**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 and  reflection  • Is well nourished  • Has access to good health  care 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* | 2  2  1  1  4  4  4  3  1  2 | Skipness Village Hall committee.  TSCT/, Transport Scotland, West Loch Shores.  TSCT, paths For All, ABC  TSCT - achieved  Awaiting new Kintyre Way Co  TSCC, ABC, Kintyre Way new Co.  TSCC, Sustrans, Kintyre Way New Co.  TSCC, Sustrans, Transport Scotland  TSCT  Alienergy, ACHA, Fyne Homes | 1-2 yrs.  6-12 months.  Current and ongoing  Achieved and ongoing  2yrs.  2yrs.  4yrs.  Ongoing  Ongoing. |
|  | ***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.* | 3  2  2  1  1  4  2 | All  TSCT, Schools, Sports groups.  TSCT.  TSCT, TEC, TSCC, ABC  TSCC/TEC/  3rd Sector interface  TSCT, TVH, TALC, THA | Ongoing  6months for study.  1 year  Ongoing.  Ongoing  2yr  Achieved / 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.* | 2  2 | TSCT, TSCC, LFYC, THA  TSCT, TSCC, Tarbert Academy, ABC | Achieved and ongoing  Achieved and ongoing |
|  | ***Well Nourished***  • Ensure everyone has access to adequate food  provision  • 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* | 3  2 | 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* | 1  1  1 | TSCC, NHS, ABC.  As above  As Above. | Ongoing.  Ongoing  Ongoing |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority 1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **A COMPETITIVE,**  **EDUCATED AND WORKING**  **COMMUNITY**  A community that;  • Has a thriving local  economy  • Allows residents and  businesses to achieve their  maximum 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* | 1  1  2  2  2  1  1  1 | TSCT, THA, TEC.  TSCT, VS, TSCC  TSCC  TALC, TEC  TALC, Artmap  Tarbert Academy, Sports and Arts groups  As above | 1-2yrs.  1-2 yrs  3 years  1 year and ongoing  1 year  1-2 yrs  2 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* | 4  1  2  2  1  4  4  1  1  1  1 | CC/VS/HIE.  TSCT.  TSCT, HIE, /village groups  THA, HIE, Broad band providers  As above  THA  Investigation complete -currently unfeasible  THA, ABC.  THA, ABC  ABC  West Loch Shores | Ongoing.  1 year  2 yrs  2 yrs.  3 yrs.  5 years  1yr.  2  2yrs  Achieved |
|  | ***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 between  community 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* | 2  2  1  1  1  2 | TSCT, ABC, Landlords, Highland Small Community Housing Trust  TSCC  .  TSCT., TSCC, ABC  TSCT, ABC, VS  ABC, TSCC.  TASC, ABC  TSCT | Ongoing.  1-5yrs.  1 year  Ongoing.  Partially achieved  Ongoing |
| **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 attractive  place to live, work and visit  • Takes pride in the area  and their community  • Has the capacity to  develop, improve and take  on new projects  • Welcomes all visitors and  newcomers, providing  them with a first-class  experience | ***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* | 2  2  3  3  1  1  1  1  2  2  1  2 | TSCT, TEC, THA, TFC.  TSCT, THA. TSCC.  TALC, TVH,  TALC/Hall Committees.  ALL.  TSCT  Tarbert Castle Trust  Tarbert Castle Trust  Tarbert Castle Trust  RNHT  TSCT, Paths for All, ABC, Tarbert Castle Trust  ABC, Cal Mac, TSCC | Achieved and ongoing.  Ongoing.  Ongoing.  Ongoing.  From January 2018  Ongoing  Achieved and ongoing  As above  1 year  1 year  1-3years  1-2 years |
|  | ***Safe and Attractive Place to Live, Work, Visit***  • Prevent inappropriate new development within the  conservation 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 the  village 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* | 3  1  1  1  2  3  2  3  1  2 | TSCC, ABC.  TSCT, ACHA, Fyne Homes, other housing associations  ABC, Fyne homes, TSCC  TSCT, ABC, NHS, retail  TSCC, TS. ABC.  Schools, TCT.  THA, ABC, TSCC.  TSCC, ABC, THA.  ABC Regeneration project, THA,,  THA, TSCT | 2-3 years  1-2 years  Housing survey complete April 2016  1 year  Achieved and ongoing  1-5yrs.  Ongoing.  1yr.  1yr |
|  | ***Capacity***  • Ensure effective implementation of the Tarbert  Community 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* | 1  2  3 | TSCT  TSCC, TSCT.  TSCT. | Achieved /temporary appointment expired  Achieved 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    3  3  4  3 | VS until 2019 then New company  Retail  THA, TSCT, ABC  TSCT, THA, heritage group  TSCT. | 1-2 years  2yrs.  2 years  2yrs.  4 years  Achieved 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 for  everyone to influence  decisions and affect  positive change in the  area  • Is inclusive of all people  and 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 affect  change  • Establish a clear structure of local responsibilities  Social 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* | 3  1  1  4  1  4  1  3  3  3  3  1  **3** | TSCC, ABC, TS.  TSCT.  TSCT, TSR  TSCT  CC, TSCC, TSCT, TEC,  TSCC, THA, RNLI  ABC, TSCC.  TSCT., ABC, TSCC  TSCC, ABC  Dochas Centre, Befrienders, NHS, ABC  As above  ABC | 5yrs to make significant increase.  Achieved  Achieved  Community fuel buying and community woodland– unfeasible at present  Annually  1 year  6 months .  Ongoing  5-6 years  6 months.  1-2 years  1-2years  5years |
| **Vision** | **Objectives** | **Action** | **Priority**  **1-4** | **By Whom** | **Timescale** |
| **A GREENER AND**  **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY**  A community that;  • Is self-sustaining  • Actively cares for and  respects the natural and  built environment  • Is able to adequately  provide for the current and  future 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 vacant  properties and brownfield sites over the development of greenfield sites  • Responsible sourcing of materials, products and  Produce | ***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* | 3  1  3  2  3  1 | Retailers, producers.  TSCT, Highland Small Communities HA  Retailers/producers  Scottish Water, windfarm company  Alienergy.  TSCC, ABC. | Achieved partially through “Local Produce”  .Within 2 years  ongoing.  1Yr .  2 years  6 months |
|  | ***Natural and Built Environment***  • Ensure responsible use of the natural and built  environment be it economically, recreationally or  otherwise  • Ensure the cleanliness of the harbour, shores and  surrounding 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* | 2  4  2  1 | TSCT. TLFYC, THA.  Schools/TSCT  TSCT, local groups, ABC  TSCT, Local groups, Tarbert Academy | Achieved annually  Partial achievement  Partial 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