

**Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Minute of Board meeting held
on 3rd April 2018 TVH Tarbert**

Present

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

Apologies

Neil McKnight

Minutes of 6th March 2018

Accepted as true minute of the meeting

Matters Arising not on the Agenda

There were no matters arising

Correspondence

- Fiona Hyslop MSP has replied regarding the VS office
- Donna Hamilton has replaced Callum Whiteford as our representative at RES. Thanks to Callum for his work with us,

Airigh Wind Farm

Update meeting on 8th March.

Following the Council recommendation to refuse planning there has been no progress. The proposal is now with the Scottish Government and the next likely step is a public enquiry.

Community Benefit Dispersal and update of Community Plan

Public meeting on 24th April to follow same format as 2017.

Promotion will be to all applicants and enquirers last year, Trust membership, through Facebook, website and local press.

Jane and Sheila met again with Angus Robertson re Cour/Blue Energy Community Benefit. TSCT Is comfortable with all money going to 1 pot for the 3 defined areas and, following a local advisory meeting of representatives of the 3 areas BESC I will make the final decision.

Community Plan update approved and will be placed on website.

Tarbert and Skipness Housing.

Highland Small Communities Housing Trust have been asked to prepare a quote for their work based on the Housing Needs Survey and additional information that is required to identify the housing need in Tarbert and Skipness.

This has been slightly delayed.

Regeneration Funding

No change. Remove from agenda until there is some movement

Tarbert and Skipness Renewables Ltd

Report for Board Meeting 3.April 2018:-

- Bank balance on 1. March £15,170
- All loan payments to REIF have been made up to date
- We expect a late loan capital payment from SWF of £7k (It is probably there now)
- The next payment to REIF (£16k) is due in August
- We are expecting an early dividend payment of around £15k shortly
- The next TSR board meeting will be as soon as we have the accounts for 2017/18

Junior Activities

Linda McPhail is leaving and this will be a huge loss as she has worked well with the Trust to encourage students' involvement in community projects.

Pre-dig outside scheduled area in June, Robert will request students for a whole morning.

Castle Trust is now registered with PVG. Initially Jane, Sheila and Robert will be checked. Others to follow.

Tarbert Paths

Cour Community Benefit will be approached for path from Brucehill down to Castle steps

AOCB

- Network Bulletin has praised Robert for his MBE award
- Strengthening Communities – we have made a successful application and will receive:
Equivalent of 1 FTE worker for a year plus overheads, office and recruitment costs
Jane, Robert and Alan to meet to discuss response to DTAS/Scottish Government regarding offer
- Ian Leaver DTAS has looked at our M&As and there is a small change required regarding numbers of elected and co-opted directors. Proposal to change will be made at AGM.
- Beach Clean – Sam will provide coffee and teas at Beach Clean and invoice Trust.

Date of Next Meeting 1st May 2018

