

# TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

## MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Tarbert Village Hall (annexe)

### Present

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, Angus Cullen, James Hamilton, Tim James, Wilma MacKenzie, Bill McHugh, Lorna Rushton

### Apologies

Dan Hunt, Dougie McFadzean, John Rushton

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(3)	<b>Minute of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b> The minute of the meeting was agreed.	
(4)	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.	
(5)	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>A&amp;B Council</b> Pre-tendering notice looking for interest in Active Travel Route from Tabert to Kennacraig.</li><li>• Email from James Hamilton regarding two fatalities in two years at an accident spot at the water treatment works. These concerns to be raised at TSCT report to MAKI Community Planningmeeting.</li></ul>	
(6)	<b>Tarbert Life</b> 2024 season: Date to be set to meet before February.	
(7)	<b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Housing</b> Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) still includes Tarbert, but time has slipped back a year. Jane will write to Douglas Whyte (A&B Council) for update.	JC
(8)	<b>Community Plan</b> The plan is available in the library and has been sent to:  MSPs, Councillors, MAKI Community Planning meeting, School Parent Council, Tarbert Harbour Authority, Skipness shop, A&B Council Community Development Department, TALC and village halls.  Following receipt of community plan, Jenni Minto MSP has offered a meeting to the Trust.	
(9)	<b>Community Benefit</b>  RES Freasdail will open in May. Cour Fund will open in the Spring. Sron Doire dividend of £35k received by Trust on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.  Tabert & Skipness Community Council (TSCC) has revoked the decision for the Trust to negotiate community benefit with renewable companies. TSCT has written a letter to TSCC highlighting the potential of conflict of interest if the body arguing against the wind farm is also the body negotiating community benefit. This also poses risks for individuals.	

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	<p><b>(Community Benefit continued)</b></p> <p>Tim James Convenor of TSCC and a Trust Director will reply to this letter with the response from community council and the reasons for the decision.</p> <p>Minutes of TSCC can be found on Tarbert &amp; Skipness Community Council website which is now up and running since end of December 2023. Web page also includes governance documents and annual accounts.</p> <p><b>Larger Grants</b></p> <p>Large grants will be paid from our Sron Doire investment. Over the years TSCT has accrued around £150k. This money is for larger projects and was targeted in 2021/22 towards purchase of land at Escart.</p> <p>Our lenders, Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REIF) require us to deliver community benefit hence 'large grants'. The criteria for large grants and score matrix was agreed and will be placed on the website.</p> <p>Applications for grants o 10% to 20% or projects over £100k will be in line with the amins of the Trust and Tarbert &amp; Skipness Community Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tarbert Harbour Authority and Tarbert Bowling Club (SCIO)</b> Already approached the Trust regarding support for a large project. Meeting to discuss to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the two organisations, Sheil and Jane.</li> <li>• <b>Playground Project</b> TSCT will invite one of the organisers to be co-opted as a Director and the project can then be taken on by the Trust.</li> </ul>	
(10)	<p><b>Bike Stands</b></p> <p>Additional space to be created at Earrgael to accommodate bike stands and table.</p>	
(11)	<p><b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Renewables Ltd</b></p> <p>£35k dividend renewal from Sron Doire.</p>	
(12)	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>Accepted as a true record.</p> <p>£480 from main account paid for overview and writing of large grant by GLIC.</p>	
(13)	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Shore Path: broken planks.</li> <li>• Zoom meeting on Clachaig Glen community share offer on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Jane to attend – nominated by TSR Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 p.m. in Tarbert Village Hall (annexe).</p>	