

**Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting**

**Thursday 18 February 2016, 19:30, at Carantas, Hazel Avenue, Crieff**

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Ian Christie (IC), Charles Crookshank (CC), Dawn Griesbach (DG), Barry Hargrave (BH), Paul Keith (PK), Mirela MacInnes (MM), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR)

In Attendance John Bray, BID

**1 Ownership of Acorn Dell**

Paul Keith, CCT's advisory solicitor, had reviewed John Glover's report and the Land Registry Title and agreed that, if CCT were to take on the ownership of Acorn Dell, the principal risk would be falling masonry from the abutment. He felt that more investigation was needed to establish the boundary between the embankment and the abutment and he would look into this for CCT. PK then left the meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that CCT would take on the ownership of Acorn Dell. It was also agreed not to set up a separate company but to take out additional insurance to cover Acorn Dell. DG will ask CCI to put out a press release announcing the handing over of Acorn Dell to CCT and then we will notify CCT members.

**2 Options Appraisal**

BH had circulated his Options Appraisal brief ahead of the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that BH would ask Steve Tolson for a formal proposal with the most viable and deliverable options, outlining the stages and costs attached to each one. BH then left the meeting.

**3 Development Worker**

MM & AC met with Colin Roxburgh on 09 February and were advised that, as we have already consulted the community through the Community Action Plan and the Charrette, there was no need to wait for the options appraisal before applying to the Big Lottery. A letter has been prepared to ask for an application form for a Development Worker.

**4 Previous Minutes**

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

**5 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**6 Admission of New Members**

There was one new application for full membership, which was duly approved.

## **7 Treasurer's Report**

MM had circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. The only expenditure in the last month was for DTAS membership. The invoice for the work on Acorn Dell has been received from PKCT. DG will contact SSE and PKC to ask for payment of the grants.

## **8 BID Update (JB)**

JB had met with Elspeth Bruce, PKC Environmental Initiatives Officer (Communities) to discuss various issues, including the potholes in Crieff.

The BID Marketing group is working on a community consultation, "What is Crieff About?"

The Crieff Tourist Association may be winding down so the Saturday Markets are at risk.

## **9 Better Place to Live Fair – Saturday 19 March**

MR will prepare a rota. AC will update last year's A5 leaflet. IC will bring a giant Connect 4.

## **10 Welcome Pack**

All but CC have now reviewed the Welcome Pack. Once he has reviewed it, AC & MR will finalise.

## **11 Group Reports**

**Paths (DG & JA) – Acorn Dell:** Phase 1 has now completed, and there have been lots of encouraging messages about the refurbished path from people in Crieff. A meeting of the Acorn Dell Group was held on 08 February and it was decided to try to organise an Open Day in April to give the community information about Phase 2. We would like to bring the funders together to thank them for their contribution to the path, and to discuss our aspirations for Phase 2, possibly on the same day as the Open Day. The Crieff Paths Group are planning their first meet of the year in Acorn Dell on 27 February. We should consider installing a bollard at the entrance to the path, together with a sign identifying the path as Lady Mary's Walk. This would require contact arrangements to be agreed when access is required by authorised vehicles.

**Crieff Paths Group:** The maintenance team will be holding regular working parties on the last Saturday of the month this year, starting with Acorn Dell in February.

**Crieff to Comrie:** A meeting has been arranged with one of the landowners so far, and arrangements are being made to meet with the others in the next few weeks.

**Transport (RB) – Strathallan Community Rail Partnership:** The second public meeting held in Bridge of Allan was better attended than the one in Auchterarder, partly due to the attendance of a large number of people concerned about the closure to vehicles and pedestrians of the Cornton railway crossing, leaving a housing estate rather isolated. Gil Martin will replace AC on the Board and we are hopeful of having a representative from Muthill.

**Town Centre (AC) - Crieff Primary School:** The Town Centre Group met on 01 February and agreed that the Primary school would be a massive undertaking and it would be better to start with something in the Nursery, if it could be sectioned off from the larger building. Also, the Refectory would be a good space for a community hub. The Council holds the title to the refectory building and would be prepared to consider either a sale or lease of this building to CCT. The Council does not hold the title to the Nursery and so it could not sell or lease the building, but could consider a licence to occupy.

**Can Do Spaces Project:** CCT is part of the Can Do Spaces project which aims enable enterprise in Scottish towns. The leader of the project, Iain Scott, is working on forming a Can Do Co-op. AC, BH, IS, and representatives from Falkirk and Peebles to attend a meeting with John Swinney at the Scottish Parliament on 03 March to discuss the obstacles and opportunities for communities.

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

## **12 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.