



CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 15 September 2022 on Zoom

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

Apologies

Brian McVey (BM)

- 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest** None and Conflict of Interest policy approved.
- 2. Approval of Previous Minutes**
The minutes of the August board meeting had been previously circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record.
- 3. Matters Arising**

Action	By
Share Annual Report with members, post on website and promote in press Quair/SH.	JW
OSCR and Companies House submissions and changes	JW
Purchase picnic bench with CoOp money for meadow 1 or 2	JA
Treasurer handover	CS/ JW - ongoing
Uniting Crieff forum - organise for September	JW
Promote UC to community and sort out DA display board	JW
Invite proposed new board member to submit CV and expression of interest	AC

- 4. Live funds update**
 - Scotland Loves Local - application submitted with Andy Clegg @PKC to repair Murray Fountain. Accepted offer. Received £15,000.
 - PKC CECF accepted £10,000 for fountain refurb.
 - Arnold Clark Community Fund - received £1000 for info boards for Drummond.
 - Joint ICF application for Community Cafe with Remake and Crieff Connexions submitted.
 - Gannochy (development manager) application submitted for late September grant meeting.
 - Sustrans (link path and tree management) Paths for Everyone rejected.
 - Paths for All new IFPF looks very promising. Have contacted them for a discussion prior to submitting an EOI and JA and JW to attend a briefing day in October.
 - EOIs submitted to PKC (LEADER replacement) for dev manager matched funding/ tree maintenance and link path design/ small shop exterior refurb

5. Treasurer's Report - JW submitted update prior to meeting
CS and JW to organise hand over of treasurer role.

6 Paths - JA submitted a report prior to the meeting

Turretbank Wood [TBW]

Delays and no apparent action re transferring Title to disused railway. Pressed our solicitor stressing this is urgent especially as the Ian Findlay Fund looks tailor made for our link path
Awaiting progress update.

Paths for All have issued details of an opportunity for funding via the £1.5m Ian Findlay Path Fund that has invited applications for projects ranging in cost from £10k to £100k for path management projects that improve the accessibility and resilience of existing paths (this could include: removal of barriers; linking community destinations by filling in missing links or connectivity gaps; or tackling flooded sections of paths to increase climate change resilience).

JW emailed Paths for All on 11 August to discuss our expression of interest as advised. Graeme Anderson the Technical Officer for Paths for All visited TBW last year to advise on our link path route and feasibility, offering to provide design assistance. Graeme is now the manager of this Ian Findlay Fund. He is due to get back in touch - recent exchanges 22 Aug 22, 23 Aug and 12 Sept.

PKC have offered matched funding of between £2.5k to £10k in association with the Paths for All Ian Findlay Fund.

Scottish Water work commenced and is scheduled to last 6 months (but appears to be behind schedule?). Agreed to review location of bench partway through their workscope once they construct the new outfall walls to check sightlines and aesthetics of new bench location.

TD Tree & Land Services Ltd offer to carry out the tree maintenance work identified in their recent Report is front runner. RTS have now supplied a very late very uncompetitive offer. [Check to see if they have no interest in this sort of invitation.]

Funding search to be pursued to pay for this work – include 10% contingencies for other incidentals such as concerns raised by owner in Angus Crescent - attend of Jun.'22.

Coop funded Bench – looking for suitable picnic table to be sited in either Meadow 1 or 2.

Two further Balsam removal sessions were carried out in the period.

Discussion re. social worker referred gentleman to assist with path work.

Crieff Paths Group

Previous Countryside Ranger (Calum) has coordination role within CRMI-126 Project for PKC Greenspace Team.

Our new Countryside Ranger is Athol Curtis and discussions have begun to resume Volunteer Path Group Activities.

Athol is the contact person for chasing small paths grant .

Flail can be “borrowed” from PKC for 1 week at a time provided someone is certified for use.

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

Building Update

Work on the steel restraint system installation was stopped last week due to concerns by the operatives that second and third floors were detaching from the front elevation and looking like an internal floor collapse was imminent.

As a result the decision has been taken by Kinetic to remove the 2nd floor completely to allow the installation of the restraint system. The floor will be removed next week and this will allow CDS back in on the 19th Sept to complete steel restraint installation.

The first floor (ballroom floor) that remains will stay as it seems in decent condition with the exception of the area at the bay window to the left as you look out towards the street. After that the remaining tasks are follows:

Fit remaining elbow straps installed

Asbestos Removal from inside roof – notification to be put in soon as we are confident of a finish date for restraint installation. (£30k but subject to remaining budget)

Roof Repairs – currently not priced

Strike the scaffold and remove the 3rd floor

Internal stonework repairs – currently not priced
As scaffold being removed identify internal stonework repairs as required.

The safety work involved in removing these floors will use a big chunk of the remaining budget. There may not be enough to remove asbestos from the roof as planned. However, we will almost have cleared the inside of the main former hotel building. This will make future work more accessible and less expensive. We are focused on keeping this building structurally safe.

Financial

The current situation has been explained to officers at PKC and they have been asked to explore any suitable grant funds that may just help us with the final push on this phase of works.

We have also applied for funding support for Project Manager role from April 2022 - March 2023, which DARL is currently paying directly.

We are just about to pay the Contractor £101k which leaves us around £10,000 grant monies still to draw down. We have £81k in the bank (from VAT reclaims) and a current VAT claim for £24k in the system for June/July/ Aug 22.

We will ensure there is enough funding to renew the Directors Liability insurance due later this year.

Other

Accounts, VAT claims and Companies House Statement - all up to date.

8. Can Do Crieff

We have had one member pause and one reduce from 1- to 5 days but gained one new member and are hopeful of another. Hope to find people will come back over the autumn. Need to be aware of SA plans for the future of the building. Need to create options.

9. CAP/ UC forum

Joint application to ICF for Community Cafe with CCT as lead submitted.

Need to organise a forum in October and promote UC calendar and listings.

10. Fountain

JW met with Susan Whyte - new PKC project manager wc 22.8 to discuss progress. New costs are being formulated to take into account increases in all costs since the project was first envisaged. These will include a conservation surveyor's assessment of the state of the undercroft and the work which would be necessary to return water and electrics to the fountain. Meeting to be held late October once these costs are in. PKC aware that both our grant funding expires end March '23 and restrictions on it.

11. Governance / CCT

BMcV approved as directed and registered with Companies House.

Annual report shared with members, posted on website and in press Quair.

Contacts with potential board members ongoing.

Approve 1 new full member.

Action	By
Wed 12 October 10am bench sitting TBW	all
Uniting Crieff forum - organise for October	JW
Crieff to Comrie path - discuss with John McCrone	AC/JA
Contact Rock Trust CEO to discuss board development	AC
Arrange for other board members to meet potential new board member who will provide a CV in advance.	AC

Next meeting- Thursday 20 October by Zoom