

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting

Thursday 15 September 2016, 19:00, at Findal, Strathearn Terrace Crieff

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

In Attendance Peter Littwin (Friends of St Michael's Church), Gil Martin (GM)

Apologies Roger Brickell

1 Friends of St Michael's Church

Peter Littwin gave an update on the situation with old St Michael's Church. The churchyard is owned by Perth & Kinross Council. The hall was owned by Crieff Community Hall Inc (latterly with directors from a martial arts group) from 1994 until they abandoned it in 2011. The company was dissolved by Companies House in 2012 so the building was forfeited to the Crown. However, the Crown disclaimed it's right to the property in 2015. The Friends of Old St Michael's have been maintaining the churchyard and keeping the building secure. Group spokesperson, Peter Littwin, is taking advice from CCT solicitor, Paul Keith; exploring options for retaining the building as a community resource.

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by all.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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 Co-op Bag Pack on 02 September raised £692.88.

6 Group Reports

Paths (JA) – Acorn Dell: JA and Dawn Griesbach met with Richard Armstrong on 07 September to discuss the Woodland Management Plan. Apparently, there is Himalayan Balsam growing at some locations along Lady Mary's Walk and there is some in Acorn Dell. Richard advised on the best time and method for removing it. Duncan Murchie, a Crieff resident, was also at the meeting and he discussed how he and potentially some of his work colleagues could carry out voluntary projects in Crieff.

Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMR1/126: The £5k funding identified by PKC for further studies on this route was not awarded. The next meeting to discuss Crieff to Comrie Core Path has been arranged for 26 September in Perth.

Transport (GM) – Strathallan Community Rail Partnership: GM confirmed that the passenger survey would take place in the second week of October.

Town Centre (AC) – Work Hub: AC submitted an EOI to LEADER on 24 August and then she, JA and Andrew Rodger, architect, met with Steve MacDonald and Alice Yeung from LEADER on 06 September to explain the Trust's plans and current situation. Andrew supplied his draft drawings and a worst case scenario (most expensive) Bill of Works to repair the old Dining Hall and convert it into a work hub. The feedback was very favourable. Steve said the proposed plans met most of LEADER's objectives. However, CCT cannot finalise funding applications (LEADER and BIG LOTTERY MEDIUM GRANTS FUND) until the terms and costs associated with the building are confirmed. A meeting with PKC decision makers to agree a solution to the future of the building, whether it is a lease or community asset transfer, is required.

The Drummond Arms: CCT received two submissions each for the Project Manager and Business Plan team tenders. The SLF Stage 1 application was reviewed by the SLF committee again on 31 August with accompanying quotes for a Project Manager, Business Plan team and building survey. SLF offered CCT £7,000 for a revised feasibility study instead of the £30,000 requested. They explained "*Feasibility of this project, including an options appraisal of other potential sites in the area that could be used to deliver the community outcomes, need to be identified prior to undertaking any further work on this specific building.*" This work will establish (a) whether the Drummond Arms is going to work, and if not, we need to focus on a different building, and (b) if the project is viable, how much it would cost to buy the building and that we have a willing seller. Ailsa Raeburn (SLF) advised us to explain the situation to the consultants who tendered for the Business Plan work. We do not require a Project Manager at this stage but the Business Plan teams have been invited for interviews on 27 September for this revised feasibility study. The SLF explained in their offer letter that £5,000 is to be combined with the £10,000 offered by PKC for the feasibility part and £2,000 is for the building valuation. AC has revised the brief under advice from Alison Crook, Ailsa Raeburn's replacement at SLF, and has sent it to the two consultants for them to adapt their proposals and requote. Alison Crook will work with the interview team on a list of questions for the interview.

7 Any Other Business

Co-option of Additional Board Member – Gil Martin was co-opted on to the Board.

CCT Quiz Night – Friday, 24 February 2017 at Strathearn Artspace – the venue has been booked.

Actions Arising from Meetings

Meeting	Action	Owner	Due Date
11 Dec	Identify new Board members	All	ongoing
16 Jun	Look into Lanark Lanimer type project	CC & AR	31/12/16
18 Aug	Ask Isobel Butt for access to Drummond Arms	AC	ongoing