

# TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

## Summer 2023 Newsletter

It has been a while since we have produced a newsletter. Here is an update of our work over the past year

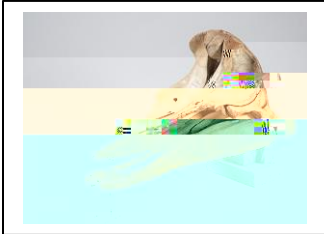
### TARBERT HOUSING

Housing in Tarbert & Skipness is a major issue. Over the past 5 years the Trust has carried out several studies to prove the need and demand for housing. Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) recognise the need and demand for housing in Tarbert. In September 2022 the latest Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2023/24-2027/28 was

## TARBERT LIFE

Tarbert Life has re-located to the “Purple Door” at the quayside. It is open from Wednesday to Sunday and has a local display of heritage, natural history and a children’s area.

This year we have received a donation of the backbone and skull of a Cuvier beaked whale that beached at Tayinloan some years ago. This is a protected species and the Trust had to obtain a licence to display the skeleton. This was done but a quick Google search showed that these bones would be potentially attractive to those who are less than honest, as they have significant value. Tarbert Life is looking to fund a safe way of displaying the skeleton.



Skull of Cuvier beaked whale – about 1.5m in length.

Please come and visit Tarbert Life at the Purple Door and give us your views. We really want to know how the people of Tarbert want their heritage interpreted.

## COMMUNITY PLAN

Our Community Plan is now 13 years old. A new plan has been written based on public meetings and surveys in both Tarbert and Skipness.

The shortened plan is attached with this newsletter.



## COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISPERSAL

The Trust receives an income from RES Freasdail which it disperses in the form of Community Benefit to local groups once a year.

Since 2017 the Trust has dispersed over £180,000. These grants help around 20 local groups maintain and develop their services and over the years include Tarbert Golf Club, Feis an Tairbeart, Tarbert Academy Parent Council, Skipness Sheepdog Trials and Kintyre Food Bank. This year the Trust welcomed an application from Tarbert Women’s Football Team. It is always good to see new groups emerging. A full list of successful applicant will be displayed on the Trust website.

## SKIPNESS VILLAGE HALL

The Trust is supporting the re-development of Skipness Village Hall and are delighted that they have received funding from Fern Community Funds to produce and cost plans for the work that needs to be done to secure the building and make it wind and watertight

## TARBERT HERITAGE AND REGENERATION SCHEME

In May A&B Council announced they had been successful in their applications to both the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF) and Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme (HES) for the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme. The council has secured £40,000 from NHLF and £40,000 from HES, and with match funding of £60,000 from the council for the development phase.

There has been one meeting in July attended by Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust, Tarbert Castle Trust and Tarbert Harbour Authority. Representatives of these groups and the Community Council will become partners with the Council to work together on the delivery plan. As more information becomes available we will keep you informed

**IF YOU ARE GOING FOR A WALK ALONG THE OUR SHORES, PLEASE TAKE A BAG, A PAIR OF GLOVES AND COLLECT LITTER. THIS IS A SIMPLE WAY OF HELPING KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN.**

**TARBERT HARBOUR AUTHORITY HAVE AGREED THAT LITTER COLLECTED CAN BE PLACED IN THEIR BINS**