



CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 13 January 2022 By dial in

Present: Ailsa Campbell (AC), Ian Christie (IC), Jane White (JW), Jim Anderson (JA), Ann Ross (AR),

Apologies: Paula Brown (PB) Claire Sanville (CS)

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the November board meeting had been previously circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record. There was no meeting in December 2021.

3. Matters Arising

Action	By
Acknowledge and thank for money donated to Crieff to Comrie Path fund. £1000 to Andrew Donaldson on behalf of the Breadalbane tourism group.	JW done
Identify items required for Paths and apply for annual one off support for Volunteer Groups for specific items (£500)	JA investigating
Business Club up and running. Need to arrange update meeting with TP. Meet with SA in the New Year.	AC to do
Add all board members as read only access to Xero	CS done
Investigate more than one person access and make payments to and from account.	CS in progress
Everyone to write down what we do within our roles. A separate meeting is needed to carry trustee roles further.	All for Jan
Request to see reports directly out of Xero at monthly meeting. Include a Can Do Crieff column to monitor income vs direct expenditure attributable to CDC. Find unused cheque books and destroy. Annual report progress	CS CS Done!

4. Live funds update

- PKC microenterprise fund - 90% of £900 for CDC promotion. Claimed and paid.
- Scotland Loves Local - application submitted with Andy Clegg @PKC to repair Murray Fountain. Accepted offer. Received £15,000.
- PKC CECF applied for £10,000 for fountain refurb.

- PKC LEADER Testing grant -granted £5,000 to support launch of Uniting Crieff forum. Will receive funds end Feb and mid April.
- ICF - Interim report submitted. Q4 funds will be released.

5. Treasurer's Report - CS submitted update prior to meeting

6 Paths - JA submitted a report prior to the meeting

Turretbank Wood [TBW]

- Progress on legal transfer of title to the area of disused railway line from Turret Burn all the way back to the wooden bridge due early this year. Once CCT own all of the disused railway line bordering on TBW, we can commence design optimisation with Graeme Anderson, Technical Officer at Paths for All. Neilsart NT Design (Neil Thomson) has made a start drafting a model of the area but this work is on hold until the design work with Paths for All is optimised.
- Continued chasing Perth Prison re availability of outside bench for TBW (as envisaged for the Co-op award and as first explored by Catriona just before Covid). Advised that workshops are still closed due to Covid restrictions imposed by prison authorities and this is expected to continue until April at the least. Separate search for benches indicates a supply cost of some £500. Purchase through PKC could reduce cost though elimination of VAT.
- Scottish Water has written to advise that a planning application will soon be submitted for work to include the replacement of 2 manholes with new raised manholes at TBW. The new manholes will be approx. 1m higher than existing. The work will be carried out by their alliance partner Caledonia Water Alliance. Their Customer Manager, Clive Duncan, has been contacted and a site meeting will be arranged once planning has been granted. JAA discussed and stressed with C Duncan the need for sympathetic blending of the area surrounding the new raised manholes and importance of importing new suitable backfill material.

Crieff Paths Group

The application for the annual PKC £150 grant for paths groups is due to be submitted in April. Calum will remind CCT at the time.

Earlier o/s Action: Identify item required for Paths and apply for annual one off support for Volunteer Groups for specific items (£500). Would seating along TBW be a suitable topic to use to apply for further funding? The £250 Co-op award is insufficient.

Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMRI/126.

15 Dec.'21 PKC advised that they had submitted the CMRI-126 route for Planning Approval on 2 December and invited landowners to sign the Paths Agreement based on the planning application. No news of any further developments as yet.

16 December CCT asked PKC for a copy of their planning application – no response as yet. Sustrans have confirmed that they will fund the next stage of detailed design work by PKC. Next Steering Group Meeting scheduled for February 2022.

7. Drummond Arms - IC submitted a report prior to the meeting

Building Update

The main former hotel building's condition continues to provide technical and budgetary challenges. The poor condition of roof and floor joists require the design of internal scaffolding to continue to clear out asbestos, remove rot and provide propping. Scaffolding and bracing workings inside the main DA building are now progressing and scaffolders have been requested to return 14 th Jan to build beyond second floor. Further specialist asbestos removal works week commencing 31st Jan. Following asbestos removal, Kinetic will strip the remaining bedroom material out and then a professional team should be able to safely inspect the condition of the roof structure, which will inform bracing strategy.

By April 22 more than 50% of the rot and asbestos will have been removed from the building and there will be braces in areas where floor joists have been removed. The building in April 22 will be safer than it was in April 21. However, there are still areas of the building with rotten floors, and these could collapse over time which risks impacting the structural integrity of the building.

Historic Environment Scotland, along with PKC building conservationist visited late November, giving the opportunity to see the work in progress and the challenges ahead. HES are now discussing the “situation” of DA internally. Place Based Team (Pauline Megson) is speaking with Grants team and will “be in touch”.

PKC has agreed that there is nothing worth conserving in the building, removing potential demolition delays and objections.

The expression of interest from a potential buyer has come to nothing as expected after he was challenged to put planning and financial commitments in place.

Arts Competition

Planning and Listed Building Consent has come through for arts / window project. The competition closed with 20 applications, a couple not meeting the brief. The four winners have been chosen for the Hill Street windows, with a further 2 reserved for the RBS windows. Ready to install window coverings on Hill Street. Road closure application made to access main front elevation. Trying to sort out some power for backlights.

VAT

2nd claim of £27k is in our bank account. Johnston Carmichael invoice for OCSR paid

8. **Can Do Crieff**

Will we see an increase in energy costs charged to us by SA?

Promote on social media.

9. **CAP/ UC forum**

PK LEADER ‘Testing change’ fund will allow CN to work with CCT for 3 months to get UC forum up and running and agree community projects and priorities. Also begin funding applications eg. ICF funding. Take some costs for CDC.

10. **CCT strategic review - date/time/structure**

Next board meeting will be devoted to a review of CCT strategy and board development.

11. **Fountain**

Meeting to be held 14 January on line with interested parties. Led by Andy Clegg and Calum Bachell.

AOB

No further news on sculpture trail at the moment. Once application is ready, relevant parties know that we need to see it before it is submitted.

Action	By
Is it possible to have an automatic thank you receipt for donations?	JW
Clarify whether small grant £500 could be added to CoOp grant to buy a bench.	JA
Catch up with TP to check in on Business Club. Meet with SA in the New Year.	AC
Full access to Xero? Request to see reports directly out of Xero at monthly meeting.	JW CS

Include a Can Do Crieff column to monitor income vs direct expenditure attributable to CDC. Find unused cheque books and destroy.	CS
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Next meeting 7 pm Wednesday 16 February 2022 to include strategy.