**TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST**

**Minute of Board Meeting**

**Held via Zoom**

**Wednesday 1st September at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present**

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, Tim James, James Hamilton, Bill McHugh, John Rushton, Lorna Rushton, Alistair Wilkie

**In Attendance**

Lorna Gillies, Charles Reppke, David Smart

**Apologies**

Wilma MacKenzie

**Minute of Meeting 04/08/2021**

Approved

**Matters Arising from Minute 04/08/2021**

* **Communities Recovery Fund (CRF2) Webinar 12/08/2021**

Jane confirmed that expressions of interest were to be lodged by 31/08/2021. The date for money to be spent is 31/03/2022 therefore the timescale is too tight and the process too complicated. Agreed not to pursue any further.

* **DTAS AGM Conference & AGM: Community Climate Action Webinar 05-07/09/2021**

David will attend.

* **Argyll and Bute Council – Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles Community Planning Group Meeting 24/08/2021**
* **Community Plan due for review**

Jane to action.

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|  | **Action** |
| **(5)** | **Correspondence** |  |
|  | * **CO26 Virtual Event 16/08/2021**

Jane will forward details to Tim and David. |  |
| **(6)** | **Community Benefit Dispersal** |  |
|  | Sheila confirmed that all grants have now been accepted/paid and details will be posted onto website. 2020 reports have been requested from groups in receipt of grants. A selection of photos will be sent to RES Freasdail. |  |
| **(7)** | **Tarbert Life** |  |
|  | No update on the project itself however Alistair confirmed that a war memorial section for Tarbert Life website is being worked on.Agreed that sign should be painted over – Sheila/Jane to contact Cupples for a quote. | SC/JC |

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|  | **Action** |
| **(8)** | **Tarbert & Skipness Housing** |  |
|  | * **David**

Advised that invitation to tender sent to six organisations of which Ironside Farrar (IF) and Community Housing Scotland (CHS) responded. IF preferred option. IF included estimates of cost of land depending on its possible future use and had additional information regarding the issue of the route of the pylons and was the preferred bidder.Scottish Land Fund (SLF) application becoming too difficult to pursue due to our fit with their criteria and timescales.Lorna R asked if no longer pursuing SLF how will land be purchased? David commented that perhaps the Trust could fund £25/£30,000 via Srondoire or a commercial loan. Waiting on feedback from lawyers. Charles asked if Trust could still advance Stage 1 whilst recognising that Stage 2 wouldn’t be achievable? David agreed re Stage 1 but wants to speak to Helen re an alternative backup – Charles will forward some comments to David to assist with response.Agreed that David should approach Rural Housing Fund.* **Charles**

Argyll and Bute Council’s (ABC) September 2021 report highlighted that they don’t see a need for another housing needs and demand assessment but agree there is an unmet need in Tarbert and Skipness from the 2016 survey: In the 2016 survey there were 141 properties in the area but now 161 – waiting on clarification if original number was incorrect.  ACHA and Fyne Homes share housing waiting list. ACHA have 56 one bedroom, 81 two bedroom and 24 three bedroom – Activity Report September 2020. Still waiting on ACHA to respond to joint venture with Trust. Fyne Homes indicated support as long as assessment supports need – they have no finance now or in future years to develop housing.Will continue to follow up with ABC and Fyne Homes.Priority is to obtain land which has to be fit for purpose.Sheila welcomed everyone’s effort and support with the project.If Scottish Land Fund is not a route to fund the appraisal costs David will pursue other avenues and report to the board. |  |
| **(9)** | **Covid-19survey/appraisal costs** |  |
|  | Scottish Government Resilience funding of £2,000 not spent and has to be paid back but to date there has been no request received to action this.  | JC |
| **(10)** | **Investing in Communities** |  |
|  | Offer received from Scottish Government covers Q1 to Q4 totalling £40,000. We funded Q1 from an underspend in the previous year funding and our own funds. DTAS Is now managing the fund and has agreed that we can claim Q1 if we make a case for the funding. Jane will request that the money covers the shortfall in the funding from Crown Estates £6,000, plus additional funding to Tarbert Life and Emergency planning. |  |

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|  | **Action** |
| **(11)** | **Skipness House/Shop** |  |
|  | Bill hasn’t been able to progress as much as he’d hoped however he has received a lot of information re a buy-out situation on Jura. Hopes to move things forward over the coming weeks. Asked about Trust’s Articles of Association which can be made available to him as and when required. |  |
| **(12)** | **White Shore Path, Bike Stands and Picnic Table** |  |
|  | * **White Shore Path**

Work on the White Shore Path is progressing and 25m of board walk has now been completed* **Bike Stand, and Picnic Table**

James confirmed that Duncan MacGregor had hoped to start 01/09/2021 but has had to deal with problems elsewhere and will start work next week Spacing for parking bays still an issue. Argyll and Bute Council have confirmed 6.0m bays as opposed to 5.5m. Layout still being decided through negotiations with Harbour Board and Council. |  |
| **(13)** | **Tarbert & Skipness Renewables** |  |
|  | No update. Meeting in September might confirm this year’s dividend. Jane to contact Bob Chicken/John Hardie. | JC |
| **(14)** | **Financial Report** |  |
|  | Accepted |  |
| **(15)** | **AOCB** |  |
|  | * **Publicity**

Sheila confirmed Alistair should remain as main contact/link with Pure West Media. Sheila asked for Community Benefit report to be added to Tarbert Life website and Alistair confirmed that this had been delayed due to rework of posting and that he will follow up.* **CARES Funding**

CARES funding is available to community buildings to become more energy efficient. It is a complicated process. James said he would get information from a hall on Arran that has recently done this.* **Articles of Association**

Jane thanked John for all his work on finalising the Trust’s Articles of Association.* **Public Meeting – October**

Public meeting in October – date to be reviewed due to rising Covid numbers. Decision to postpone public meeting to be taken within 10 days. Charles to forward PowerPoint presentation to Lorna to jazz up. | AWJC/CR |

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 6th October at 6:30 p.m.

Covid numbers permitting, meeting to be held in the village hall – will be confirmed in due course.