

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 21 May 2015, 20:00, at Strathearn Artspace, Comrie Street, Crieff

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

Apologies Graham Donaldson (GD)

1 Appointment of Officers

Chair: Ailsa Campbell, proposed by Ann Ross, seconded by Roger Brickell

Interim Treasurer: Harold Gillespie, proposed by Dawn Griesbach, seconded by Ann Ross

2 Co-option of Additional Board Members

Graham Donaldson and Mhairi Rolin were co-opted onto the Board.

3 Handover of Responsibilities

OSCR & Companies House: responsibility of HG until next meeting

HMRC: will be the responsibility of the next Treasurer

Bank Account signatories: next Treasurer, AC, DG & AR

Membership Database: AR - AC to ask Emmy Hargrave to transfer ownership

Certificate of Incorporation and other certificates: AR

DG thanked HG for all he had done for the Trust and AC thanked him for his sage advice. He would be greatly missed by everyone on the Board.

4 Previous Minutes

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

5 Matters Arising

AC to contact Emmy Hargrave to re-invite the Marketing group to the June Board meeting to discuss their plans.

6 Admission of New Members

Three new applications for full membership have been received and approved.

7 Treasurer's Report

HG has submitted the annual account to Companies House and OSCR and as there have been no new items of income or expenditure since 31 March, the situation is unchanged from the annual accounts.

DG has been informed that SSE are not going to pay the grant in advance of the expenditure being incurred, contrary to what is stated in their letter of 26 March 2015. DG to query this.

HG suggested that, going forward, the Trust should have a budget for unrestricted funds. All agreed to review for discussion at the next meeting.

8 Project Updates

Transport (RB) - Trains: Letters requesting support for the formation of the Strathallan Community Rail Partnership were sent to Network Rail, ScotRail and Tactrans. Favourable responses have been received from ScotRail and Tactrans with ScotRail intimating that they would be prepared to submit the application to Transport Scotland on our behalf. No response has been received from Network Rail.

Buses: Following notification that the Dundee to Oban Bus Service will no longer operate, RB wrote to ScotRail about the possible provision of a rail connecting bus service from either Perth or Dundee to Crianlarich and received a positive response.

RB hopes to meet with Andrew Warrington from PKC regarding other outstanding matters in June.

Town Centre (AC) – The draft charrette report will be available in June so the next meeting, planned for 26 May, will probably be delayed by a week or two.

AC and Barry Hargrave have been invited to speak at the Local v Global Talk Oot as part of the Scotland Can Do Towns project about the struggles of trying to get things done as a volunteer.

Paths – Trowan to Comrie (DG): no further updates.

Acorn Dell (JA): Efforts to get samples from the railway embankment were unsuccessful. JA to meet with Andy Barrie from the Countryside Trust and Gordon McClarty to see if material can be sourced locally to fill the steep part of the path from the bridge.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

9 Strathearn Hotel

MR to write a letter, on behalf of the Board, in support of the proposals to develop the site of the Strathearn Hotel.