

TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 6th December 2023 via Zoom

Present

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, Angus Cullen, James Hamilton, Dan Hunt, Tim James, Bill McHugh, John Rushton, Lorna Rushton

In attendance

Lorna Gillies

Apologies

Wilma MacKenzie

Sheila opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing Angus and Dan as new Directors of the Trust.

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(3)	Minute of Meeting 1st November 2023 Accepted and approved.	
(4)	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kintyre Way workshop attended by Sheila, Jane and Lorna R. Report to come out in due course.Evening to welcome HMS Tracker attended by Wilma, John and Lorna R.	
(5)	Correspondence EKREG contacted regarding Clachaig Glen windfarm community ownership passed onto John Hardie and Bob Chicken to take forward.	
(6)	Tarbert Life Tarbert Life is now closed for the season. Volunteer meetings will be held over winter.	
(7)	Tarbert & Skipness Housing New Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) has been agreed by Council and is published by A&B Council website. Previously informed plan to include 30 houses for Tarbert by 2026 – Jane will check this has been included and forward copy of plan to Directors.	JC
(8)	Community Plan Launched at AGM. Sheila thanked those that were able to attend the AGM. Copies of the plan will be made available in Tarbert at the library, post office and village hall and in Skipness at the shop and village hall. Councillors, MP and MSP will also receive copies.	
(9)	Community Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none">Large Project Fund Sub-group: Jane, James, Dan and Lorna R. Policy to be reworded to clarify inclusion/exclusion bracket in terms of income. Final version to be presented at January meeting. Sheila confirmed that groups are not required to provide three quotes, only proof that they have sought them.	JC / JH DH / LR

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	<p>(Community Benefit continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earraghail TSCT has received an email from Tarbert & Skipness Community Council (TSCC). The Community Council wants to consult with Scottish Power Renewables regarding areas that will benefit, and the split, of Community Benefit should Earraghail receive planning permission. <p>This would revoke the long-standing agreement that TSCT has with TSCC that the Trust would be responsible for negotiation of Community Benefit from renewable developments. TSCT will retain responsibility for receipt and dispersal of dividends from Earraghail.</p> <p>The Trust thinks that there could be a conflict of interests if the group objecting to the windfarm is the group negotiating Community Benefit. In order that the best result for the communities is agreed TSCT believes that TSCC should join with EKREG to take the negotiations forward and will draft a letter to the CC Convener, Tim James.</p>	
(10)	<p>Bike Stands and Furniture Banner in place at Christmas tree. Awaiting receipt of plaques.</p>	
(11)	<p>Tarbert & Skipness Renewables Ltd No update.</p>	
(12)	<p>Financial Report Approved and accepted.</p>	
(13)	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 6.30 p.m. in Tarbert Village Hall (annexe).</p>	