



## CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

### **Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting**

**7pm, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Glenturret Distillery**

**Present:** Ailsa Campbell (Chair) (AC), Mirela McInnes (Treasurer) (MM), Ian Christie (IC), Jim Anderson (JA), Claire Sanville (CS), Peter Littwin (PL), John Laurie (JL), Dan Granfield (DG).

**Apologies:** Beth Bell (Secretary) (BB), Ann Ross (AR)

**In Attendance:** Arleen Sinclair (AS), Catriona Davies (CD)

The meeting was chaired by JL.

#### **1. Previous Minutes**

Agreed, with one change – Peter Littwin was present.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Fundraiser

Rona McCarra has stepped down from the Board so PL agreed to take on approaching The Meadow Inn about having a pub quiz. JL to organize raffle prizes. The Fundraiser will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

#### **4. Membership**

CS circulated the names and addresses of 9 people who have applied for full membership before the meeting. Board agreed to accept and welcome all applicants as new members.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

A Financial Summary was circulated by MM before the meeting. MM requested the Board make a decision on payment of the remaining £1,305 Fiona Rodger Interiors intends to invoice CCT for additional work on Can Do Crieff project. MM proposed this is paid out of unrestricted funds. MM has asked Big Lottery Fund if we can use rent underspend to fund this but they have still to respond. If they agree, we can "reimburse" unrestricted funds with BLF money. All Board agreed Treasurer's proposal.

#### **6. Governance**

AS circulated an update before the meeting. AS highlighted the need to agree a date for the whole Board to spend with Community Enterprise on organisational development. Agreed to add Mondays to the options on the Doodle poll as no single weekend day suits all Board members. JL advised that the Governance working group has met once already and is due to meet again this month. The group will also meet with Community Enterprise on 6<sup>th</sup> February as part of the package of support being funded by Big Lottery Fund. JL will update further at the next Board meeting.

#### **7. Community Choices Fund**

AS advised that our Community Choices Fund, to be known as "Cash for Crieff", has been launched. An update was circulated before the meeting. Two successful consultation events were held (Focus Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, Pavillion café; Steering Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, Town Hall) to agree the application process and voting procedures. AS has also engaged with all the schools to ensure the involvement of young people. Deadline for submission is 24<sup>th</sup> February and the final event, including vote counting and awards ceremony will be on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

AS has sent a media plan to the Strathearn Herald and sent an update for inclusion in the January edition of the Crieff & Comrie Quair.

AS requested suggestions for a special guest or celebrity, ideally with a connection to Crieff, to compare the event. AS also requested volunteers to assist with the event on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **8. Drummond Arms**

An update was circulated before the meeting. In summary:

- Warrant to access Drummond for structural survey not possible
- Underspend from Strengthening Communities Programme to be used for 3 part Options Appraisal; for building surveyor; for cherry picker access to complete roof inspection
- Working with Property developer Corryard to potentially set up a Special Purchase Vehicle (SPV)
- The purchase of the building from the Heritable Creditor would be by CCT but CCT could then sell on to the SPV same day or later
- Meeting with PKC to discuss lending options for financing development of Drummond into 'downsizer' apartments

A discussion followed and various questions from Board members answered by AC and AS.

AC commented that although this would not result in Drummond becoming a community building, it would benefit the community. In addition, a portion of the profits could come back to the community to spend on other projects.

As part of the SPV CCT would be able to ensure that progress was made so that the building did not continue to lie empty and deteriorate. Corryard need to work with CCT as CCT have a deal in place to purchase the building.

Caledonian Housing Association no longer seem to be interested in the building and are not responding to communications from CCT and haven't done everything they were supposed to, as set out in the legal agreement. CCT solicitor has confirmed they are now in breach of contract. JL suggested CCT solicitor write to CHA to formally sever agreement.

JL proposed a ballot of Board members on how to proceed once further information becomes available over the coming weeks. AS has been gathering the information the Board will need to make this decision.

#### **9. Old St Michael's**

PL gave an update on Friends of Old St Michael's progress. CD apologized for not managing to circulate this to Board members before the meeting.

Visit to Old St Michael's by PKC officers - 11.1.19: Friends of Old St Michael's, Crieff, were visited on Friday by Councillors and staff from Perth and Kinross Council who were keen to highlight the great working partnership they have with them in preserving and improving the site. Executive Director Barabra Renton and Councillor Pete Barrett (Convener, Housing and Communities Committee) attended with Michelle Dow and officers from Housing and Safer Communities team, and Councillor Bob Brawn (Vice Convener, Housing and Communities Committee). PKC Greenspace have supported our annual Open Day, The Safer Communities Team have arranged to have graffiti removed, and a Participatory Budgeting grant allowed them to develop a Memorial Garden in the Churchyard. They look forward to continuing their good working relationship as they continue to improve the site.

Grounds: A quiet time in the garden at this time of year. Weekly litter and poo picks continue to keep the area looking tidy. Volunteers will create the planned wheelchair stance to the side of the bench on Saturday - weather permitting. The Woodland Trust have confirmed that the Wild Harvest Pack of 105 saplings, including hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, elder, and rowan, will arrive by 22nd March. Peter is in dialogue with Morrison's Academy Primary 'Eco Group' with a view to engaging with local primary schools in planting a 25m hedge along the east wall in late March.

Hall: Talks continue with Crieff Museum Group re potential for creating a Heritage Centre in the Hall. FoOSM members are being canvassed for their opinions and thoughts. Most feedback is positive so far. Peter is in dialogue with legal advisor about legal practicalities and costs.

**10. Paths**

Turretbank Wood: JA confirmed RTS have completed their work and submitted their invoice. JA and BB will complete the report for the funder, Foundation Scotland, and submit it in the next week.

Paths Group: Richard Armstrong has stepped down as volunteer Paths Group Co-ordinator and the Greenspace Ranger, Alan Dormand, has recently left PKC. Currently unclear what support the Paths Group will now receive from PKC Community Greenspace. JA will find out what happened to the wheeled trimmer that was supposed to be coming.

Crieff to Comrie path: The topographical survey has been completed. It may be possible to avoid the need to install a bridge (expensive). JA and Dawn Griesbach to meet with Cllr Stuart Donaldson.

**11. Co-working Space/Can Do Crieff**

CD gave a brief verbal update on the progress of Can Do Crieff. The bulk of the renovation work is now complete and several volunteers have been helping with various tasks including cleaning and building flatpacks. The circular table and the glazing graphics are due to be installed next week. Assuming all goes to plan, we should be able to welcome our first co-workers to the space within a few weeks.

**12. AOCB**

Crieff Community Action Plan Refresh: AS stressed the CCAp to CCT. AS will need Board members to sit on a working group.

Membership forms/membership comms: CD to add to Agenda for discussion at next meeting

**Action Points**

Action	Target Date	Owner
Fundraiser – Ask The Meadow Inn about hosting a pub quiz	21.02.2019	PL
Suggest special guest or celebrity to compere event on 16 <sup>th</sup> March.	21.02.2019	All
Advise Arleen if able to assist with Cash for Crieff event on 16 <sup>th</sup> March.	21.02.2019	All