

**Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting**

**Thursday 17 September 2015, 19:30, at Findal, Strathearn Terrace, Crieff**

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Barry Hargrave (BH), Mirela MacInnes (MM), Ann Ross (AR) (Minute Taker)

Apologies Mhairi Rolin

**1 Previous Minutes**

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

**2 Matters Arising**

The Welcome Pack will be finalised when new cloud storage arrangements are in place.

**3 Admission of New Members**

There were no new applications for membership.

**4 Treasurer's Report**

MM circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. The budget for unrestricted funds was discussed. MM to prepare draft budget. DG to submit income statement for Gannochy Trust.

**5 Co-op Bag Pack - Saturday 26 September**

Most slots have been filled but more help is required. AC & AR to liaise on T Shirts, posters etc.

**6 Land Reform Petition**

DG to put a link to the petition on the CCT Facebook page.

**7 Bid Update**

The Bid committee has had two meetings. Stephen Leckie is Chair, Stuart Cassells is Vice Chair, Graham Donaldson is Treasurer. AC is on the Marketing Group and the Welcome Group. The domain name Crieff.org to go to the Bid. AC to meet with our Marketing group to engage them in working with the Bid Group. The Town Centre Manager post is to be advertised soon.

**8 Group Reports**

**Paths (DG & JA) – Acorn Dell:** A memorandum of understanding with PKCT is ready to be signed. DG is working on a leaflet about the project which can be given out during the bag pack.

Richard Armstrong, PKC Countryside Ranger, contacted DG about a request from a resident in Highland Road to remove some trees in Acorn Dell which are shading her property. As ownership of Acorn Dell remains with the Crieff Community Initiative, it was agreed to refer the matter to them.

**Path Repairs Group:** The new equipment has now been used for the first time during the recent work party at Bennybeg. Strimmers to be labelled to show CCT ownership.

**Trowan to Comrie:** Negotiations are continuing between Guy Wedderburn / PKC and the landowners.

**Transport (RB)** - Network Rail has approved our application for the Community Rail Partnership and we are on course for formation by Mid-November. The focus will then be on the introduction of an hourly Glasgow to Arbroath service, calling at Gleneagles.

RB attended a meeting of Scottish CRPs and it is hoped to have regular meetings as they are useful for pooling of ideas. There is a budget of £20,000 to spend in the current financial year and possible projects, including marketing of the line and usage surveys, are to be considered. At these meetings, RB has talked to representatives of the West Highland CRP which serves Oban and Fort William. There is concern about the absence of public transport links between the east and west coasts. There are two possibilities of rail connecting bus services to either Crianlarich or Rannoch Moor Stations. There is some interest within Scot Rail that some form of viable scheme is possible.

RB is meeting Andrew Warrington of PKC next week to discuss these issues and also to discuss the future improvement of Service 15 and the results of surveys on the revised Town Bus Service.

DG & RB to create a survey on the Dundee to Oban Bus Service.

**Town Centre (BH) - Can Do Towns Challenge** - BH listed the various workshops and seminars that members of the group had attended in the last 18 months. They had heard from, and talked to many experts, community groups and social enterprises about the challenges faced and how they been overcome. Many community groups have faced the same difficulties and the message is to persevere.

Through Iain Scott and the Can Do Towns project, they hope to have helped highlight, to policy makers in national and local government (including their agencies) and funders, the disconnection between the Communities' and the Scottish Government's shared desire for town centre regeneration.

There is £1.7m funding for capital projects, via the Town Centre Communities Capital Fund (TCCCF), for community groups to work on town centre regeneration. The deadline for applications is 29 September so Iain Scott has arranged for Danny McKendry (danielmckendry.co) to apply on behalf of CCT, for £25k (which must be spent by March 2016) for the equipment to set-up a 'Messy Space' (a redundant building and a place where people can share, collaborate and work together), e.g. the old Primary School.

**Community & Recreation (AR)** – no further updates.

**Marketing** - no further updates.

**9 Any Other Business** - there was no other business.