

TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

UPDATE TO THE MID ARGYLL KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

2nd February 2022

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Housing Project continues to make progress and had appointed consultants to look into the feasibility of developing an area of land for new affordable home. They will report shortly on their findings.

The Trust held community meetings on 18th November 2021 to seek updated feedback from the community and business owners in respect of the project to increase the number of affordable homes within the village. The evening session had a good range of community and business attendees, including the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council, Councillor Robin Currie and there was considerable discussion on current housing issues and solutions that have been used to address such concerns in other communities.

The Trust also undertook an awareness campaign to encourage families with unmet housing needs to register their need on HOMEARGYLL. The campaign included a mail shot to parents and guardians, leaflets to retail businesses in the centre of the village, social media releases and coverage in the local newspaper.

The feedback from the meetings was presented to the Trust in December and allowed it to reaffirm its commitment to promoting new affordable housing for the community.

The Trust will be in a position to update the partnership on the outcomes from its project at the next meeting.

The Trust was represented at the first meeting of the Community Housing Network Group organised by Argyll and Bute Council housing team which is intended to bring community groups together to share experience and knowledge around issues related to community led housing projects.

The possible community buy out in the village of Skipness is still under consideration but there are alternative possibilities which might prove more beneficial to the community, but are still in the early stages of development by a third party.

The Trust hope to do a full renewal of their Community Plan later in the year and are looking at options to assist with the funding of that important piece of work.