

# TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

## MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Tarbert Village Hall (annexe)

### Present

Sheila Campbell, Jane Cowen, James Hamilton, John Rushton, Lorna Rushton

### Apologies

Lorna Gillies, Tim James, Bill McHugh, Wilma MacKenzie

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(3)	<b>Minute of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> Accepted and approved.	
(4)	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> There were no matters arising.	
(5)	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Email form Tim James requesting funding for online meetings for Community Council – referred to A&amp;B Council funding for CCs.</li><li>Kintyre Way workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> October – Jane, Sheila and Lorna R. to attend.</li><li>A&amp;B Council Housing Emergency Survey, widely distributed e.g. All Things Tarbert. Closes 31<sup>st</sup> October.</li><li>Query from Tarbert Harbour Authority regarding funding for multi-use games area.</li></ul>	
(6)	<b>Tarbert Life</b> Tarbert Life will close for winter at end of school holidays. Meetings to be called before Christmas to discuss next year's exhibition.	
(7)	<b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Housing</b> New SHIP due to be published end of November.	
(8)	<b>Community Plan</b> Tarbert & Skipness Community Plan 2023-2026 is now complete. The short version has been distributed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TSCT members by email and post (along with newsletter).</li><li>TSCT Directors</li><li>Local Councillors and Douglas Whyte, A&amp;B Council lead on housing.</li></ul> The full plan is now available and, together with the short plan, will be launched at the AGM. Print 20 full copies and 50 short copies. The Community Plan will be updated annually.	JC/LG

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(9)	<p><b>Community Benefit</b></p> <p>The Trust has nearly £100k in funds from our investment in Sron Soire windfarm. It has always been the intention of the Trust to keep the money from this investment for bigger projects. Our agreement with Sron Doire windfarm allows the Trust to roll over 3 years of income. Our income has not been huge over the 6 years of dividend the Trust has received but it is now time to revisit how we use this community dividend.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Board agreed the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join Community Benefit from RES Freasdail and Sron Doire windfarm community dividends together in 1 pot.</li> <li>• Retain £30-35k annually for dispersal to local groups for up to 50% of costs of a project e.g. new equipment, events, maintenance. This amount to be index linked.</li> <li>• Support new development projects with a smaller number of grants of up to £30 -40k, around 1-2 per year.</li> <li>• Support will be in the region of 10-20% of the value of a new development.</li> <li>• All plans, planning permission, rest of funding to be in place before TSCT grant can be released.</li> <li>• TSCT Grant is final piece of the jigsaw, although a letter of intention can be provided to support grant applications.</li> <li>• Larger Community Benefit grants will support projects and work identified in the Tarbert &amp; Skipness Community Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The above was broadly accepted with agreement to have an independent eye look over it and draw the policy together, suggestion GLIC associates or Charles Reppke.</p>	
(10)	<p><b>Bike Stands and Furniture</b></p> <p>No update.</p>	
(11)	<p><b>Tarbert &amp; Skipness Renewables Ltd</b></p> <p>No update.</p>	
(12)	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>Accepted and approved. Annual accounts are now ready. Sheila and John to sign and return to Wm. Duncan &amp; Co.</p>	SC/JR
(13)	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>AGM will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6:30 p.m. in TALC.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in Tarbert Village Hall (annexe).</p>	