

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Crieff Community Trust

Thursday 19 May 2016, 18:00, at Strathearn Community Campus, Pittenzie Street, Crieff

Present Jim Anderson, Roger Brickell, Ann Ross, Ian Christie, Karen Christie, Mhairi Rolin (Minute Taker), Charles Crookshank, Dawn Griesbach, Peter Tunn, Peter Littwin, Gil Martin, D L Ross, Liz Croll, C Appleyard, J Hughes, Harry Thomason, Rebecca Dearman, Robert Macfarlane, Mirela MacInnes, Elizabeth Mannion, Chris Vermeulen, Ailsa Campbell (Chair)

1 Chair's Report

Ailsa Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation summarising the activities of the action groups and the Board in the last year, and their plans, going forward. She concluded by thanking all the individuals and groups who had helped and supported the Trust and encouraged anyone who would like to get involved in the work of the Trust to get in touch.

2 Treasurer's Report

Mirela MacInnes, Treasurer, went over the main points of the Annual Report, concluding that, at the year end, the Trust's unrestricted reserves were slightly up on the previous year. She also pointed out that, since the Annual Report had been finalised, it had come to light that the hourly train service between Dundee and Glasgow, calling at Gleneagles, would not be introduced until 2018.

3 Election of Directors

The Chair announced that Dawn Griesbach was standing down from the Board. Ian Christie, Mirela MacInnes and Roger Brickell were retiring and seeking re-election. This was agreed unanimously. Charles Crookshank and Mhairi Rolin, co-opted Board members, were retiring.

4 Any Other Business

Drummond Arms – Gil Martin asked if having a feasibility study before an evaluation would not result in the property having an increased value. Dawn Griesbach explained that a feasibility study was necessary to make sure the project was viable and Ailsa Campbell added that the Scottish Land Fund had recommended waiting for a feasibility study before proceeding.

Acorn Dell – Gil Martin asked if there was a maintenance budget for Acorn Dell. Dawn Griesbach replied that, at present, the woodland was being maintained by volunteers and that a woodland management plan would help decide what the budget should be. Harry Thomason asked if the bench at the end of the path could be made more accessible, as it is currently surrounded by mud. Jim Anderson agreed that this would be a good idea and it would be looked into.

Old St Michael's Church Group – Peter Littwin asked if the Trust would support this group. Ailsa Campbell explained that, with limited time and resources, the Trust's focus was the Drummond Arms but this group could become a sub-group within the Trust, providing its lead sat on the Board.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting.