

Board of Trustees

Harbour Master – Donald McAllister – Originally from Islay, Donald served as a Deck Officer in the Royal Navy for eight years and the Royal Navy Reserves for a further ten years. During his time at sea he served in fast patrol boats in Hong Kong, saw service in the Middle East , Falkland Islands, Caribbean and as a Fisheries Officer in the Fishery Protection Squadron. After leaving the Navy in 1998 he studied for an MBA at Edinburgh University before embarking on a career in Management in the Road Transport, Waste Management and in Senior management positions, for the last sixteen years, in the Marine Towage and Salvage industry. He joined Tarbert Harbour in November 2014.

Chairman – Duncan Cunningham – Educated at The Glasgow Academy and Cranfield Institute of Technology (Cranfield University), Duncan holds professional qualifications as a fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science & Technology, a member of the institute of Engineers & Shipbuilders in Scotland, and the Ex Deacon Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow. Duncan worked for the Young and Cunningham Group between November 1979 and July 2006, becoming Chairman in 1987.

Deputy Chair – Carolyn MacDonald – Carolyn was raised in Tarbert and attended the local high school. On finishing school she left to study hotel management in Glasgow and worked there for a few years. On return to Tarbert Carolyn took over ownership of the Bruce Hotel now recognised as the Anchor after establishing it as a successful business she sold it in 2003. Carolyn moved to Mull for a while where she opened a hugely successful restaurant called ‘Cafe Fish’ which attracts people from all over the world. On the back of the restaurant success she returned to Tarbert to open a similar restaurant ‘Starfish’ which has become equally successful. Carolyn is passionate about the west coast of Scotland, proud of Tarbert and the way it has evolved and she is keen to be a part of future developments.

Board Member – John Hardie – John Qualified as a chartered accountant in 1972 and has travelled extensively spending time living in South Africa and Australia. John moved to Tarbert in 1986

and became a partner in WM Duncan & Co. chartered accounts and developed the practice for the next twenty six years before retiring in 2013 after a spell as a senior partner. After returning to Tarbert John became a partner in the ownership of the Victoria Hotel and developed a successful established business which he sold in 2004. In 1998, with other community members, John established Tarbert Enterprise Company (TEC), a not for profit organisation. TEC originally raised grant funding to support the Scottish Series however has since become responsible for the management of several other Tarbert Festivals. John is now Director of TEC and Tarbert and Skipness Ltd.

Board Member – Steve Bleasby – Steven began his working life as a Merchant Navy Deck Officer and was fortunate to visit and explore over 55 countries around the world whilst serving on LPG, Bulk and General Cargo vessels. Eventually life ashore beckoned and Steven entered the world of commerce.

Steven has held directorships and shareholdings in a range of companies, including business systems, printing, packaging, oil refining, training, consultants, and accountants. Eventually he entered into business consultancy, working closely with a number of companies. Hard work, much travel and very challenging times, culminated in Steven being offered the position of Commercial Director UK & Ireland with the leading manufacturer of PET bottles and plastic closures. The large customer base included all the major soft drinks brands. He held this demanding position for a number of years but a quieter life was sought.

In 2000 Steven moved to Tarbert from Yorkshire with his wife Rae to run their recently purchased retail business which became Loch Fyne Gallery. This lifestyle move improved their quality of life enabling them to invest spare time in their chosen leisure pursuits and helping local groups and committees. The business was sold in late 2015 and both took early retirement.

Steven intends to use his retirement to pursue his love of travel and golf but intends to continue to live in Tarbert, a place he loves and is proud to call home.

Board Member – Malcolm MacDonald – Malcolm has owned West Loch Shores since 1996, which offers self-catering lodge holidays. Over the last 20 years he has developed it into one of Kintyre’s major accommodation providers. Earlier this year, he launched a new touring park, which is also close to the village, offering pitches and facilities for touring caravans, camper vans and campers.

Malcolm and his family are actively involved in the local community and support a number of organisations and initiatives including Tarbert Enterprise Company and most recently Tarbert’s Harbour Board.

Board Member – Roger Godfrey – Roger served for 16 years in the Merchant Navy, beginning as an Apprentice and Deck Officer with a traditional Scots tramping company, Andrew Weir & Co and culminating with serving as Master on a range of Offshore vessels with Maersk UK. Changing careers in 1988, Roger left the Merchant Navy and embarked on a new role in Business & Operational Management ashore, pursuing this for some 30 years and creating his own management consultancy business along the way. Coinciding with Roger’s retirement in 2018 he and his wife relocated their live aboard barge to Tarbert Harbour following a visit in 2017 and Roger joined Tarbert Harbour as a Trustee in 2020.