

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Crieff Community Trust**  
**Thursday 20 August 2020, 18.30 held virtually via Zoom**

**Directors:** Ailsa Campbell (AC Chair), Ann Ross (AR), James Anderson (JA), Ian Christie (IC), Claire Sanville (CS Treasurer), Daniel Grandfield (DG), Jane White (JW Secretary). Paula Brown (PB)

**Full members:** Chris McIntosh, Irene Hannah, Sally Leger, Vicky Smith, Catriona Smith, Dawn Griesbach, Robert Bone, Susan Grandfield

**Members of the Public:** Calum Bachel

Ailsa Campbell opened and chaired the meeting.

**The minutes of 2019 AGM were approved by AR and seconded by DG.**

- **Chair's Report**

Ailsa Campbell's Chair's report was in the form of a presentation

Detailed explanation of the following principle achievements of CCT 2019-2020 and ongoing activities:

- Membership of Can Do Crieff co-working hub in town centre was growing before lock-down. A series of Biz chat speaker events had been started to share experiences of local start ups. Two of these were run successfully before lockdown and they may move online in September.
- In October 2019 we secured ownership of former Drummond Arms Hotel and established Drummond Arms Regeneration Ltd (DARL) as a CCT trading subsidiary. Ongoing investigation of options for bringing the building back into use. Secured £600,000 from Town Centre Regeneration Fund to assist long-term redevelopment process.
- Care and management of Turretbank Wood, Crieff's community woodland continued with recommended action on 40 trees complete.
- Ongoing support of development of the core path between Trowan and Comrie and investigation of means to link Turretbank Wood with the rest of Lady Mary's Walk.
- CCT's governance was strengthened with an ongoing review of policies and procedures in order to ensure our ability to be an anchor organisation for the benefit of Crieff.
- Crieff Community Action Plan 2020-2025 work in progress.

In 2019–20 the Trust employed two members of staff through grant funding.

- A Project Development Officer (PDO) supported by the Scottish Government's Strengthening Communities Fund which became the Investing in Communities Fund in October 2019. This post is key in addressing themes identified as priorities for the Crieff Community which include regeneration of derelict buildings in the town centre

through empowerment of community groups to develop skills and implement future regeneration projects.

- A Community Development Officer (CDO) supported by Rural Perth and Kinross LEADER Programme 2014-2020 and the Big Lottery Fund. This role includes the management and development of our coworking space, Can Do Crieff, building volunteer capacity and progressing the new updated Crieff Community Action Plan.

#### **Questions/ Comments arising:**

- Need to ensure better Crieff liaison re. empty buildings, funding applications etc. NB Crieff CAP refresh should assist this process.
- Encouraged to take a long view on DA and not give up too quickly.

#### **• Report from the Treasurer**

In its seventh year of operation, the Trust has covered its operating costs and maintained its unrestricted reserves through a successful fundraising bag pack at the local Co-op. In addition a donation of £5,220 for the maintenance of Turretbank Wood was received from an anonymous donor.

In its second year of operation, the Can Do Crieff coworking space continues to increase its revenue. Rent for Can Do Crieff is fifty percent funded by LEADER. The second and final tranche of Big Lottery Medium Grant fund was received in April. The Investing in Communities Fund (formally known as the Strengthening Communities Programme) continues to fund a Project Development Officer.

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the financial year are £11,482.

#### **• Election of Directors**

Ailsa Campbell is retiring - seeking reelection, proposed by IC, seconded by CS

Jim Anderson is retiring - seeking reelection, proposed by AR, seconded by PB

Claire Sanvill is retiring - seeking reelection, proposed by JW, seconded by IC

Jane White is retiring - seeking reelection, proposed by AC, seconded by JA

Paula is being elected for a first time, proposed by JA and seconded by CS

#### **7. Any Other Competent Business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.20