

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ann Ross (AR), Emmy Hargrave (EH), Harold Gillespie (HG), Ailsa Campbell (AC), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Ruth Stone (RS), Christine Forsyth (CF), Barry Hargrave (BH)

Apologies: Jonathan Beck (JB)

Chair: Dawn Griesbach

Minute Taker: Emmy Hargrave

The regular monthly meeting of the Crieff Community Trust (“CCT”) board was held on Thursday 21st November 2013 at Coneyhill, Carrington Terrace, Crieff, PH7 4DZ. The meeting started at 8:00pm, led by the Chair, Dawn Griesbach. The minutes of the previous meeting had been reviewed prior to the meeting and were accepted by all after agreed amendments and modifications. Apologies accepted from absent attendees.

1. Matters arising from previous meeting

- Transport group had not met – action carried forward
- EH confirmed discussed website with John Champion
- AR discussed public access to new MA sports facilities with Rector, who confirmed plans are for maximum access possible, compatible with the school timetable.
- Confirmed October newsletter sent.
- EH confirmed feedback received on website document
- Bag back fundraising carry forward to January, Co-operative unable to give a date at this time.
- EH confirmed visit to Clydesdale Bank and provide all signatures and documents requested.
- Meeting of DG and JB to discuss funding activities had not taken place – action carried forward
- RS prepared a draft document for action groups on how to request funding.

DG thanked the work and effort from CF to raise funds for the CCT and expressed concerns around the level of support from the Board.

2. Admission of new members

HG proposed the admission of 4 new members; 3 new full members and 1 associate member, once clarification on associate member is clarified.

3. Treasurer’s report

Summary provided by HG - Cash surplus at 21st November is £1,292.

HG advised signatures will be required by office bearers for HRMC confirming CCT is now a

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registered charity.

4. Any matters arising from action group meetings

Community & Recreation (Campus) update from Ann Ross

No update

Marketing & Promotion update from Emmy Hargrave

EH confirmed discussed website with John Champion from CUSP. Agreement to review the site with the members of marketing group who are willing to be involved. Next steps to be discussed at next CUSP meeting on 23rd November.

Environment & Heritage (Paths) update from Dawn Griesbach

Audit of Crieff to Comrie path completed and available on line

Paths group have been out with the Ranger

Way marking above Auchengarrich is being reviewed

Andrew Donaldson had agreed to speak to Mr Blackwell of Trowan re upgrading the path at his farm.

DG has requested an update on the current position with Acorn Dell

Town Centre Group discussion

DG advised that Keith Irving from Living Streets had contacted CCT again, offering to meet in Crieff and DG had tried to contact Gordon Taylor from CUSP. EH agreed to discuss with Gordon Taylor at CUSP meeting on 23rd November.

DG advised the request from Sam Kennedy, Crieff Rotary Club still to be responded to. DG to respond providing where to find details on rateable premises.

Barry Hargrave joins meeting to present options available to the community if a Community Right to Buy (CRTB) for the Drummond Arms (DA) is submitted.

DG raised letter received from RBS offering their portion of the Drummond Arms to the CCT for a 'nominal fee'. Letter also confirmed that the November court case has been postponed until 2014. RS raised the need to understand the motivation behind this offer before making a final decision. Agreed to respond to RBS and set up a meeting with BH and RS. DG to draft response, requesting meeting.

DG started the CRTB discussion, stating, in her opinion the CCT board had rushed into submitting a draft application, that 10% of the community need to provide support for this before submission.

RS confirmed that all board members had agreed to the draft submission in writing by email.

DG raised her concern, that the board were not in a position to take on the DA and that the risks were too high. DG was concerned that, if CCT seek a CRTB then an expectation is

being set with the community that we were willing to buy the DA. DG is concerned that this would damage personal and board reputation.

AC felt that the communication on the CRTB could be properly drafted to set the correct expectation with the community. RS agreed and confirmed communication would need to be very carefully managed.

BH went through a step by step flow of actions related to the DA, considering the RBS court case, CRTB impact on sale of DA and the possible outcomes. BH advised that the CRTB would give CCT an option to purchase, should the building come up for sale in the future. And the opportunity to discuss possible uses of the building, in line with the community needs, with other interested parties such as developers.

All agreed that the preferred outcome was for the DA to be developed to meet the community needs, but the CCT Board may not need to own the building.

DG expressed that she did not believe the CRTB would provide options for the CCT to influence the future of the DA.

EH suggested that, given there is an opportunity and not to take it could be viewed negatively by the community and equally damage the CCT's reputation. The DA is the priority for the town. EH felt CCT should take all steps necessary to try to influence that outcome. The CRTB gives CCT the first refusal on the right to purchase the building. And that conducting the feasibility study and the CRTB application could be conducted at the same time.

RS provided a draft timeline, drawn up by the Town Centre Group, demonstrating the planned timescales to complete the CRTB, including the community petition. And covering initial timescales for a feasibility study on the DA. The plan showed a 3 month timeframe to complete the CRTB application, expected completion to be end of February 2014.

HG asked for more details on the items in the draft timeline, particularly on the feasibility study. RS confirmed that the feasibility study steps needed to be documented clearly. HG requested more information on the preliminary assessment shown on the plan.

RS advised that Fergus Purdey has agreed with PKC to conduct a preliminary building assessment. That this would not be a full feasibility study, but provide more details on what the building could be suitable for. A useful document to have further discussions with the community. RS confirmed that the agreement between FP and PKC was for the assessment cost to be £10k, with PKC funding £5k, and Fergus Purdey providing the rest of the time free of charge. RS confirmed this assessment would be delivered to PKC and then shared with other interested parties. RS is waiting on written confirmation and details of assessment from Fergus Purdey. DG asked if Fergus Purdey would follow up with community on their needs and RS confirmed this would be done.

HG agreed that if this was a being sponsored by PKC and then gifted out other groups, then acceptable. All agreed.

HG questioned what CCT would do with the DA. DG's preferred option is to conduct the feasibility study first, then the CRTB. HG asked what feasibility study would provide. DG explained that this is a standard assessment, which gives a plan of what could be done with the building.

DG suggested that the timescales on the plan were unrealistic and suggested that she invite the Lottery to talk to the board in January.

HG advised he felt the assessment needs to be done before the CCT board could make a decision on purchasing the DA. DG confirmed she is not comfortable with the CRTB

RS and HG asked if we should vote. EH proposed the following question to be voted on, all agreed:

“Should CCT move forward to prepare a CRTB application”

EH asked for a show of hands from board members who support CCT moving forward with CRTB application. HG, AR, AC, EH, RS voted yes

EH asked for show of hands from board members who were against CCT moving forward with CRTB application. DG voted by no.

Agreed by show of hands, CCT would move forward with CRTB application.

5. Administrative items - None discussed.

6. Any other business – None discussed

Location of next meeting – to be confirmed. Agreed next meeting to be in December focused on communication plan for the CRTB.

Next Board meeting in January 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Open Actions Arising from Meetings

Board Meeting	Action	Owner	Due Date
June 20th	Transport group to meet	DG	31/12/2013
Nov 21st	EH to complete actions from Strategy Meeting	EH	31/12/2013
Nov 21st	Confirm type of membership appropriate for Louise MacLarty	HG	31/12/2013
Nov 21st	Obtain office bearer signatures for HRMC	HG	31/12/2013
Nov 21st	Raise Living Streets request to meet at CUSP	EH	23/11/2013
Nov 21st	Respond to Sam Kennedy from Crieff Rotary Club	DG	31/12/2013
Nov 21st	Draft response requesting meeting with RBS with BH and RS	DG	30/11/2013
Nov 21st	Set up next meeting to discuss communications for CRTB	EH	30/11/2013
Nov 21st	Contact Gordon Taylor to contact Living Streets-	DG	31/12/2013