

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 TVH Tarbert**

**1. Present**

Alan MacDonald, Robert McPhail, Neil McKnight, Jim Curnyn, Bob Chicken, Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, Anne Horn, Neil McKnight, Neil MacCallum, Alex Horn

**2. Apologies**

Bob Chicken, Jim Curnyn, Sam McKee

**MBE For Robert**

On behalf of the Trust Alan congratulated Robert on his receipt of the MBE. The whole board concurred.

**3. Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Accepted as true minutes.

**4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

- Highland Small Community Housing Trust – Anne will try and get a map from the Council to mark up potential sites for Alan to list. Invite Consultant to Trust meeting. Cost £600 + expenses

**5. Correspondence**

- Airigh MOU. Steven Park, Liberty 1 Solutions, is keen for the Trust to sign the MOU for investment before the application goes to the Planning Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Trust agreed to sign MOU before that date and the MOU for receipt of Community Benefit. Local Energy Scotland will offer advice on the investment MOU. The Trust will take up this offer.
- Gwyn Abernethy has resigned from the Trust with immediate effect. Jane to write to Gwyn thanking her for her contribution over the years to the Trust.
- An Expression of Interest has been made to 2018 Strengthening Communities Fund managed through DTAS.
- Culture & Business Fund – looking at commercial interest in the Arts.

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

Sheila will arrange meeting of Community Benefit Advisory Group. Discussion to include the difference between Community Benefit received from Freasdail and income/dividend from our investment in Sron Doire.

**7. Development Worker and Business Plan.**

A letter was sent to Nicky requesting information on community contacts and issues to be potentially followed up by the Trust. There has been no reply. Follow up letter to be sent.

## 8. Regeneration Funding

No update and no partnership meetings since last meeting

## 9. Visit Scotland Property

Alan has produced an Appraisals Option for the Visit Scotland Office. Disposal of the office currently points to acquisition by a community body. The Trust will look at appraisals and prepare ourselves over the next 1-2 years before the office closes.

Heritage interpretation should be high profile. Heritage Lottery Fund will be approached to advise us on what works well elsewhere.

Sam has agreed to develop a questionnaire to be used as a first part of a public consultation.

## 10. TSCT Digital Presence

We will discuss our level of presence with Sam plus what she is needing us to put up

Training available through A&B Business Gateway

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| <p><b>Financial report – copy included in Minute file</b></p> <p><b>Financial Report to Directors Date</b> 09/01/18</p> <p><b>General account</b> - End DEC</p> <p>General funds in account - £21999.99 (see below)<br/>Restricted Funds - £9,500.00 cash flow</p> <p>Total balance - £31,499.99 ( 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. When £13500 transferred to benefit account ( IE £15K – 10% TSCT O/H) general funds will be <b>£8499.99</b></p> <p><b>Community Benefit Account</b></p> <p>No changes</p> <p>Funds donated 2017 Freasdail £ 22550.00<br/>Srondoire £ 0 (See note above)</p> <p>Total balance £2245,00</p> <p>Committed resources £0</p> <p>Available resources Freasdail £2,245.00.00</p> |  |
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| <p>Srondoire £0</p> <p>Comment – £13,500 to be transferred to benefit account. Benefit account will then contain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefit from donation source (Freasdail with procedure in place to administer grants but directors to advise Sheila before 2018 applications launched on how much we will make available for distribution this year.)</li> <li>• Benefit from investment source – recommend that this stays in account at present as we have a number of possible projects which will need funds to progress IE fees to take land or building purchases forward or some progress on Rights of Way upgrades. If REIF ask for report on what we are doing with it we can explain situation.</li> </ul> <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><br/>No update this month</p>   | Bob      |
| <p><b>Junior Activities</b><br/>7 new volunteers for Forest Schools<br/>PDA Students working very well at castle and developing new skills.<br/>There is interest from school in the bee keeping course.<br/>1 student is feeding sheep as part of his DOE Award</p>   | Neil McK |
| <p><b>Filling Station</b><br/>No update</p>  | Alan     |
| <p><b>Tarbert Paths</b><br/>Paths For All application will be made for Bruce Hill/Castle Path<br/>White Shore Path is needing attention</p>  | Alan     |

## 12. AOCB

- Skipness School going out for consultation. Skipness looking for it as community hub, meeting room, shop etc

- Original leaflet appears to have been lost but content is still on a computer. Content needs to be reviewed.
- Argyll 190 motorcycle route produced by Road Safety Unit puts a motorcycle route on 2 Sustrans route. Jane to ask CC if consultation was carried out.
- 2018 is 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day. Could War memorial be lit up? Anne to contact councillor with responsibility for memorials and get back to the Trust

**Date of Next Meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018