



CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 17 November 2022 on Zoom

Present: Ailsa Campbell (AC), Jane White (JW), Jim Anderson (JA), Claire Sanville (CS), Ian Christie (IC), Brian McVey (BM). Rory Rooney (RR)

Apologies

Ann Ross (AR)

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest None.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the October board meeting had been previously circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

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

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, planning application submitted . Advertising consent may also be required - funder has agreed to add 50% of these costs to our award. Ancaster is also a listed building.
- Joint ICF application for Community Cafe with Remake and Crieff Connexions submitted. **Will not now hear until February 2023.**
- Gannochy (development manager) application partially successful, received £15,000 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. If IS is not successful CLLD will pick this up.**
- **Application submitted to Garfield Weston Foundation for help with core costs. Possible 4 month wait to hear.**
- **EOI submitted to Paths for All new IFPF.**

- **Application to CLLD approved for tree maintenance/link path design successful if matched funding for both sections. Have requested rework of £10,000 funding.**

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]
Hopeful that solicitor will progress title transfer soon.

Paths for All [Graeme Anderson] have been very supportive and we have submitted an Expression of Interest to apply for funding under the Ian Findlay Paths Fund [IFPF] for the revised scheme linking the community living in the area of housing around Highland Road with the rest of Crieff via Turretbank Road. This starts the process required to qualify for funding under IFPF. Difficulty getting quotes to carry out design (3 required). IFPF required CCT to move their planned tree maintenance work from the initial design phase (CCT had anticipated carrying this out early in the Project so that it would be well before the bird nesting season).

This raised a procedural quandary – if the tree work was carried out via some matched funding would that disqualify the work from being funded under the IFPF? JW raising this aspect with her contact in PKC. Note PKC have made a general commitment to provide matched funding of between £2.5k to £10k in association with the Paths for All IFPF.

Complication has arisen with the planned raising of the manhole [M/H] adjacent to the path in Meadow 1 at Turretbank Wood. A second M/H has been discovered approximately 1 meter away from the “known” M/H SW initially planned to raise. CCT wrote to SW to get them to confirm if the “known” M/H was now redundant or if a new arrangement would be required and the “known” M/H would also be raised? Scottish Water representative phoned 16 Nov.'22 to confirm new arrangement would now be required and they would consider and get in touch – possibly now requires a small retaining wall?

SW confirmed bench was being ordered.

CCT wrote to SW raising the question of reinstatement work that looked necessary where their tracked plant had made a mess.

Coop funded Bench – Site visit 12 Oct.'22 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

First Paths Group activity was organised to cut back brambles along the route of the Kincardine path. This was a 2 hour session 30 Oct.'22 with 9 volunteers.

Next Activity is clear LMW drains of leaves and debris - first Saturday in December (TBC).

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

Overview

DARL still awaiting engineer's full report (David Narro Associates). However, the summary report is explicit and has already been shared. This will be combined with a report on the roof structure from Eradakil to produce some costed repair / replacement options for the roof.

All of these will require significant funding (i.e. several hundreds of thousands). There are no “patch up and wait for medium or long term” options. The roof forms a bracing structure to the building and all options need significant and urgent investment.

There are no contractors currently on site. Galbraiths will coordinate a technical report summarising activities and outcomes from this phase of completed works.

DARL have an invoice for £35k due by the end of Dec 2022 to pay for scaffolding, currently used as access platforms and propping part of the roof, within the main Drummond Arms building. We have been advised to extend this propping to cover more of the internal roof area - although even an extended scaffolding structure will represent a “temporary” and far from an ideal solution.

PKC has received the engineers summary report together with requests to provide urgent short term funding to pay for scaffolding/ propping/ further reports and to facilitate discussions with Historic Environment Scotland and Lottery Heritage Enterprise.

Perth and Kinross Building Standards have been alerted to the imminent risk that part of the roof structure could collapse. However, responsibility for the building is still with DARL. Subject to getting immediate funding support for additional propping and surveys that is the preferred situation. If funding is not forthcoming and / or survey reports post additional propping still rate the partial collapse risk as "imminent" we will need to reconsider inviting Building Control to undertake an inspection and advise us accordingly. Structures which are considered to present a dangerous risk must be secured for public safety. If Building Control does step in, the owner will normally be recharged through an enforcement order for emergency works carried out.

PKC is considering "topping up" our previous Place Based grant. The concept and level of support is currently being discussed at senior level within the Council. In the absence of any other grant support (unlikely to be achieved before the end of the year) officers understand the alternative is a transfer of responsibility for this building to PKC. Not a good outcome for any party. John McCrone and Karlene Docherty have been proactive and very supportive.

PKC has also facilitated a Strategic Priorities Fund grant application of £30k. No update on this at the moment.

PKC were unsuccessful with their strategic "Area" bid to Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and National Lottery Heritage Enterprise (NLHE) fund which included the Drummond Arms project as part of the bid. HES/ NLHE have been provided with an update specifically on the urgent situation we have with the Drummond Arms. HES were previously not supportive of their grant monies being used on a project that ultimately could have private sector ownership. The reality of the £3m "conservation deficit", the fact that DARL have robustly tested the market and not attracted a viable buyer, the excellent application of grant DARL have applied to the project (it's not our fault the roof structure is rotten!), the potential interest and investment we could attract from developers if the conservation deficit is closed has been reinforced by PKC.

The next round of HES/ NLHE funding opens in March 2023 and DARL are seeking an Invitation to bid into this funding round. PKC are pushing for a quick response back from HES/ NLHE and supporting this request .

Approach to DTAS to explore what support they may be able to offer

Additional

Contact has been made with PKC to explore the possibility of getting an electrical output from the first streetlight in Hill Street to power the window lights, to be done in conjunction with the Christmas light switch on. No news yet.

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

Continue to share info with forum

10. James Square

Fountain meeting 14 Nov postponed.

Wee shop work ongoing.

11. Governance / CCT

Possible new board member attending this meeting and next to see how we work/fit etc.

BM appointed as vice-chair. Leadership team meeting every fortnight.

New member to approve.

12. AOB

[The Big Place conversation](#) - Local Development Plan 3

Health and Safety at CDC - responsible person / emergency procedures/ first aid kit - liaise with SA.

The meeting was followed by a discussion about strategy with Strathclyde MBA students.

Next meeting- Thursday 15 December 2022 on Zoom