust on the working group.

## DTAS meeting re Visit Scotland Property

- Trust Directors met with Ian Leaver from DTAS regarding Visit Scotland Property. Visit Scotland wants to dispose of properties but they are not a body that can do transfers. It is possible that the Scottish Government owns the properties and they can transfer.
- All local tourist organisations across Argyll, Lomond and the Trossachs etc have a clause that, should the organisation fold, the property will divert to an organisation with similar interests.
- The Trust is against the closure of Visit Scotland but thinks that the Community Council should lead the protest by bringing groups together to establish what they want in its place
- Alan proposed that we keep in touch with DTAS and, at least, keep the doors open.
- The Trust needs to look at the potential use of the building and prepare a business plan. We can use heritage plans that have already been prepared.

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| <b>Financial report</b>  |            |
| <b>General account - End Sept</b>                              |            |
| General funds in account - £8,384.59                           | Restricted |
| Funds - £9,500.00 cash flow                                    |            |
| Total balance - £17,884.59                                     |            |
| Comment – Balance includes restricted funds for support worker |            |

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| <p><b>Community Benefit Account</b></p> <p>No changes</p> <p>Funds donated 2017 Freasdale £ 22550.00<br/>Srondoire £ 0</p> <p>Total balance £2870.00</p> <p>Committed resources £625.00</p> <p>Available resources Freasdale £2,245.00.00<br/>Srondoire £0</p> <p>Comment – Only one grant payment not through bank account – Tarbert Parent Council has apparently lost cheque. Alex will cancel previous cheque and issue another</p>                            |          |
| <p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Renewables Ltd</b><br/>No update this month.</p>  | Bob      |
| <p><b>Junior Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Friends – Meetings at school involving school staff, parents have resulted in a Forest Friend Action and availability plan.<br/>Foundation Scotland Application to be prepared to support community involvement in Forest Schools. If application is successful volunteers require to be PVG checked by the Trust.<br/>Jim is link person from Trust to Forest Schools.</li> </ul> | Neil McK |
| <p><b>Filling Station</b><br/>No change, owner is not willing to sell</p>  | Alan     |
| <p><b>Tarbert Paths</b><br/>White Shore path – There has been a bit of deterioration on one of the wooden bridges. Alan will organise a work party.</p>  | Alan     |

### **AOCB**

- Robert reported that Anne McLachlan passed away at the weekend. Anne devoted endless hours volunteering at the Castle and she will be sadly missed
- Jim will re-appraise the text of the Trust leaflet and pass on to Anne for printing at Kilmory

- Argyll and Bute Council is changing how it distributes its Supporting Communities Fund (formerly the Third Sector Grants).  
The fund is open to community groups including community councils and parent councils.  
Projects can receive up to a maximum of £2,500.  
A website has been created specifically for the fund: [www.abpb.co.uk](http://www.abpb.co.uk)  
Groups are encouraged to post their ideas for projects between **now and 22 December 2017**, to let their communities know what they would do with the money and how it would benefit the area. The ideas website allows people to see the ideas being proposed, ask questions to find out more, offer suggestions to help shape the ideas and provide feedback to groups before they submit a funding application.  
This year, applications will be decided by participatory budgeting. This means that officers will score applications and recommend a list to councillors who will agree which projects will go forward to a public vote. Members of the public will have the final say on which projects receive funding through a vote in April 2018.

**Date of Next Meeting** 5th December 2017.