**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 commissioned 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 2015 have seen unprecedented development in Tarbert.

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 Development Day 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 online and accessible to all by April 2016.

As a result of the 2 development days, and the review of the 2010 plan in August 2015, the Trust is now able to propose a new action plan to meet the challenges of the next 5 years and become the basis for the ‘Living Plan’.

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| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority****1-4** | **By Whom**  | **Timescale** |
| **A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY** A community that;• Is physically active• Is socially involved• Has space for relaxation,contemplation andreflection• Is well nourished• Has access to good healthcare services | ***Physically Active***• Ensure everyone has access to a variety of physical activity opportunities and fitness-related facilities• Encourage youth training• Encourage disadvantaged participation• Encourage running, walking, and cycling as well as participation in groups such as Jog Scotland etc | ***Sports****Encourage sports in Skipness Hall****Walks/Cycle Routes/Sports**** *New path to West Loch to complete 6 mile circular walk from village centre via West Loch and Corranbuie track*
* *Improve and maintain existing footpath network*
* *Restore White Shore track*
* *Link Kintyre Way to Ardrishaig*
* *Increase All Ability sections in walks*
* *Link Kintyre Way with cycling routes*
* *Cycle Track to Kennacraig*
* *Support sports groups with funding, governance and safeguarding.*

***Housing**** *Tackle dampness and poor insulation of housing*
 | 2211444312 | Skipness Village Hall committee.TSCT/, Transport Scotland, West Loch Shores.TSCT, paths For All, ABCTSCT - achievedAwaiting new Kintyre Way CoTSCC, ABC, Kintyre Way new Co.TSCC, Sustrans, Kintyre Way New Co.TSCC, Sustrans, Transport ScotlandTSCTAlienergy, ACHA, Fyne Homes | 1-2 yrs.6-12 months.Current and ongoingAchieved and ongoing2yrs.2yrs.4yrs.OngoingOngoing. |
|  | ***Social Involvement***• Ensure there is a wide variety of opportunities for all to explore their interests and be involved in local community activities• Ensure that information regarding community groups, activities and events is easily accessible and well promoted | ***Social Involvement**** *Promote local community groups’ activities, events and achievements as well as provide information on how to get involved via diary*
* *Review use of school minibus*
* *Campaign to recruit new trust membership*
* *Review, Improve and promote a central single community notice board both physically in the village centres and online and incorporate into new visitor project*
* *Co-ordinate events and activities via a diary system to ensure limited overlap of activities and maximum potential for attendance/ participation*
* *Men’s & Women’s sheds*
* *Support existing community spaces to maintain and improve facilities.*
 | 3221142 |  All TSCT, Schools, Sports groups.TSCT.TSCT, TEC, TSCC, ABCTSCC/TEC/3rd Sector interfaceTSCT, TVH, TALC, THA | Ongoing6months for study.1 yearOngoing.Ongoing2yrAchieved / Community Benefit Fund |
|  | ***Space for Relaxation, Contemplation and Reflection***• Ensure that there are a number of places that residents can access for relaxation, contemplation and reflection• Support the protection of open spaces | ***Space for Relaxation, Contemplation and Reflection**** *Re-instate community cleaning of beaches*
* *Identify areas within villages that need clearing and cleaning.*
 | 22 | TSCT, TSCC, LFYC, THATSCT, TSCC, Tarbert Academy, ABC | Achieved and ongoingAchieved and ongoing |
|  | ***Well Nourished***• Ensure everyone has access to adequate foodprovision• Ensure that those with limited mobility are able to access regular nutritional meals | ***Nutrition**** *Promote the use of fresh foods and healthy diets*

***Water Supply**** *Investigate water quality & supply issues to Skipness & Claonaig*
 | 32 | NHS/ retailers.Scottish Water | Ongoing.2 years |
|  | ***Access to good health care services***• Ensure essential health care services are maintained• Support for trainee practitioners• Support for local voluntary care groups | ***Care Services**** *Maintain current provision of health care*
* *Continued support of local voluntary groups such as hospital transport*
* *Maintain access to healthcare in Skipness*
 | 111 | TSCC, NHS, ABC.As aboveAs Above. | Ongoing.OngoingOngoing |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority 1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **A COMPETITIVE,****EDUCATED AND WORKING****COMMUNITY**A community that;• Has a thriving localeconomy• Allows residents andbusinesses to achieve theirmaximum potential | ***Thriving Local Economy***• Ensure harbour remains an economic generator• Support for local retail, services and produce• Support for the fishing industry• Support for local arts and crafts production• Have a clear and cohesive offer to potential residents, visitors and investors• Maximise tourism and visitor potential\*Develop transport links  | ***Thriving Local Economy**** *Create an enterprise centre with community access to Trust assistance with an office, community hub, development worker/s and administrator*
* *Plan use of Visit Scotland office for commercial, heritage and visitor services post 2019*
* *Establish a Chamber of Commerce*
* *More Arts Events*
* *Extend Art Map*
* *Assess transport needs*
* *Develop community transport initiative based on feasibility study*
 | 11222111 | TSCT, THA, TEC.TSCT, VS, TSCCTSCCTALC, TECTALC, ArtmapTarbert Academy, Sports and Arts groupsAs above | 1-2yrs.1-2 yrs3 years1 year and ongoing1 year1-2 yrs2 yrs. |
|  | ***Business Development***• Support existing business development and expansion• Increase the number of new enterprise opportunities | ***Business Development**** *Encourage and advise/assist accommodation providers to invest in improving current stock of holiday accommodation*
* *Acquire Visit Scotland office, for retail, visitor and heritage centre*
* *Develop Harbour Heritage project to include Heritage Trail and archive of Tarbert and Skipness Community Album and other important artefacts*
* *Continue to exploit advances in technology to attract more ‘remote workers’ and encourage home based businesses*
* *Improve strength, quality and reliability of broadband & mobile connections*
* *Develop Boatyard facilities*
* *Bunkhouse at Skipness as gateway to Kintyre*
* *Using ABC Regeneration fund, upgrade Barmore Road junction.*
* *Improve on shore facilities and parking*
* *Improve village parking*
* *Instigate and maintain camping/motorhome park*
 | 41221441111 | CC/VS/HIE.TSCT.TSCT, HIE, /village groupsTHA, HIE, Broad band providersAs aboveTHAInvestigation complete -currently unfeasibleTHA, ABC.THA, ABCABCWest Loch Shores | Ongoing.1 year2 yrs2 yrs.3 yrs.5 years1yr.22yrsAchieved |
|  | ***Achievement of Maximum Potential***• Ensure Tarbert Academy is able to deliver high quality education for both primary and secondary students• Provide access for all to job training, skills improvement and/or professional development • Maximise the number of employment opportunities with local businesses• Encourage cross-partnership working betweencommunity groups and businesses• Ensure that volunteering opportunities are practical and help to develop local skills and community group capacity | ***Achievement of Maximum Potential**** *Affordable family housing to encourage new families and keep existing families*
* *Encourage local businesses to offer SVQ/apprenticeship training*
* *Ownership of community assets + access to council facilities*
* *Encourage new families to relocate to the area*
* *Ensure adequate, affordable childcare facilities during working hours – with holiday cover*
* *Use every Social Enterprise project as an opportunity for employment*
 | 221112 | TSCT, ABC, Landlords, Highland Small Community Housing TrustTSCC.TSCT., TSCC, ABCTSCT, ABC, VSABC, TSCC.TASC, ABCTSCT | Ongoing.1-5yrs.1 yearOngoing.Partially achievedOngoing |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority 1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **A WELCOMING, VIBRANT****AND CONFIDENT COMMUNITY**A community that;• Has a good sense of place• Is a safe and attractiveplace to live, work and visit• Takes pride in the areaand their community• Has the capacity todevelop, improve and takeon new projects• Welcomes all visitors andnewcomers, providingthem with a first-classexperience | ***Sense of Place & Pride***• Embrace and celebrate the area’s history, tradition and cultural heritage• Support local events and festivals• Ensure protection and maintenance of built heritage and traditional Scottish harbour village aesthetic• Ensure protection and maintenance of natural heritage, views and other amenities• Encourage and celebrate local talent | ***Sense of Place & Pride**** *Focus on supporting and developing cornerstone events/festivals such as the Scottish Series, Seafood, Music, Book and Christmas Festivals, Tarbert Fair, and Feis and the facilities for*

*them** *Maintain and update interpretive panels*
* *Promote an ongoing programme of arts and leisure activities, learning opportunities and events at the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre & village halls*
* *Create avenues for local artists and talent to showcase their work to the villages and the public*
* *Promote community and resident achievements publicly.*
* *Develop and implement business plan to follow closure of Visit Scotland office in 2019*
* *Maintain Tarbert Castle Heritage Park, community orchard and woodland.*
* *Promote Tarbert Castle as a major visitor attraction*
* *Organise a community archaeological dig to further explore our castle ruins*
* *Support Ring Net Heritage Trust and develop programme to develop their activities*
* *Improve and maintain existing footpath network*
* *Seasonal toilets, waiting room and water at Claonaig*

 | 223311112212 | TSCT, TEC, THA, TFC.TSCT, THA. TSCC.TALC, TVH, TALC/Hall Committees.ALL.TSCTTarbert Castle TrustTarbert Castle TrustTarbert Castle TrustRNHTTSCT, Paths for All, ABC, Tarbert Castle TrustABC, Cal Mac, TSCC | Achieved and ongoing.Ongoing.Ongoing.Ongoing.From January 2018OngoingAchieved and ongoingAs above1 year1 year1-3years1-2 years |
|  | ***Safe and Attractive Place to Live, Work, Visit***• Prevent inappropriate new development within theconservation area and its surrounds• Enable and encourage appropriate new development• Ensure the area’s essential facilities and amenities are maintained• Ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety when in thevillage centre | ***A Safe and Attractive Place to Live, Work, Visit**** *Review conservation status*
* *Develop mixed range of housing.*

* *Carry out housing needs assessment*
* *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) and Skipness primary school*
* *Investigate the potential for improved traffic management such as 20 mph zones, bypass of the trunk road, designated car/lorry/coach parking and pedestrian crossing*
* *Increase number and variety of youth volunteering and involvement opportunities*
* *Assess the implications of the threat of tidal flooding to the area*
* *Support season round interest through village*
* *Explore opportunities for more car & coach parking*
* *Develop community owned filling station*
 | 3111232312 | TSCC, ABC.TSCT, ACHA, Fyne Homes, other housing associationsABC, Fyne homes, TSCCTSCT, ABC, NHS, retailTSCC, TS. ABC.Schools, TCT.THA, ABC, TSCC.TSCC, ABC, THA.ABC Regeneration project, THA,, THA, TSCT | 2-3 years1-2 yearsHousing survey complete April 20161 yearAchieved and ongoing1-5yrs.Ongoing.1yr.1yr |
|  | ***Capacity***• Ensure effective implementation of the TarbertCommunity Plan• Encourage local groups to develop and improve current activities/events as well as take on new projects or responsibilities rather than creating new groups• Encourage and promote effective partnership working | ***Capacity**** *Recruit a professional to oversee implementation of Community Plan, broker relationships between groups and give advice when needed*
* *Support a mechanism for publicly recognising the efforts and achievements made by individuals, volunteers and groups*
* *Design, implement & maintain a community asset management plan*
 | 123 | TSCTTSCC, TSCT.TSCT. | Achieved /temporary appointment expiredAchieved and ongoing.1yr. |
|  | ***Good Visitor Experience***• Ensure provision of and access to good quality visitor facilities and services – both indoor and outdoor• Ensure friendly customer service and knowledgeable advice about local events, activities and facilities• Ensure area and facilities are well sign posted | ***Good Visitor Experience**** *Make readily available essential visitor information regarding accommodation, catering and events/activities using a central website, the Tourist Information Centre and regular newsletters*
* *Encourage local businesses to cross-promote other local services, facilities, events and amenities*
* *Consolidate and update signage both inside & outside the area*
* *Digitally Archive old photographs of Tarbert and Skipness*
* *Repair path to White shore*
 | 1 3343 | VS until 2019 then New companyRetailTHA, TSCT, ABCTSCT, THA, heritage groupTSCT. | 1-2 years2yrs.2 years2yrs.4 yearsAchieved and ongoing |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority****1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **AN INCLUSIVE, FAIR AND****CARING COMMUNITY**A community that;• Is fully accessible to all• Provides opportunities foreveryone to influencedecisions and affectpositive change in thearea• Is inclusive of all peopleand groups | ***Access for All***• Ensure access for all to facilities, services activities, and resources***Opportunities to Affect Positive Change***• Ensure that there is a wide variety of opportunities to be involved in local community issues and affectchange• Establish a clear structure of local responsibilitiesSocial Inclusion • Encourage interaction between all ages, genders, regions, cultures and social classes• Establish joint relationship with West Loch Tarbert | ***Access for All**** *Increase amount of all abilities access to walks* & A83 pavements

***Opportunities to Affect Positive Change**** *Develop criteria for disbursement of Community Benefit from renewables.*
* ***Create company able to invest in Community renewables***
* *Community fuel project to address local fuel prices and fuel poverty :-*
	+ *Communal fuel buying*
	+ *Investigate renewables*
	+ *Community Woodland*
* *Rolling or annual review of T&S Community Plan accessible to all online – The ‘Living Plan’*
* *Investigate need for Lifeboat/Rescue Boat*
* *Community Resilience Plans for Tarbert AND Skipness*

***Social Inclusion**** *Create opportunities for young people to remain and work in the area*
* *Improve public transport connections between local communities*
* *Evaluate Disabled access to Tarbert & Skipness war memorials*
* *Develop Befriending for vulnerable adults and continue befriending for vulnerable children*
* *Develop friendship network for frail elderly in Skipness*
* *Improve local walks (or parts thereof) to ‘All Ability’ standards*
 | 311414133331**3** | TSCC, ABC, TS.TSCT.TSCT, TSRTSCTCC, TSCC, TSCT, TEC,TSCC, THA, RNLIABC, TSCC.TSCT., ABC, TSCCTSCC, ABCDochas Centre, Befrienders, NHS, ABCAs aboveABC |  5yrs to make significant increase.AchievedAchievedCommunity fuel buying and community woodland– unfeasible at presentAnnually1 year6 months .Ongoing5-6 years6 months.1-2 years1-2years5years |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority****1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **A GREENER AND****SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY**A community that;• Is self-sustaining• Actively cares for andrespects the natural andbuilt environment• Is able to adequatelyprovide for the current andfuture population | ***Self-Sustaining & Adequate Provision***• Encourage the use of local businesses and resources• Ensure adequate stock of homes and business space• Promote the reclamation/redevelopment of vacantproperties and brownfield sites over the development of greenfield sites• Responsible sourcing of materials, products andProduce | ***Self-Sustaining & Adequate Provision**** *Promote the use of local produce and seafood*
* *Work with Housing Associations to resolve ack of 3-4 bedroom houses in Tarbert*
* *Work with local suppliers to develop wood fuel sources to encourage more use of wood fuel*
* *Resolve water quality & supply issues to Skipness & Claonaig.*
* *Educate community to use power responsibly*
* *Prepare proposals to achieve resilience within the community*
 | 313231 | Retailers, producers.TSCT, Highland Small Communities HARetailers/producersScottish Water, windfarm companyAlienergy.TSCC, ABC. | Achieved partially through “Local Produce”.Within 2 yearsongoing.1Yr .2 years6 months |
|  | ***Natural and Built Environment***• Ensure responsible use of the natural and builtenvironment be it economically, recreationally orotherwise• Ensure the cleanliness of the harbour, shores andsurrounding waters• Encourage the reduction of household and business waste through recycling, reuse, composting, and energy efficiency• Reduce use of cars and carbon emissions• Reduce number of unnecessary trips• Protect and maintain green spaces• Encourage residents, businesses and landowners to keep properties (buildings and landscape)in good order | ***Natural and Built Environment**** *Re-instate community cleaning of beaches*
* *Gardening project for young people*
* *Improve footpaths*
* *Reduce plastic use*
 | 2421 | TSCT. TLFYC, THA.Schools/TSCTTSCT, local groups, ABCTSCT, Local groups, Tarbert Academy | Achieved annuallyPartial achievementPartial achievement and ongoing! year |

N.B. **Priority** **1-4**. - 1 being the highest priority and 4 being the lowest.

 **The Key Spending Priorities** (i.e. with a 1 priority) are those associated with:-

* The development of an infrastructure that allows the Trust and other community groups to, more effectively, manage their administration and to assist them to find funding (whether it be from the windfarm income or other sources)
* Urgent work that needs doing soon e.g. Community Resilience Plans

**Glossary :-**

TSCT Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust

TSCC Tarbert and Skipness Community Council

TEC Tarbert Enterprise Company

TFC Tarbert Festivals Committee

THA Tarbert Harbour Authority

ABC Argyll and Bute Council

TSI Third Sector interface

VS Visit Scotland until 2019

RNHT Ring Net Heritage Trust

HIE Highlands and Islands Enterprise

TLFYC Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club

TS Transport Scotland

TIC Tourist Information Centre

TCT Tarbert Castle Trust

TLFYC Tarbert and Loch Fyne Yacht Club

ACHA Argyll Community Housing Association

TASC Tarbert After School Care