

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 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, Alex Horn

**Apologies**

Alex Horn, Anne Horn, Nicky Brown.

**Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Accepted as true minutes.

**Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

- University of the West of Scotland Survey on Community Empowerment Act is fully subscribed and TSCT will not be participating
- Airigh Wind Farm MOU – Our questions have not been fully answered. Alan will contact Steven Park and re-present the questions

**Correspondence**

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

A Community Benefit Advisory Group meeting will be held early in the New Year to review 2017 benefit disposal and any proposals for 2018 benefit disposal.

**Development Worker and Business Plan.**

Nicky's work package finished on 17<sup>th</sup> November and Nicky has submitted he final report and invoice.

Questions arose as to whether or not the contract had been complied with and Alan, Jane and Sheila were asked to follow this up and request further information before final payment was made.

**Highland's Small Community Housing Trust**

Ronnie McCrae, facilitator, from Highland's Small Community Housing Trust met with members of the Board.

The Highland's Small Community Housing Trust is looking at mixed development e.g. including sports fields as well as housing.

He advises that:

- TSCT would not have to be a Housing Association
- The Government land reform policies enables his organisation to behave with openness and flexibility
- TSCT could develop disparate sites
- Rural Housing Fund will allow us to buy land
- Any future housing developed by the Trust can have a Rural Housing burden placed on the title deeds to ensure the property remains affordable, and not able to be passed on as a holiday home
- Compulsory purchase is now easier.

Alan suggests that all Board members look at potential sites and bring to the next meeting to develop our plans/packages.

Some sites in Tarbert were identified in the previous Local Plan and the Community Council is recommending that these sites are not removed.

### **Regeneration Funding**

Minute of Meeting of 31-10-17 included with minute file

Tarbert projects being taken to next stage are Barmore/Garvel road Junction and Tarbert Harbour Authority projects development.

The principal working group with A & B Council will include Alan MacDonald from TSCT, Pauline Laycock from THA and Community Council contact to be conformed

### **DTAS meeting re Visit Scotland Property**

Heart of Argyll are taking the lead on this.

TSCT Has received annual property costs of the Visit Scotland Office. There is potential for TSCT to operate the VS office as a community based commercial/information business. We require more information and a business plan and will keep in contact with Heart of Argyll.

Sam agreed to prepare questionnaire to be distributed to businesses to appraise what they want/do not want.

<p><b>Financial report – copy included in Minute file</b></p> <p><b>Financial Report to Directors Date</b> 05/12/17</p> <p><b>General account</b> - End Nov</p> <p>General funds in account - £22,689.79 (see below) Restricted Funds - £9,500.00 cash flow</p> <p>Total balance - £32,189.79 (see below)</p> <p>Comment – Balance and general funds include restricted funds for support worker and £15K from TSR which an agreed amount will become part of community benefit funds. TSCT board to make decision.</p> <p><b>Community Benefit Account</b></p> <p>No changes</p> <p>Funds donated 2017 Freasdale £ 22550.00 Srondoire £ 0 (See note above)</p> <p>Total balance £2245,00</p>	
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<p>Committed resources £0</p> <p>Available resources      Freasdale £2,245.00.00 Srondoire £0</p> <p>Comment – Tarbert Parent Council new cheque cashed</p> <p>Treasurer Alex Horn and Director Robert McPhail</p> <p>£15,000 dividend has been received from Sron Doire. This will remain in TSCT main account with £1,500 retained for management costs</p>	
<p><b>Tarbert and Skipness Renewables Ltd</b> 07-11-17 Meeting TSR Ltd. £15,000 dividend has been received from Sron Doire. TSR has enough funds to cover repayments for the next year.</p>	Bob
<p><b>Junior Activities</b> More trees have arrived and are being planted by students. PDA students also helping build new sheep shed.</p>	Neil McK
<p><b>Filling Station</b> No change</p>	Alan
<p><b>Tarbert Paths</b> Paths For All has increased to £3,000 for routes that will let people walk rather than use cars..</p>	Alan

## **AOCB**

**Date of Next Meeting**    9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to everybody