

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 18 August 2016, 19:00, at Kildean, Murray Place, Crieff

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

In Attendance Peter Littwin (Friends of St Michael's Church)

Apologies Charles Crookshank

1 Friends of St Michael's Church

Peter Littwin gave an overview of the situation with St Michael's Church. Working parties have been taking care of the upkeep of the graveyard over the last two summers. The priority now is to make the building wind and watertight before winter. Suggestions for a purpose for the building include a day centre for the elderly, a centre for young people, or a heritage centre, and a study is required to establish how best to use the space. MM to look into funding for an options appraisal for the building and the members of the Friends of St Michael's group are welcome to come along to the Town Centre Group meetings.

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting had been agreed by email.

3 Matters Arising

Budget for Unrestricted Funds – agreed by all.

4 Admission of New Members

There were no new applications for membership.

5 Treasurer's Report

MM had circulated the updated accounts in advance of the meeting. The current balance stands at £3,442 and this includes a donation of £387.95 from CUSP, which is to be ring fenced for Acorn Dell and legal fees, paid to J & H Mitchell, for conveyancing for the acquisition of Acorn Dell.

6 Ownership of Acorn Dell (JA)

Ownership of Acorn Dell was transferred to CCT last month and the Registers of Scotland have now issued a Title Sheet confirming CCT as Proprietor with the Date of Registration of 20 July 2016. JA's proposal to increase our insurance to cover Acorn Dell was agreed. JA to draft a letter to our "neighbour" Brian Souter to discuss matters and introduce the subject of the potential hazard where the bridge deck has been removed.

7 Group Reports

Paths (JA) – Lady Mary’s Walk & Acorn Dell: Work has begun on the Woodland Management Plan, following the meeting with Richard Armstrong, PKC Countryside Ranger, on 04 July. JA met Kevin Fairclough of Paths for All on 19 July to discuss his report analysing the various routes to connect the recently refurbished stretch of path through Acorn Dell with the remainder of Lady Mary’s Walk. Discussion focussed on Route 2 and its viability. JA to approach Sustrans to explore viability further. 75% of the Paths for All Community Grant has been received and copies of press releases forwarded to Paths for All. Various styles of sign and bollard types are being investigated for further discussion.

Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMR1/126: On 03 August JA, Dawn Griesbach, Gordon Morrison, Andrew Donaldson and Guy Wedderburn met with representatives from PKC Community Greenspace, Sustrans and Scottish Natural Heritage. Alternative routes proposed by the landowners require further investigation and ramps, flooding and suitability of non-urban path type surfacing are being explored to ensure no later objections arise from SEPA or Sustrans. Andrew Donaldson suggested that now would be a good time to start a Crieff - Comrie Path Facebook page and will write to CCT outlining his thoughts and pros and cons. PKC have identified some funding and will apply for £5k for further studies on CMR1/126.

Transport (RB) – Strathallan Community Rail Partnership: A survey of passengers is to take place during the last week in October 2016, covering both commuters and those travelling for leisure and shopping and, in the case of Gleneagles, boarding the morning train to London, Kings Cross. It is intended to have notice boards at all three stations giving details of connecting bus times, taxi companies, a map of the immediate area and relevant tourist and hotel information. At the same time, we hope to explore the use of public notice boards advertising train times in adjacent communities. A leaflet is also being produced advertising walks and cycle runs for rail passengers.

Town Centre (AC) – Drummond Arms: Project Manager and Business Plan Team tenders have gone out. The submission deadline is 26 August. Our application to the Scottish Land Fund has been submitted. They require quotes before they meet on 31 August. AC spoke to Isobel Butt from PKC and we are hoping to receive £5k each from two different funding sources. AC to submit an Expression of Interest for LEADER funding. AC & MM to meet with MP, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh on 16 September.

Work Hub in Old Primary School Refectory: Architect, Andrew Rodger, is working on costs for this project.

8 Any Other Business

Co-op Bag Pack – Saturday 02 September – MR to email members to ask for volunteers. AR to organise rota.