



TARBERT BRIDEWELL CLG PROJECT



What was the idea

Tarbert Bridewell, courthouse and jail, was built in 1831. It is an elegant, cut stone listed building. In 1987, the Bridewell Project Group was set up, it fundraised, purchased the building, renovated and restored it. Tarbert Bridewell Museum, coffee shop & gift shop opened for business in 1993. The roof was last refurbished approximately 30 years ago and was in need of repair, the felt had perished, allowing water to saturate the structure. Preserving the fabric of the building would ensure that the Bridewell can continue to be used regularly, into the future.



Challenges

Once the application to the EIRGRID Community Sponsorship Fund was successful the group set about engaging their preferred contractor however as they had ceased trading, and Covid-19 restrictions were in now place the group secured a new contractor who was at the time carrying out other works at the Bridewell thus making his quote competitive.



How has this funding made a difference?

'In 1987, the Bridewell Project Group was set up by local volunteers, who campaigned and fundraised to buy the building from its private owner and brought it back to life through an extensive programme of renovation and restoration. It is held in trust for the people of Tarbert and is a much loved and essential part of the village of Tarbert, its people and its identity. It is an important monument and museum on a well-established tourist route'

'Continuing investment in the fabric of the structure is vital to the building's survival and the replacement of the gutters was a critical first step towards securing the longevity of the old roofs, by preventing water from penetrating into the roof timbers and the stonework.

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Amount Awarded
€10,000 commitment

Barbara Carey – Secretary



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Key Users

- Tarbert Historical Society
- Whist Club
- Tarbert Active Retirement Group
- Monday Walkers
- Cuckoo Walking Festival
- Tarbert Development Association

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



Project Financing

EIRGRID Community Sponsorship Fund