

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 20 August 2015, 19:30, at Kildean, Murray Place, Crieff

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Dawn Griesbach (DG) (Chair), Mirela MacInnes (MM), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR)

Apologies Ailsa Campbell (AC), Harold Gillespie (HG)

1 Previous Minutes

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

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3 Admission of New Members

There were no new applications for membership.

4 Treasurer's Report

HG circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. £2,070 had been received from PKC, as the first part of the grant for equipment for the Paths Group.

5 Project Updates

Town Centre: AC circulated the report in advance of the meeting. The TCG had met on 28 July.

COSS 'Backing Winners' Workshop: Barry Hargrave (BH) attended this workshop in May. It focused on how to sort assets from liabilities and how to assess which buildings and land would work best for our communities. It was very helpful and the TCG is planning to use this knowledge to identify a suitable vacant space for a project in Crieff.

PKC Buildings Audit: PKC Property & Estates and Cultural Services were meeting on 20 August to discuss assessing all PKC buildings in Crieff before transferring or selling them on. Having learned about this, the TCG would like to liaise with PKC regarding empty spaces for a potential Can Do space for an enterprise hub. PKC had offered the Town Hall for the BID office/community hub but repair work is needed in the basement and roof (requiring scaffolding in the street) so it is not a short term solution. The BID is likely to remain in the Learning Centre for the foreseeable future.

Town Centre Charrette: All feedback on the draft report was sent back to PKC. The consultants have been asked to return the final report by 11 September.

Can Do Towns: After the presentation AC and BH gave at The Lighthouse on 03 June, they were contacted by Deborah Mays of The Heritage Place. AC met with her on 19 August. Deborah is offering her help, free of charge, with finding a strategy for the Drummond Arms.

BH is attending the launch of the Can Do Hub launch, a new enterprise space in Falkirk, on 27 August.

Transport (RB) - RB was pleased to report that the off-peak return fare from Gleneagles to Glasgow and Edinburgh has been reduced to £15. The Steering Group is now looking at increasing the number of trains stopping at Gleneagles and at developing connecting services. The application for the SCRP will be sent off mid-September and should be up and running by November. The Partnership will receive a budget of £20,000 in the first year, and £10,000 the following year, which will require match funding.

Paths (DG & JA) – Acorn Dell: Drawings of the proposed changes to the initial section of the Acorn Dell path were submitted to the Planning Department by the PKC Community Greenspace team on our behalf. We have now received confirmation that planning consent is not necessary so we can proceed with putting the work out to tender. JA is meeting with Andrew Barrie (PKCT) on 25 August to discuss tender documentation and invitations to tender will go out shortly thereafter.

Public Liability Insurance: We learned at the beginning of July that, in order to receive the Community Environment Challenge Fund (CECF) grant from PKC for a path repair project, we are required to have public liability insurance. Quotes for insurance were received, and it was agreed to go ahead with the cheaper of the two policies, from Tennyson. The policy will also cover personal accident insurance and all risks contents insurance. DG hopes to purchase the policy in the next two weeks.

Path Repairs Group: All the equipment has now been purchased and is in a secure (temporary) location. Arrangements are being made with the Countryside Ranger for permanent storage.

Trowan to Comrie: SNH has been in touch once again to ask us to confirm that we would like funding this year for work on the Crieff to Comrie Path. Unfortunately, there has been no further information from PKC since May on progress relating to landowner negotiation, despite assurances in June that we would be given an update in July. DG asked again this week for an update and has requested a meeting, but has had no reply.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

Marketing - no further updates.

6 Co-op Bag Pack - Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September

The Bag Pack is confirmed for Saturday 26 September. AR is waiting for final confirmation for Friday 25 September. MR will email members to ask for volunteers. AR will coordinate the rota.

7 Any Other Business

Cloud Storage - DG & JA will speak to Robert Bone about the best option for the Trust.