

TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING (held on Zoom)
Wednesday, 5 May 2021

Present

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, James Hamilton, Wilma MacKenzie, Alistair Wilkie, John Rushton, Lorna Rushton, Alex Horn, Tim James

In Attendance

Lorna Gillies, Catherine Jane McCaffery, David Smart

Apologies

No apologies

Minute of Meeting on 14 April, 2021

Covid-19. Reporting should have read Jane and Lorna not Alistair and Lorna. Report has now been completed.

Matters Arising

Email to Council for Rural Tourism Grant regarding signage, parking and town map has been repeatedly returned as undeliverable.

Correspondence

- Email received from Adam Ardrey regarding historical research. Agreed to reply – thank you but not available for meeting.
- Bill McHugh has emailed Land Reform regarding community purchase of Skipness shop. Agreed that investigations must first be carried out with the community and then discussions with the Trust could follow. Bill has agreed to take this forward.
- EKREG meeting minutes received. Concern that future windfarm developments would not provide community benefit or opportunities for shared ownership. A letter has been sent to the media which has already generated interest.
- MAKI Area Community Planning Group minutes of latest meeting received. Anyone who wishes a copy to contact Jane.
- Community Council has received a quote for £70,500 for the installation of a replica Victorian fountain.

Community Benefit Dispersal

Applications are open for the month of May. An advert has been placed in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Facebook and Instagram. Sheila and CJ will organise collation of applications.

Tarbert Life

It is impossible to prevent downloading pictures from the website but it has now been made much more difficult to carry out. Google Analytics now being used on the website but it will take a few months to build up information.

The information boards on Marine Life and Churches have now been added to the website. The remaining information boards will follow. The Cenotaph Committee have collated information which will be forwarded to Alistair for inclusion on the website to co-inside with the centenary.

An application to Freasdale for financial assistance with any survey and legal costs that would be needed should a suitable premise become available was discussed. It was agreed that it was better to be prepared and to proceed with the application.

Tarbert & Skipness Housing

Alistair had distributed information relating to the sale of the Escart Estate prior to the meeting. Prior to applying to the Scottish Land Fund for a grant to purchase any land for housing needs it is necessary to show the support of the community. Alistair has compiled a sheet for signatures and David will compile an information leaflet. These will be distributed to Directors for collection of signatures. It was reinforced that time was of the essence here to enable TSCT to register as 'a person of interest.' The land concerned has previously been granted planning permission and is still shown on the local plan. If successful, advice will be available from other Agencies that will become involved.

TSCT has a meeting arranged with Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council on 11/5/21.

The Trust has been awarded a grant of £24,000 from Crown Estate Scotland to recruit someone to work on the housing project.

Alex proposed a new Director to support this project but was referred to the minutes of the previous meeting where it was agreed not to introduce further Directors until the AGM. Alex also said that Fiona Jean Arnot has offered to help with survey work.

Covid-19

Money remaining from SLF, STV and the wind farms will fund the purchase of the chrome books for the school. There is £2,700 left within the Scottish Government funding – it was agreed that Jane would seek authorisation to use £1,500 of this to support the village hall with the purchase of a heater and excess electricity used because the doors were required to be open. Any remaining monies require to be used by the end of May.

Investing in Communities

No feedback yet from DTAS regarding additional funding. CJ will be leaving at the end of June.

Digital Update

Agreed to continue to use PureWestMedia. Jane, Alistair and Lorna would check funding for this

Financial Report

Reports attached. Money has been received to fund the White Shore path repairs, installation of bike racks and benches.

Tarbert & Skipness Renewables

EKREG meeting – see under Correspondence

AOCB

- Cllr Horn has been informed that the war memorial will be cleaned and re-lettered prior to the centenary.
- Building of houses at Oakhill due to start.
- UK Community Renewal Fund – meeting being held on 7/5/21 with TSCT, Tarbert Harbour Authority, Tarbert Community Council and John Hardie to discuss ideas for an application.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 2 June 2021 by Zoom

TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDS STATEMENT AS AT 30/04/2021
RECONCILIATION A

	TSCT No.1	TSCT No.2
Opening Balance	£32,091.31	£47,662.75
Adjustments	£67,008.81	£18,569.50
Closing Balance 25/02/2021	£99,100.12	£66,232.25
Overall Balance	£165,332.37	

Funding Stream	Income	Transfer from Other Funds	Transfer to Other Funds	Expenditure	Balance	Comments
*Covid-19	£29,107.00	£1,340.00	-£2,022.00	-£23,343.12	£5,081.88	See Reconciliation B for breakdown
Scottish Land Fund	£4,280.00		-£1,340.00	-£300.00	£2,640.00	Balance £2,640.00 spent in financial year 2019/20 (DM Hall)
Corra Foundation	£4,765.00			-£4,765.00	£0.00	See Reconciliation B for breakdown
Team Tarbert	£3,345.00				£3,345.00	
Paths for All	£1,500.00				£1,500.00	
Community Asset Purchases	£38,168.41			-£17,578.70	£20,589.71	
RES Freasdale	£53,495.25		-£3,493.25	-£30,370.00	£19,632.00	Transfer to TSCT Funds
Srondoire Wind Farm	£54,100.00		-£7,500.00		£46,600.00	Transfer to TSCT Funds (£2,500.00) and Tarbert Life Project (£5,000.00)
Investing in Communities	£43,296.85			-£28,766.36	£14,530.49	2020/21 Budget: Development Worker current underspend -£1,225.69, Admin Workers underspend -£5,723.48, Overheads underspend -£3,262.47.
Tarbert Life Project	£9,167.09	£7,022.00		-£2,043.27	£14,145.82	
TSCT Reserve Fund	£9,500.00				£9,500.00	
Community Learning Exchange	£1,232.30			-£1,287.40	-£55.10	
Total Restricted Funds	£251,956.90	£8,362.00	-£14,355.25	-£108,453.85	£137,509.80	
TSCT Funds	£12,570.61	£5,993.25		-£1,791.29	£16,772.57	
Membership Fees	£850.00				£850.00	
Gift Aid	£200.00				£200.00	
Argyll and Bute Council	£10,000.00				£10,000.00	
Total Unrestricted Funds	£23,620.61	£5,993.25	£0.00	-£1,791.29	£27,822.57	
Total Funds	£275,577.51	£14,355.25	-£14,355.25	-£110,245.14	£165,332.37	

*Covid-19 Income includes:	
Cour - Fern Community Fund	£2,500.00
Force 9 Energy	£1,000.00
Scottish Govern. Res. Fund	£23,607.00
STV Appeal	£2,000.00
	£29,107.00

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Covid-19 Funding

RECONCILIATION B

	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
Electricity and telephone	£1,650.00	-£1,215.03	£434.97
Insurance	£300.00		£300.00
DTAS (Membership and subscriptions)	£160.00		£160.00
Building costs	£400.00		£400.00
Administrative costs	£410.00	-£1,694.17	-£1,284.17
Professional fees	£1,845.00	-£1,855.80	-£10.80
Corra Foundation (3rd Sector Resilience Fund)	£4,765.00	-£4,765.00	£0.00

	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
Cour Windfarm	£2,500.00		
Scottish Land Fund	£1,340.00		
Laptops		-£3,252.80	
Cour Windfarm & Scottish Land Fund	£3,840.00	-£3,252.80	£587.20
Force 9 Energy	£1,000.00		
STV Appeal	£2,000.00		
Craft packs		-£1,025.59	
Household items		-£213.98	
Force 9 Energy & STV Appeal	£3,000.00	-£1,239.57	£1,760.43

	Budget	Amendment Agreement	Adjustment	Revised Budget	Transfer to Other Funds	Expenditure	Balance
Mileage allowance to enable services to be delivered in Skipness (42 mile round trip @ 45p per mile, four times per week)	£1,361.00	£1,200.00		£2,561.00		-£1,306.06	£1,254.94
Costs of PPE - gloves, seat covers, hand sanitiser	£2,430.00	£1,600.00		£4,030.00		-£3,377.57	£652.43
Co-ordinator costs – costs of 3 staff providing 8 hours support per week @ £15 per hour	£2,160.00	£1,500.00		£3,660.00		-£1,170.00	£2,490.00
Hardship fund to purchase food and fuel (£13,176.00 + £2880.00)	£16,056.00	£2,500.00	-£14,876.00	£3,680.00		-£4,568.12	-£888.12
Print costs for leaflets, flyers and costs for digital work including websites and social media	£500.00	£750.00		£1,250.00		-£2,025.00	-£775.00
Purchase 2 x PAYG basic mobile phones inc top ups	£100.00		-£100.00	£0.00			£0.00
Public liability insurance for Team Tarbert	£1,000.00		-£1,000.00	£0.00			£0.00
Construction of socially distanced space for elderly residents		£2,500.00		£2,500.00		-£2,500.00	£0.00
Tarbert After School Care		£3,904.00		£3,904.00		-£3,904.00	£0.00
Tarbert Life heritage activities		£2,022.00		£2,022.00	-£2,022.00		£0.00
HIE (Scottish Government Resilience Fund)	£23,607.00	£15,976.00	-£15,976.00	£23,607.00	-£2,022.00	-£18,850.75	£2,734.25

