

TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

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

26th April 2022

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Housing Project continues to make progress and the consultants have reported on the feasibility of developing an area of land for new affordable homes and discussions are ongoing with the landowner. The Trust will provide a further update to the next meeting of this group.

The Trust was represented at the second meeting of the Community Housing Network Group organised by Argyll and Bute Council Housing team and there was a lot of interesting information shared amongst the representatives attending.

The possible community buy out in the village of Skipness is still paused as the alternative approach referenced in the last report is now in the advanced stage of development by a third party.

The Trust was represented at a very well attended community meeting organised by Tarbert Harbour Authority/UK Government on 23rd March and took the opportunity to speak to local residents who attended the consultation event. The meeting was arranged to consult on projects that might be developed for the village under the UK Community Renewal Fund around the themes of Recovery and Regeneration. The Trust have put forward a proposal to participate with a project to promote the delivery of a heritage experience to attract local residents and visitors to the village centre.

The Trust also participated in an online discussion organised by the More Homes division of the Scottish Government which was intended to allow community housing groups to share experience and issues to inform future thinking within government. There was considerable discussion on the new concept in National Planning Framework 4 of Local Place Plans and the concept of 20 minute communities which some representatives described as too urban centric.