

# Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 20 April 2023 on Zoom

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

**1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest** JA is a director of TP&E, who have been awarded the path design contract.

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

# 3. Matters Arising

Action	Ву
Go back to the three companies who submitted quotes once we have accepted the offer and decided on awarding it.	JA/ JW done
A donation of £500 was received - half to go to CCX and half CCT.	JW done
Invoice SGN for £5,000.	DMC received
Brief members on fire safety measures including online links to accident/incident reporting form and heating issues and update members handbook.	JW/ DMC to follow up
Open letter re. derelict buildings to MPs, council, letting agents in town, good number of positive responses and local paper ran it. Follow up letter to go to D Littlejohn at council to see how we can take it forward to find a way through the red tape.	DMC done
Lord Lieutenant's award scheme?	DMC to follow up
Actions for Better Place to Live fair	all
Discuss who to survey on opinions of CDC - why return or don't.	AC/DM to do

#### 4. Live funds update

- PKC CECF accepted £10,000 for fountain refurb.
- £1900 from PKC 'Open for Business' for matched funding to improve external look of 'wee shop'. Extended to end Sept. Claim once spent.
- Gannochy funding £15,000 towards development manager salary costs for a year, now conditions have been met, **money has been paid into our account**.
- Garfield Weston Foundation for help with core costs. £5,000 unlimited funding for a year. Must report back by 12.1.23.

- Paths for All IFPF for design of link path successful £24,474 accepted and contract awarded
- Submitted application to The Fore's next funding round for £27,000 over 3 years.
- **Fountain -** £44,000 deficit for full works PK Heritage fund £5,000 and SGN £5,000. **Invoiced SGN for £5,000.**
- Unsuccessful bid for funds for new town banners from Tayside Contractors.
- Generous £50 donation received to support our work from Lodge St Michael
- **Treasurer's Report -** JW submitted update prior to meeting. Consider registering for VAT speak to JC to discuss. **JW**
- 6 Paths JA submitted a report prior to the meeting

## **Turretbank Wood [TBW]**

- Our solicitor continues to press Thornton's [Bruce Renfrew] Sir Brian's solicitors asking if they are able to progress still not seen any response from Thorntons yet Following our successful submission resulting in an award of a grant under the IFPF, CCT have advised 2 companies that their offers were unsuccessful and have awarded the design phase of the Oakbank to MacRosty Park New Link Path to TP&E. Their overall submission was placed first when analysed under the 60/40 Quality/Price rules of the Invitation to Tender. TP&E have been invited to a Project Start Up Meeting Thursday 11 May at 10.00. Supervision and management of TP&E by CCT to be discussed. Plan an open meeting to explain the project to local community, JA/DMC/JW.
- TD Tree pressed for action however they are still awaiting delivery of the replacement winch prior to removing the perched limb in Meadow 1.
- CCT have confirmed the successful sale of the logs generated by felling of ash dieback trees at far end of LMW and have also advised Mr Bain that the proceeds (£500) have been split with £250 awarded to Crieff Connexions and £250 to CCT funds for use in line with CCT objectives.
- No news when Scottish Water will a) complete raising manhole earthworks; b) provide beech hedging; c) provide the bench.
- Coop funded Bench Bench to be purchased for siting in Meadow 2 Action outstanding.

Crieff Paths Group

• No volunteer activity in March. Further activity on hold pending confirmation from PKC that their PI Insurance Policy covers the Volunteer Activities. [CCT have not arranged cover for activities remote from CCT property.]

**Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMRI/126.** No progress made. Proposal to meet up with council to push this?

## 7. Drummond Arms

#### **Building update**

The proposals for the external structure are in detailed negotiation and slightly stalled as the selected scaffolding subcontractor has increased prices. We are in discussions with the main

contractor Kinetic to apply their "buying power" but this is a relatively complex proposal with several elements. However, we are also exploring proposals with an alternative scaffolding supplier as a contingency.

CCT have submitted a CLLD bid for the cost of the DARL Development Coordinator role for 2023/24,. Still awaiting a decision.

DARL is in the process of submitting a Stage 1 Application to the Low Carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme. If successful this would provide capital funding towards repairing the fabric of the building.

### **Proposed Public Commentary**

David McCann has drafted a short dialogue to be used alongside the announcement of a proposed development partner. These discussions are ongoing.

#### 8. Can Do Crieff

Leaflet campaign of awareness raising and outlying big companies to be undertaken in May. Leaflet also includes promotion of membership of CCT.

#### 9. CAP/ UC forum

Next vision meeting for an invited group to be set up shortly. Council have been updated. UC meeting on 9 May to start sharing projects and requirements.

### 10. James Square

PKC has invoiced CCT for £15,000 of spend from Scotland Loves Local funding.

Proposal to use the extra £10,000 raised to maintain the fountain going forward with recommendation to adopt Option 2 (restore, add lights but no water.) Local groups being consulted. Final decision expected soon.

(Be sure that PKC understands that no community group can take on responsibility for maintaining fountain with water.)

Wee shop work ongoing. Hinged window in place and DC now has access to back of shop. Need to stain window **DMC and JW**.

#### 11. Governance / CCT

Leadership team meeting every 2 weeks/ 2 new members approved.

#### 12. AOB

## Next board meeting- Thursday 18 May 2023 at CDC at 7pm.

Calendar invite will be sent.

AGM will be June 15 at 6.30 by Zoom.

31 May updates for annual report.

Annual report will be an opportunity to engage with MPS/ MSPs.

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Consider registering for VAT - speak to JC to discuss.	JW
Plan an open meeting to share the news of the new path project to local community.	JA/DMC/JW
Advertise AGM in Quair/ SH/ mailchimp members	JW
Stain new window	JW/ DMC
Updates for annual report please by 31 May	DMC/ JA/ IC