

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting
Thursday 16 June 2016, 19:00, at 14 Orchard Park, Crieff

Present Jim Anderson (JA), Roger Brickell (RB), Ailsa Campbell (AC) (Chair), Charles Crookshank (CC), Mirela MacInnes (MM), Mhairi Rolin (MR) (Minute Taker), Ann Ross (AR)

In Attendance John Bray (JB), BID, Gil Martin

Apologies Ian Christie

1 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by all.

2 Matters Arising

Consultation of Part 3A of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act - AC submitted a response to the consultation on secondary legislation proposals relating to Part 3A of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 – the community right to buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land as introduced by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, on behalf of CCT.

3 Admission of New Members

There were no new applications for membership.

4 Treasurer's Report

MM had circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. The current balance of £2,419 includes a £200 donation from Dawn Griesbach for Acorn Dell and the £177 proceeds from the recent bake sale. MM also circulated a draft budget for unrestricted funds – all to review for next meeting.

5 BID Update (JB)

Parking Survey: BID is conducting a survey on parking in the town centre. Businesses have reported that they are losing passing trade and have seen up to a 50% reduction in revenue since parking meters were installed.

Grant to Crieff in Leaf: BID has pledged £1,000 to Crieff in Leaf for vehicle running costs in 2016. JB reported that BID is also working on a Winter event and that the branding project is moving along.

6 Ownership of Acorn Dell (JA)

CCI have now completed their part of the transfer of ownership of Acorn Dell from CCI to CCT and we expect to hear from our solicitor very shortly. Once CCT owns Acorn Dell we can contact Brian Souter to discuss matters and introduce the subject of potential hazard at his abutment where the bridge deck has been removed.

7 Group Reports

Town Centre (AC) – Drummond Arms: It was agreed to take this project forward and to apply for a grant from The Architectural Heritage Fund.

Work Hub: JA, RB & AC met with Andrew Rodger (architect), Mearns McCaskie (PKC Estates Surveyor) & John Stevenson (PKC Property Technician) on 25 May to have a closer look at the state of the old refectory. There are concerns that the roof is in very poor condition. A Rodger has arranged for a roofing specialist to provide an approximate figure for replacing the roof to the standard required for a conservation area and is getting an estimate for a raised floor from another specialist. He is also preparing a simple annotated sketch scheme of a possible layout, as a basis for the CCT to consider and for the quantity surveyor to calculate costs, prior to submitting a pre-application for grant funding. As the refectory is in the Crieff Conservation area, A Rodgers asked PKHT if funds for the “conservation” aspects of fabric repairs might attract grant funding help from another source. He was advised that they no longer offer the Historic Buildings Grant but can help with enablement and advice.

Work Hub Survey: We have had 50 responses, two weeks into the survey. It is being promoted via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, banners in the town and the Strathearn Herald. Morrison’s Academy has also sent an email to parents.

Fumbally Exchange, Dublin Study Visit: AC attended this very useful one-day study trip, organised by Can Do Places. A summary of the visit will be circulated.

Paths (JA) – Acorn Dell: A meeting with Richard Armstrong (PKC Countryside Ranger) has been proposed for later this month to discuss the compilation of a Woodland Management Plan for the Acorn Dell Area. Note that CCI had been asked by a resident in Highland Road about a rotten tree on Acorn Dell. JA & MM to update our Public Liability Insurance Policy to include risks associated with CCT’s ownership of Acorn Dell.

Lady Mary’s Walk & Acorn Dell: JA and Dawn Griesbach are preparing a small photo book showing before/during/after photos of the refurbishment work to Lady Mary’s Walk in Acorn Dell as a thank you to SSE & PKC & PKCT. The application to Paths for All for a Community Grant amounting to £1,500 appears to have been successful and formal confirmation is expected soon. This application is for funds for equipment for the Volunteer Paths Group (fuel, strimmer cord, work gloves) and the provision of a sign and bollard at the start of Lady Mary’s. Kevin Fairclough of Paths for All has submitted his report on his analysis of the various route options available to re-join the refurbished Lady Mary’s Walk with the remainder of the walk, avoiding work on the banks of the Rivers Turret & Earn. His report concludes that the most viable route is the one to the north of the disused railway line across Acorn Dell.

Crieff Paths Group: The volunteer Paths Group meet on the last Saturday of every month. May’s task was to improve a section of the path linking Comrie to Comrie Croft. Activities were focused on constructing a new section near Comrie Croft where the path is poorly drained and frequently very muddy.

Crieff to Comrie Core Path: Negotiations continue with the landowners between Trowan and Comrie.

Transport (RB) – Strathallan Community Rail Partnership: The group is looking into the possibility of using Gleneagles as a base for the Partnership.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.