

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 23 April 2015, 19:30, at Findal, Strathearn Terrace, Crieff

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

Apologies Emmy Hargrave (EH)

1 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all, after agreed amendments.

2 Matters Arising

Broich Road Survey - MR will email members to invite them to take part in this survey.

3 Admission of New Members

No new applications for membership have been received.

4 Treasurer's Report

Draft Annual Report circulated by HG in advance of the meeting for approval by the Board, subject to examination by Noel Patterson.

5 Project Updates

Paths (DG) – Trowan to Comrie: nothing new to report this month.

Acorn Dell: We have now received confirmation from both PKC and SSE of our grants for the repair of the Acorn Dell footpath. This year is the 200th anniversary of Lady Mary's Walk, and the Acorn Dell Group are keen to celebrate this with an event, so our grant awards are very timely. Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust (PKCT) will manage the project and a steering group will be set up comprising members of CCT and the Acorn Dell Group. DG and JA will draw up a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that the project is completed to time and to budget.

The plan was to use material from the railway embankment in Acorn Dell to build an extended ramp from Turretbank Road. However, preliminary testing of the soil on the embankment found Clinker (an industrial waste product) at the top of the embankment. It is anticipated that the soil near the

bottom of the embankment will not be contaminated but further testing is required. PKC has agreed to assist us with this at no cost.

Before the contract is put out to tender, the following is required:

- a formal letter to the residents of Oakbank Crescent, informing them of what is involved (CCT/PKCT)
- written consent from Brian Souter, the owner of the embankment, or his solicitor, allowing us to use material from the railway embankment (PKCT)
- identification of the location of services (gas, electricity, water, drainage, etc) in Acorn Dell (PKCT)
- press release and information on our Facebook page and elsewhere (CCT)

Path Repairs Team: As part of our grant from PKC, we have also received £2,297 to purchase equipment for the Paths Team. DG to meet with Richard Armstrong and Alex McLeod to discuss storage, insurance and risk assessment issues.

Transport (RB) - Buses: RB hopes to meet with Andrew Warrington from PKC next month.

Trains: The draft application for the Strathallan Community Rail Partnership (SCRCP) is being finalised. The next stage will be the creation of the SCRCP Board and a Business Plan. At a recent meeting of the SCRCP steering group, John Yellowlees, External Relations Manager of Scotrail, intimated that there would be no more trains from Gleneagles in the next three years and if we wish to improve on this we have to show public demand. RB to draft some questions and DG will create a survey.

Marketing (EH) – The Marketing Group would like to consult the community on an identity for Crieff and would like authorisation of a project budget of £500 to get quotes for the creation of 3 logo options to be used in the consultation. AC to contact EH to invite the group to the June Board meeting to discuss.

Town Centre (AC) – AC and Barry Hargrave attended a Can Do Towns Get Together on 30 March. Iain Scott from Scotland Can Do Challenge to visit Crieff. The Town Centre group met on 31 March where the main focus was on the upcoming charrettes, the first of which took place on 18 April. Issues that came up were: making the town more pedestrian friendly, improving shop fronts and having more culture in the town. The next charrette is on 02 May. Barry Hargrave to attend DTAS “Backing Winners” workshop on 14 May. Our DTAS application was unsuccessful.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

6 AGM Planning

HG confirmed that our articles state that one third of the Board must stand down, and that will be HG & EH. Co-opted members must also stand down and can be re-elected. Notice of the AGM must go out to members with 14 days clear notice. HG to prepare notice and MR to email and post to members.

7 Governance & Operational - AC & MR to finalise for Welcome Pack

8 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 21:30.