

TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

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

31st AUGUST 2022

1-Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Housing Project which had received funding from the Crown Estate has now concluded and has submitted the feedback report required as part of the grant award .The Trust Directors also received a report on what had been achieved having regard to the Action Plan that had been endorsed at the commencement of the project in July 2021.The Directors determined that the project had been successful as it had established clear support for more affordable homes from both the Council and existing RSL's in the village .The Trust have been heartened by the prompt actions taken by Councillor McAlpine to seek to secure an alternate site for development .The Trust efforts to acquire a site for development at the edge of the village did not result in an agreement being reached , with the existing owner .

2-The Trust was represented at the third 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 main presentation was delivered by the Communities Housing Trust Scotland setting out details of their work to support local communities to develop affordable homes .

3-The Trust had put forward a proposal to Tarbert Harbour Authority to promote the delivery of a heritage experience to attract local residents and visitors to the village centre .This has resulted in the Trust taking the lease of harbour side premises with the intention to operate a local life visitor experience .There will be more details on the Trust website in due course but the facility has opened for the current summer season at what is known as the Purple Door opposite the fish quay in Tarbert .

4-The Trust also participated in a further online discussion organised by the More Homes division of the Scottish Government which had been sent to some local community councils .The meeting was intended to invite community views on what more could be done to support community groups trying to deliver an affordable homes project for their area .It was interesting that there was a high degree of synergy between the views expressed despite representatives participating from Argyll islands,west coast ,east coast and central Scotland .