

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 19 March 2015, 19:30, at Almond House, 8 Burrell Street, Crieff

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Graham Donaldson (GD), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Harold Gillespie (HG), Emmy Hargrave (EH), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR)

1 Welcome

Ailsa welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly prospective new Board member, Jim Anderson.

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all, after agreed amendments. It was agreed that MR will email copies of the Board meeting minutes to CUSP, CCC and the local Councillors.

3 Matters Arising

Crieff Matters – AR confirmed that the Co-op have given us permission to leave copies of Crieff Matters by the tills from now on.

4 Admission of New Members

One new application for full membership has been received and approved.

5 Treasurer's Report

HG circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. There had been no transactions on the account since the February Board meeting, so the financial position is unchanged.

6 Project Updates

Town Centre (AC) – Town Centre Charrette: Public meetings will be taking place at Strathearn Artspace on 18 April and 02 May. The first meeting is to decide the agenda and the second is to convert ideas into action. AC and Barry Hargrave are working on an application for a DTAS Town Centre Community Led Regeneration Grant which they will circulate for comments. The aim is to apply for funding to action whatever is the outcome of the charrette.

Planning Aid Scotland: GD attended a meeting along with representatives from CCC, CUSP and the Arts Group at the campus on 05 March where four groups of pupils from Crieff High School were invited to give their views on Crieff. Among other things, the pupils raised the following concerns: lack of greenery, lack of activities (music, sport, nightlife) for young people, lack of job opportunities, public transport from Muthill to Crieff and Comrie, public transport to Stirling, railway line from Crieff to Auchterarder, parking enforcement, flood prevention, the Drummond Arms, either demolishing it or making it a community hub, putting the footpath along Broich Road on the other side of the wall.

Can Do Challenge: AC & Barry Hargrave to attend the next meeting on 30 March.

Paths (DG) – Trowan to Comrie: The feasibility study report has now been finalised. Guy Wedderburn, PKC's consultant, is attempting to make appointments to recommence negotiations with the landowners. A press release from SNH out today (19 March) stated that they are prioritising development of the Crieff to Lochearnhead section of the planned new Pilgrim Route between St Andrews and Iona over the next five years. This means there is likely to be funding available for improvement of the Trowan to Comrie section of the path.

Acorn Dell: We are still awaiting decisions from the SSE Sustainable Development Fund and PKC's Community Environment Challenge Fund on our applications for the stage 1 path repair project. We are working with Andy Barrie to put together a specification for the Management Plan. Brian Souter is the owner of the railway embankment that bisects Acorn Dell and we are trying to arrange a meeting with a factor to discuss using material from the embankment to build the link path between the end of the Stage 1 path and Lady Mary's Walk. Crieff in Leaf have replaced 100 of the trees they had previously planted, which had died, although they were asked by Ann Cowan and DG not to proceed with this planting. Crieff in Leaf has agreed to transplant the trees later if this turns out to be necessary. RB to mention at the next CUSP meeting that plans for the improvement of Acorn Dell are being taken forward by the Friends of Acorn Dell group (under the auspices of CCT) and anyone wishing to undertake future work in Acorn Dell should, in the first instance, contact DG, who is now acting as Secretariat for the group in Ann Cowan's absence.

Path Repairs Team: We have submitted an additional application to PKC's Community Environment Challenge Fund for £2,297. Once we have the grant, we will need to agree arrangements for storing the equipment, and produce a risk assessment for future working parties. Alex McLeod, who co-ordinates this group, and Richard Armstrong, PKC Countryside Ranger, are working on this.

Transport (RB) - Trains: We are still awaiting the draft submission to the Scottish Government for the Strathallan Community Rail Partnership. The official who co-ordinates these partnership will, after 01 April, be employed by the rail operator, Abellio. This is creating short term delays.

Buses: We have reports that the number of passengers being carried on the Sweeney operated core Town Bus Service has increased since the service was introduced in January. This is very encouraging, particularly since numbers could have been affected by the adverse weather conditions during that

period. PKC are conducting surveys on the route and a review of the operation will take place in the spring. We are hoping to work with PKC and neighbouring communities to support funds to increase the frequency of Service 15: Perth-Crieff-Comrie to half-hourly.

Marketing (EH) – EH to meet with Alan Rankin to discuss the marketing of Crieff going forward. The Crieff.org website is now live and just needs a bit of work. EH is working on a communication plan with Ewen MacGregor.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

6 Governance & Operational

- **Financial Procedures** – HG to amend for next meeting
- **Company Structure** – MR to amend for next meeting
- **Funding Procedures** - for discussion at next meeting
- **Membership Procedure** – distributed by HG – for review at next meeting
- **Working Group Protocol** – drafted by AC – awaiting feedback from Colin Roxburgh
- **Welcome Pack** – draft components list distributed by AC – for review at next meeting

7 Any Other Business

AGM – 21 May 2015 at 19:30 – AC to book Strathearn Artspace.

The meeting ended at 21:30.