

# Community Action Plan 2016-21

Updated: May 2020



## Background

In 2009, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust (TSCT) commissioned Jura Consultants to produce a community plan for Tarbert. At the time, the community in Skipness did not want to engage with the process so the report was for Tarbert alone. This was completed in March 2010 after extensive consultations with local community groups, businesses and individuals.

The aims of the plan are to create:

- \* A healthier community.
- \* A competitive, educated and working community.
- \* A welcoming, vibrant and confident community.
- \* An inclusive, fair and caring community.
- \* A greener and sustainable community.

Subsequently, the plan has been important in assisting developments by demonstrating to potential funders that this community works in a planned, consistent and responsible way. As a result, the years 2010 to 2019 have seen developments in our communities.

The community in Skipness agreed to the plan in principle in 2014 and wish to be included in any updates of it.

In 2014, the Trust came to the conclusion that it needed to develop the plan for the next 5 years to make it more accessible and ensure that local residents, community organisations and businesses have the opportunity to contribute to it. Thus, the Trust has:

- \* Reviewed the 2010 plan.
- \* Instigated, in 2014, an annual Community Consultation Event in order to:
  - listen to the community's concerns, ideas and priorities.
  - amend the action plan accordingly.
- \* Started work to make it a 'Living Plan', available on line and accessible to all by April 2016.

As a result of 4 development/consultation days, and the review of the 2010 plan in August 2015, the Trust is now able to progress a new action plan to meet the challenges for the next 5 years, until 2024, to become the basis for the 'Living Plan', updating annually.

No. of Actions	
1 - 39%	3
40 - 69%	8
70 - 99%	6
100%	16
Not Started	6
Blank	12

Action		Priority	By Whom	Timescale	% Complete	Comments
<b>Housing</b>						
1.01	Tackle dampness and poor insulation of housing.	1	Alienergy, ACHA, Fyne Homes	Ongoing	50%	Commenced
1.02	Facilitate construction of affordable family housing to encourage new families and keep existing residents	1	TSCT, ABC, Landlords, TSCC, Housing Associations	within 5 years	50%	
1.04	Carry out housing needs assessment.	1	ABC, Fyne Homes, TSCC		100%	Housing needs assessments completed April 2016 and September 2018.
1.06	Identify housing suitable for the elderly and their needs.	1	TSCT, ABC, Housing Associations	within 5 years	0%	
1.07	Identify housing suitable for special needs, e.g. hoists.	1	TSCT, ABC, Housing Associations	within 5 years	0%	
1.08	Identify accommodation for carers and support workers.	1	TSCT, ABC, Housing Associations	within 5 years	0%	
1.09	Engage in discussion with landowners to sell land suitable for housing.	1	TSCT, ABC, Housing Associations	within 2 years	10%	
<b>Business Development</b>						
2.01	Develop and implement business plan to follow closure of Visit Scotland office in 2018.	1	TSCT	Ongoing	100%	Business plan completed that shows that tenure of TL is unsustainable. Options being considered.
2.02	Create an enterprise centre with community access to Trust assistance with an office, community hub, development workers and administrator.	1	TSCT	1-2 yrs	100%	Staff in place and working effectively.
2.06	Continue to exploit advances in technology to attract more 'remote workers' and encourage home based businesses.	2	THA, HIE, TSCC, broadband providers	2 yrs	50%	Skipness needs improvement.
2.07	Improve strength, quality and reliability of broadband and mobile connections.	1	TSCC	1 yr	80%	Tarbert has improved but still problems in Skipness.
2.08	Improve on shore facilities and parking including disabled and charging bays	1	THA	2 yrs	80%	Toilets, showers and harbour office completed. Parking spaces being developed in 2020.
2.09	Encourage local businesses to offer SVQ/apprenticeship training.	1	TSCT	1-5 yrs	0%	
2.10	Ensure adequate, affordable childcare facilities during working hours - with holiday cover.	1	TASC, ABC	Achieved	100%	Provision by Tarbert After School Care and Tarbert Academy doubling care after 2020.
2.11	Maintain current area provisions with focus on Bank of Scotland cashpoint, post office, library, village halls, health care services, Tarbert Academy (primary and secondary education).	1	TSCC		90%	Skipness school mothballed.
2.12	Support season round interest through village.	3	TSCC, ABC, THA, Tarbert Life	Ongoing	100%	All things Tarbert, Tarbert Life, TSCT Facebook pages and web pages.
2.13	Promote local tradesmen within the community.	2		Ongoing	50%	Services notice board established at TL. Digital offering to be developed.

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<b>Business Development</b>						
2.14	Encourage local businesses to set up 'Meet and Eat Club'	2	Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing	0%	
2.15	Develop proposals for a new Enterprise/Business Park	2	TSCT	within 1 year	0%	
<b>Social Involvement</b>						
3.01	Promote local community groups' activities, events and achievements as well as provide information on how to get	3	All	Ongoing	100%	Events promoted through social media, Tarbert Life and local advertising.
3.02	Campaign to recruit new Trust membership.	2	TSCT	1 yr	80%	TSCT membership up 10% and corporate membership also promoted.
3.03	Support existing community places to maintain and improve facilities.	2	TSCT, TVH, TALC, THA	Ongoing	100%	Community Benefit Fund and access to Community Trust.
3.04	Continued support of local voluntary groups such as hospital transport, wellbeing group and befriending in all communities.	1	TSCC, NHS, ABC, Dochas Centre, Befrienders	Ongoing	100%	Community Benefit Fund and access to Community Trust.
3.05	Promote an ongoing programme of arts and leisure activities, learning opportunities and events at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre and village halls.	3	TALC, TVH, Others	Ongoing	100%	
3.06	Increase number and variety of youth volunteering and involvement opportunities.	3	Schools, TSCT	Partially achieved and	50%	
3.07	Develop criteria for disbursement of Community Benefit.	1	TSCT	Achieved	100%	
3.08	Identify funding streams to advance the Community Plan.	1	TSCT	within 6 months	50%	
<b>Paths</b>						
4.01	New path to Kennacraig to complete circular walk from village centre via West Loch and Corranbuie track.	2	TSCC, Bear Scotland, West Loch Shores, Sustrans	within 5 years		Argyll and Bute Council highlighted this section and Sustrans in 2018 as top priority of the new for improvement in Argyll and Bute.
4.02	Improve and maintain existing footpath network.	1	TSCT	Ongoing	50%	White Shore path has been upgraded but requires attention. Castle paths are completed.
4.03	Increase all ability section in walks.	3	TSCC	within 2 years	20%	Project commenced to improve White Shore Path
4.04	Support groups with funding, governance and safeguarding.	1	TSCT	Ongoing	100%	Community Benefit procedures in place. Trust directors and staff support groups.

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<b>Healthy Living and Health Services</b>						
5.01	Promote the use of fresh foods and healthy diets.	3	NHS, Retailers	Ongoing	100%	Work through school with food bank to create recipe cards. After School Care cooking lessons with children. Promotion of local produce.
5.02	Investigate water quality and supply issues to Skipness and Claonaig.	2	Scottish Water	2 yrs	0%	
5.04	Promote walking and cycling.	2	TSCT, ABC	Within 1 year	20%	Work with Active Travel to promote walking and cycling.
<b>Visitor Experience</b>						
6.01	More arts events and extended Art Map.	2	TALC, TEC, TVH, Artmap	1 yr and ongoing	100%	Artmap, festivals, TALC digital arts, Feis, theatre groups and screen machine.
6.02	Encourage and advise/assist accommodation providers to invest in improving current stock of holiday accommodation.	3	HOATA/Kintyre and Gigha Marketing	Ongoing		
6.03	Improve village parking.	2	TSCC, THA.	2 yrs	100%	New parking place currently being developed by THA.
6.04	Develop camping/motorhome park.	1	West Loch Shores	Complete	100%	
6.05	Focus on supporting and developing cornerstone events/festivals such as the Scottish Series, Seafood/Music/Book, Viking and Christmas festivals, Tarbert Fair, and Feis and the facilities for them.	1	TSCT, TEC, TFC, ABC	Achieved and ongoing	100%	Community Benefit grants and local fund raising.
6.06	Maintain and update interpretive panels.	2	TSCT, Tarbert Life	Ongoing		
6.07	Seasonal toilets, waiting room and water at Claonaig.	2	TSCC	1-2 yrs	Not Started	
6.08	Improve and update signage.	2	TSCC	1 yr		Highlighted in local walking and cycling consultation.
6.09	Develop heritage project to include heritage trail and archive of Tarbert and Skipness community database and other important artefacts.	2	TSCT, Tarbert Life	2 yrs	80%	Heritage project opened June 2019.
<b>Heritage</b>						
7.01	Maintain Tarbert Castle Heritage Park, community orchard and woodland.	1	Tarbert Castle Trust	Achieved and ongoing	100%	
7.02	Promote Tarbert Castle as a major visitor attraction.	1	Tarbert Castle Trust	Achieved and ongoing	100%	
7.03	Organise a community archaeological dig to further explore our castle ruins.	2	Tarbert Castle Trust	Achieved	100%	Further dig to take place investigating rear entrance to castle 2020-21.
7.04	Support Ring Net Heritage Trust and develop programme to promote their facilities.	2	RNHT	1 yr	60%	

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<b>Transport</b>						
8.01	Assess transport need and develop community transport initiative.	1	TSCT	1 yr	20%	Complete options appraisal for community transport.
8.02	Using ABC Regeneration Fund, upgrade Barmore Road junction.	1	ABC	1 yr	100%	
8.03	Investigate the potential for improved traffic management such as 20mph zones, bypass of the trunk road, designated car/lorry/coach parking and pedestrian crossing.	2	TSCC	1 yr	Not Started	
<b>Greener Community</b>						
9.01	Educate community to use power responsibly.	3	Alienergy	2 yrs	0%	
9.02	Prepare proposals to achieve resilience within the community.	1	TSCT, TSCC	6 mths	80%	Launch of Team Tarbert and creation of asset register. Direct response to Covid-19.
9.03	Reinstate community cleaning of beaches.	2	TSCT	Achieved annually	100%	Annual activity.
9.04	Reduce plastic use.	1	TSCT, Tarbert Academy	Ongoing	20%	Investigate potential for P/T environmental worker for communities.
9.05	Identify areas within villages that need clearing and cleaning.	2	TSCT	Achieved and ongoing	50%	Investigate potential for P/T environmental worker for communities.
9.06	Investigate potential to increase frequency of grass cutting service.	2	TSCC		0%	
9.07	Investigate potential to increase frequency of recycling bin uplift service.	2	TSCC		0%	

### Glossary

ABC	Argyll and Bute Council
ACHA	Argyll Community Housing Association
HOATA	Heart of Argyll Tourism Alliance
HIE	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
RNHT	Ring Net Heritage Trust
TALC	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre
TASC	Tarbert After School Care
TEC	Tarbert Enterprise Company
TFC	Tarbert Festivals Committee
THA	Tarbert Harbour Authority
TLFYC	Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club
TSCC	Tarbert and Skipness Community Council
TSCT	Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
TVH	Tarbert Village Hall
VS	Visit Scotland until 2019