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Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 20 October 2022 on Zoom

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

Apologies

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

Action	By
Wed 12 October 10am bench siting TBW	all - done
Uniting Crieff forum - organise next meeting	JW - no progress
Crieff to Comrie path - discuss with John McCrone	AC/JA - see actions
Contact Rock Trust to discuss board/ development	AC - wait for dev manager
Arrange for other board members to meet potential new board member who will provide a CV in advance.	AC - done

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.
Received offer of £1755 from PKC 'Open for Business' for matched funding to improve external look of 'wee shop'. Architects employed for a day to do designs and submit planning application. Now appears LBC and advertising consent also required - funder has agreed to add 50% of these costs to our award. NB IC noted LBC should not be require as not in the Drummond, JW to follow up - in fact Ancaster is also a listed building.
- Joint ICF application for Community Cafe with Remake and Crieff Connexions submitted.
- Gannochy (development manager) application partially successful, received £15000 towards salary costs for a year subject to receiving other matched funding.
- **Application submitted to Inspiring Scotland for remaining costs of dev manager costs but this is only till March 23 and we will not be informed until Dec 22.**
- **EOI submitted to Paths for All new IFPF.** JW attended a briefing day on path construction.

- EOIs submitted to PKC (LEADER replacement) for dev manager matched funding/ tree maintenance and link path design/ small shop exterior refurb. **Application to CLLD submitted for tree maintenance/link path design**

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 continue and still no apparent action re transferring Title of disused railway to CCT. 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).

Two consultants approached and details of CCT's link proposal forwarded to them to assess interest and indicative design costs. [TP&E and Waterman in Perth. Note JAA also a director of TP&E so potential conflict of interest to be safeguarded against.]

Graeme Anderson the Technical Officer for Paths for All again visited TBW and together with Dawn we discussed the proposed link path within the criteria stipulated under Ian Findlay Paths Fund [IFPF] and Active Travel. CCT have now revised their scheme to highlight the important fact that our link will connect the community in the Highland housing area via an off road path network with the rest of Crieff. New link scheme drawn up and issued to both consultants. Note Paths for All advised that a 3rd Consultant's quote for the work will be required.

An Expression of Interest [EOI] has been submitted to start the process to qualify for funding under IFPH.

PKC have made a general commitment to provide matched funding of between £2.5k to £10k - application made to CLLD fund for tree maintenance and link path design costs - in association with the Paths for All IFPF. Search continues for other sources of funding to allow the TDT reported tree maintenance work to be actioned. Currently it has been included in the EOI for the link path.

Scottish Water work ongoing and new outfall on east side of Turret Burn is now completed. CCT site visit on 12 Oct.'22 concluded that the Scottish Water bench could be sited in front of the raised manhole when installed but angled NE to focus on the shallow rocky area of the Burn rather than E towards new outfall.

Coop funded Bench – Site visit 12 Oct.'22 also concluded that the Coop funded bench should be a seating bench in Meadow 2. If subsequent link path requires relocation so be it.

Crieff Paths Group

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

The training session for use of the flail at Auchterarder was carried out but a similar one scheduled for Madderty was canceled due lack of support.

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

Our grant funding has been fully spent and we are now utilising monies reclaimed from VAT payments to settle outstanding costs for works completed and contractor retentions.

Kinetic have completed their contracted works and have been off site from mid October 22. Scaffolding and 'crash decks'; built up from ground floor through to the roof structure that allowed strip out and detailed inspection of the main former hotel buildings roof are still in situ.

A push to remove asbestos from the roof before completing this phase of works has revealed that parts of this roof structure are at high risk of collapse. In fact the very significant internal scaffolding structures, which are rented at £850 per week, are actually

now providing propping support. Although not specifically designed for this purpose the structural engineer is reluctant to approve the removal of this scaffolding. This gives us a significant problem. We have no income to continue to rent the scaffolding and purchase costs are quoted at £35k (although under the circumstances we may be able to do a deal). Specialists Eradakil inspected the roof structure on 18th October and initially reported that the primary structure is in need of urgent repair but if this is addressed now it can be saved. If left much longer we are looking at a full replacement. In order to do the repairs though the slate needs to be stripped off in its entirety, the sarking removed where rotten and likely up to 3m from eaves or to the collar tie and all then replaced. The dormer windows are all either in need of rebuilding or replacements. A huge task needing hundreds of thousands of pounds..

Actions

The structural engineer is preparing a report but we already know there are no 'easy fixes'; - costs estimates will be given once the report is available but it will overall require £1m + to make the building and roof safe

Eradakil will prepare a report specifically on the roof structure and cost estimates and options for its repair

A grant funding application via Perth and Kinross Council has been made that, if successful, could enable us to purchase the scaffolding (this has a resale value) We should get feedback by the end of October.

An email has been sent to John McCrone outlining the serious condition of this building that has revealed itself during our strip out works, (important to stress we have not created any of these structural problems - only discovered them).

Ultimately, if we cannot satisfy ourselves that we can make the roof structure safe we will request Perth and Kinross Building Control intervene

8. Can Do Crieff

Paying rent will be tight. Need to keep a close eye on revenue and ensure rent can be met each quarter.

9. CAP/ UC forum

Uniting Crieff resonating with the council.

Promoting calendar and cost of living support pages.

10. James Square

Fountain meeting next week to discuss surveyor's report and way forward.

Wee shop work ongoing.

11. Governance / CCT

Approve new members.

Possible new board member to attend next few meetings to observe and see how we work.

Plan to appoint BM as vice-chair. Leadership team will meet every fortnight.

12. AOB

Council's key priorities - 5 year plan engagement event. Strathearn Campus Tues 1 November 12.30-15.00.

Action	By
Crieff to Comrie path - discuss with John McCrone, meet face to face, widen group?	AC/JA
Send letter to welcome potential new board member	JW
Arrange CCT meeting with John McCrone re. Paths/ lack of Community Council/ Uniting Crieff/ Drummond Arm. Agenda items.BM/ AC	AC

Next meeting- Thursday 17 November 2022 on Zoom