

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 21 January 2016, 19:30, at Findal, Strathearn Terrace, Crieff

Present Alistair Beaton, Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Ian Christie (IC), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Mirela MacInnes (MM), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR)

In Attendance John Bray, BID

Apologies Jim Anderson (JA), Charles Crookshank (CC)

1 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all.

2 Matters Arising

Welcome Pack – draft in circulation for review.

£120K Funds from PKC – meeting with representatives from CCC & CUSP on 15 February to discuss this and also the Community Action Plan update. AC will contact Mike Morgan at PKC to find out if there are options for these funds, and if so, CCT members will be emailed to canvass opinion.

Launch of Rural Perth & Kinross LEADER Programme – AC & MR attended the launch on 14 January. There is £3.8 million funding available over the next 5 years. CCT may be able to apply to LEADER for funding for a development officer. DG to forward draft job description for all to review for discussion.

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. There have been no transactions in the last month and the cash at bank remains the same.

5 BID Update

AC introduced John Bray, the new BID Manager. John will be coming along to Board meetings every month to present a BID update:

The BID is supporting the Strathearn Festival of Science (20-28 February) with a sizeable grant.

They are also looking at a Crieff gift card to encourage people to shop in Crieff.

6 Ownership of Acorn Dell

The report by John Glover, solicitor from the Community Land Advisory Service (CLAS), on the possible liabilities of taking over ownership of Acorn Dell was circulated in advance of the meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that:

- DG will contact Brian Souter regarding the ownership of the abutment

- MM will contact Noel Paterson to discuss cost and implications of setting up a special purpose vehicle to protect CCT assets
- DG will seek confirmation that our liability insurance covers us if we take on an asset
- DG will ask Andy Barrie, PKCT, to ask the contractor if they will remove the old fence post stubs and the tree(s) on the pier, and make good. DG has received confirmation from Historic Environment Scotland that the former bridge pier and abutment are not listed structures.
- DG & JA will seek quotes and advice on making the pier and abutment safe.

7 Group Reports

Paths (DG & JA) – Acorn Dell: work is planned to begin on Phase 1 of the Acorn Dell path repair on Monday 25 January, weather permitting. The path will be closed during the 2-3 week period of the work. Signs have been erected diverting walkers to Laggan Road for access to Lady Mary's Walk. A press release has been issued to the Herald and Courier. MR to email CCT members.

Crieff to Comrie: funding has been secured (by PKC) from Scottish Natural Heritage to enable further work by Guy Wedderburn in negotiating Path Agreements with the landowners between Trowan and Comrie. Model path agreements have been developed by PKC, and negotiations will begin again shortly.

Transport (RB) - Strathallan Community Rail Partnership: RB & AC attended the first public meeting in Auchterarder on 19 January. The next will be held in Bridge of Allan on 09 February, and the inaugural meeting of the Partnership will take place in Auchterarder on 22 February.

Town Centre (AC) - Crieff Primary School: the Town Centre Group is meeting on 01 February to discuss possible next steps for this project.

Options Appraisal: should be completed soon and will be submitted to the Board for approval.

The Drummond Arms: The Community Empowerment Act, which should come into force this summer, has a provision for community bodies to buy abandoned or neglected land where the owner of the land (or building) is unwilling to sell and where it is being used in a way that causes direct or indirect harm to the environmental wellbeing of a community. CCT could potentially make use of this legislation to buy the Drummond Arms. AC was informed by Isobel Butt, PKC, that the Ancaster Flats have had water damage from the Drummond Arms so PKC is keen to help us.

Community & Recreation (AR) – no further updates.

8 Any Other Business

There was no other business.