



TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2007 IN THE TEMPLAR ARTS & LEISURE CENTRE, TARBERT

Present: See Sederunt

1. The Chairman opened the meeting with a short address to the membership.
Chairman mentioned future unrestricted business streams which would be detailed in Item 7 (Any Other Business).

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Bill McHugh, Mary Elder, Dr Douglas and Mrs Val Barker, Neil and Ileene Duncan and Alan MacDonald.

3. Minutes of AGM of 29 November 2006 and EGM of 14 June 2007

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2006 and the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14 June 2007 were approved and adopted. Proposed by John Hutchison, seconded by Wendy Steadman. This became the decision of the meeting. (AGM - for 16, against 2); (EGM – Proposed, John Hutchison, seconded Chris Rogan
Vote For 14, Against 2)

4. Statement of Accounts and Directors' Report 2007

The Statement of Accounts and Directors' Report for 2007 were approved and adopted. Proposed by Alex Horn seconded by Wendy Steadman. This became the decision of the meeting. For 18 : Against 1.

5 Reappointment of Auditors –

It was proposed by Robert MacPhail, seconded by Moyra Logan, that

William Duncan & Company be reappointed as Auditors to the Trust. This became the decision of the meeting. Arthur Macfarlane objected to this because he said that the auditor should be independent. Douglas and Robert told Arthur the actual facts. For 20, against 2. Moyra commended John Hardie as an accountant.

6. Election of Directors

No nominations were received. Ian MacIntyre, Bill McHugh and Scott Woods did not require to be elected under the new Memorandum & Articles of Association and remain as Directors. Chris Rogan, Robert MacPhail, Mary Elder, Douglas Robertson, Wendy Steadman and Christine MacNab were elected 'en bloc' with 21 votes of and 2 votes against the proposal.

7. Any Other Business

Income Streams - The Trust was originally set up to receive and disburse "community payments" from the energy company pursuing a North Kintyre windfarm. This project was eventually dropped and so the expected core income for the Trust never materialised. The Chairman indicated that if the Trust is to continue then new income streams have to be identified. The Chairman was particularly keen on the creation of a trading arm of the Trust with all profits going back to the Trust. Robert MacPhail presented a paper on this subject and a copy is attached.

Ann Thomas suggested that Members be asked to contribute £10 per annum. David Bridge said that this should be decided tonight and proposed £10 per annum per Member and £5 per annum for Associate Members. This was seconded by John Macfarlane and became the decision of the meeting.

Alec Logan asked if other Trusts had this problem. Robert said that if we got the boatyard site the problem would be solved as we would get core funding from rental.

Ian Reid proposed that we should put out a statement with the appeal for the £10, seconded Moyra Logan.

Moyra said it was terribly easy to stand outside and throw stones and she expressed her thanks to the Board for what they had actually put into the Trust.

Report on Tarbert Castle – Robert McPhail

Robert reported that funds of £16,236 were in place for TCI to carry out fencing and the main entry path. Work was underway and would be completed by the end of March..

Progress has been made with permanent floodlighting and Argyll & Bute Council may be willing to give supply of electricity from street lighting. We have also a Crown Estate Capital Grant for switch on at the Scottish

Series.

The Castle Cash Account last year totalled £675 made up of approximately £100 from the School Youth Drama performance, £90 from local donations, £100 from a private donation and £80 from the sale of Castle Christmas cards and the rest from the visitor donation box. £365 had been spent on fuel, employing a professional strimmer and coffee etc. for work parties.

Alex Logan proposed a vote of thanks to the Castle Committee, seconded by Chris Rogan.

Web-site

Ian Page said that the website needs to be updated. The Chairman said that the website was new and eventually it will be a great tool.

Re-create – Chris Rogan

Chris said that there was lots of talent in the area, people skilled in all sorts of crafts, and also there was lots of waste that could be recycled and made into professional, saleable goods. The idea is combing skills and also people who are isolated. It was hoped that in five years Re-create would be making money for the Trust.

Chris and some of her team entered a Social Enterprise event at New Lanark which took the form of a “Dragon’s Den”. They won £4,000 and 2 days’ consultancy. A Steering Group has been set up – Chris Rogan, Alana McNair and Molly Smith. They now want to set up a Management Committee. It is hoped that people will learn new skills from volunteers who have craft skills and help will be needed with packaging and marketing. There will be Community Classes teaching skills; activity holidays in winter – craft centred. Everyone who goes into the centre will be given something to do (cut this, stick this, sew this etc.). This is an increasing market and it is hoped eventually to franchise the idea all over Scotland, the UK and then Europe.

Memorandum & Articles of Association

There was considerable discussion about the geographical area covered by the Trust and Ian Page wondered why all the PA29 6 are was not included, ie including Clachan, Whitehouse, Glenbarr etc.

The Chairman advised that the 50 postcodes listed in the Memorandum & Articles of Association were those designated by the Scottish Executive as those likely to be relevant to the operation of the Trust and these define “the Community” of Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust.

Chairman and Secretary

The Chairman said that both he and the Company Secretary would be standing down at the next Annual General Meeting for personal reasons.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed Chairman

Date:

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