

# ARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

Minute of Board Meeting  
Held via Zoom  
Wednesday 6th October at 6:30 p.m.

## Present

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, James Hamilton, Wilma MacKenzie, Bill McHugh, John Rushton, Lorna Rushton

## In Attendance

Lorna Gillies, Charles Reppke, David Smart

## Apologies

Alex Horn, Tim James

## Minute of Meeting 01/09/2021

Approved

## Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None

		Action
(5)	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Director Resignation</b> Alistair Wilkie unable to continue as Director with the Trust. Sheila emailed to thank him on behalf of TSCT for all the work he's done. Trust documents have been passed over to John.</li><li>• <b>Financial Accounts 2020/21</b> Steven MacBrayne (accountants) would like to make adjustments in the accounts to better reflect the position as at the end of the year. Jane, John and Lorna met to discuss. Response has been sent to Steven to proceed with his suggested amendments.</li><li>• <b>Argyll and Bute Council on behalf of ACT (Argyll and the Isles Countryside Trust)</b> Carbon Literacy for Community Leaders course commencing 11/10/2021 (8hrs over 4wks). James, Wilma and John expressed an interest in attending. Jane will forward email.</li><li>• <b>Surf Awards Shared Learning Workshops (July)</b> Summary report has been forwarded to Directors.</li></ul>	JC
(6)	<p><b>Tarbert Life</b></p> <p>No update on the project.</p> <p>UK Government Renewal Fund – response should have been received by July. David will contact Harbour Authority.</p>	DS

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(7)	<p><b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Housing</b></p> <p>David reported that TSCT purchase of land for housing does not fit with SLF funding as the Trust would have to maintain ownership of the land, which is not what we intend to do. We would also be unlikely to be able to commit to the Scottish Land Fund timescale.</p> <p>An application has been made to Fern Community Benefit for 50% of the costs of the Ironside Farrar tender.</p> <p>David has contacted Rural housing Scotland and is awaiting a reply.</p> <p>Escart farm is now up for sale and a discussion was held regarding the need to proceed quickly with the survey or risk another buyer purchasing the property ahead of us. The survey is a vital step to acquire the land.</p> <p>David and Charles will prepare a proposal to circulate to Directors to proceed with the survey as soon as possible based on current facts. The Directors will then have the opportunity to agree or disagree to the proposal.</p>	DS/CR
(8)	<p><b>Investing in Communities</b></p> <p>Jane waiting on response from Scottish Government on when grant funding will be paid for Q1 and Q2.</p>	
(9)	<p><b>Skipness House/Shop</b></p> <p>From Helen Bain (HIE) confirmed that the Scottish Land Fund would only fund renovation costs not the purchase and would need an indicative cost. Options appraisal being sent out to consultants within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Jane confirmed that project could sit under the Trust as a separate trading company until the project is finished. Would have protection under the Trust and be managed by Skipness community.</p>	
(10)	<p><b>White Shore Path, Bike Stands and Picnic Table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>White Shore Path</b></p> <p>Work on the White Shore Path has been completed. There is funding left which Sheila suggested using for interpretation boards. David suggested he could look into funding to incorporate multi-lingual. Following request from Sheila, Wilma will lead on the design of the boards. All agreed this should be taken forward.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Bike Stand and Picnic Table</b></p> <p>James confirmed issue with spacing for parking bays (6.0m as opposed to 5.5m) still under negotiation between Argyll and Bute Council and the Harbour Authority.</p> <p>Benches are in place. Agreed that TSCT logo should go onto benches. David will contact PPD Ltd (specialist fabricators, Lochgilphead) for ideas/quote.</p> </li> </ul>	<p>SC WMack</p> <p>DS</p>
(11)	<p><b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Renewables</b></p> <p>Dividend still not decided but likelihood is it will be reduced following increases in energy prices and repairs.</p>	

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(12)	<b>Financial Report</b>  Accepted. 2020/21 financial accounts to be finalised by 30/11/2021 with year-end adjustments being carried out by the accountants.	
(13)	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Funding for School Buses</b>            Lorna commented that the PTA (Michael Kirk) are looking for funding for school buses to take school children to swimming lessons. Sheila confirmed that the PTA would need to put forward a business case to the Trust and if successful the maximum the Trust could fund would be 50%. Lorna will feedback comments to the PTA.         </li> </ul>	

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30 p.m. in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre.