

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 25 June 2015, 19:30, at Carantas, 7 Hazel Avenue, Crieff

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Graham Donaldson (GD), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Harold Gillespie (HG), Emmy Hargrave, Mirela MacInnes (MM) (from 21:00), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR), Keith Wellstood, Gordon Wright

1 Discussion with Marketing Group

Emmy, Keith and Gordon from the Marketing Group expressed their frustration that their plans to create an identity for Crieff had been held up for some time. The Board acknowledged their frustration but reiterated that they had wanted to wait to see if the BID was successful before proceeding, and now that the BID had been successful, they would like the Marketing Group to work with the BID to create the identity for Crieff. AC to contact the Board of the BID when it has been set up in September to arrange a meeting with the Marketing Group and representatives of the Trust.

2 Admission of New Members

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

3 New Board Member

Mirela MacInnes has been elected to the Board.

4 Appointment of Treasurer

Mirela MacInnes, proposed by Dawn Griesbach, seconded by Harold Gillespie

5 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all.

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

7 Treasurer's Report

HG circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. All items of expenditure shown for the current financial year were already included as accruals in the annual accounts to end of March.

Similarly, the income for the Acorn Dell path project was accrued in the accounts, as we had received the letter confirming the award of grant, but this has not actually been credited to our account yet.

8 Project Updates

Transport (RB) - Trains: The Steering Committee of the Strathallan Community Rail Partnership had a very positive meeting this week and are hoping to send the application to the Minister by the end of August.

Buses: Oban Bus Service: RB understands that Oban Community Council have approached Visit Scotland who are considering replacing this service in 2016. RB is investigating.

Town Centre (AC) – AC will forward the draft charrette report to the rest of the Board for comment.

AC and Barry Hargrave's presentation to the Scotland Can Do Towns Challenge was well received.

Paths (DG & JA) – Acorn Dell: It was discovered that the Turret Bridge is listed so any changes to the loading on the Bridge return wall due to our proposed alteration to the ramp may require formal approval. Accordingly, it was agreed to prepare a cross section drawing of the existing and proposed ramp to facilitate discussion with the Planning Department, just to ensure that planning consent is not needed. Andy Barrie [PKCT] has approached Chris Palmer, landscape architect in Comrie, to prepare the cross sections - this is in hand and is estimated to take a morning. PKCT will fund this drawing work on the understanding that if there is a surplus after completion of the modifications to the path, CCT will contribute towards Chris Palmer's costs from that surplus. There has also been much discussion about whether it will be possible to find material on-site to build the new ramp from the roadside, given that it may not be possible to use material from the former railway embankment. Andy and JA met with a local contractor who thinks it will be possible to get the material on-site.

Path Repairs Group: The Path repairs group have now all received training in the use of power tools and are keen to move forward in purchasing these. The machinery will be stored in a secure location. The Council is also investigating the cost of providing public liability insurance to the group under the Council's own policy. Assuming this goes through, we would still, however, need insurance for breakages and theft.

Trowan to Comrie: We have received no further information from PKC on progress relating to landowner negotiation since last month. However, Andy Clegg (head of PKC Greenspace Team) has said further information will be available in the week of 6 July. In the meantime, SNH has been in touch to say that they have funding available for work on the Crieff to Comrie Path for this year.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

9 Any Other Business

BID - AC reported that the BID had been successful with 69.7% of the votes cast and 87.8% of the rateable value in favour of the plan. Nominations for the BID Board close on 10 July and the new Board will be set up by 01 September.

Joint Integration Boards - DG explained that the Scottish Government was placing more emphasis on local health and social care in the community and asked the Board if they would like her to look into this as a potential avenue for funding for a development worker. After some discussion it was agreed that this was not the right time for this.