



**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Crieff Community Trust**  
**Wednesday 15 June 2022, 18.00** held at Can Do Crieff, Lodge St, Crieff and on Zoom

**Directors:** Ailsa Campbell (AC Chair), Ann Ross (AR), James Anderson (JA), Ian Christie (IC), Claire Sanville (CS Treasurer), Jane White (JW Secretary). Paula Brown (PB),

**Full members:** Chris McIntosh, Dawn Griesbach, John Mauchline, Sally Leger, Sian Campbell

**1. Welcome and introductions**

- Ailsa Campbell opened and chaired the meeting.

**2. There were no apologies**

**3. Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes**

- The minutes of 2021 AGM were approved by IC and seconded by AC

**4. Report from the Chair** – Ailsa Campbell’s Chair report was in the form of a presentation, which began with a general overview and then different board members reported on their specific areas of responsibility. Full details can be read in the Annual Report. AC thanked our funders: Scottish Government, PKC, Rural LEADER in particular and also our pro bono lawyer Sandra Rankine, our website whizz Kona McPhee and our project workers, Caroline Ness and Stephen Oswald, for all their hard work on the trust’s behalf.

**5. Paths & Turretbank Wood** – Jim Anderson

Following the winter storms, during which a branch fell from one of our trees onto a neighbour’s shed, it was decided that a second survey of the trees in TBW was necessary. This showed that a further 32 trees need attention, including some ash trees with ash dieback.

A further himalayan balsam blitz in July seems to have been successful in almost eradicating the invasive species from TBW for the time being.

Acquisition of the dismantled railway through TBW is nearly complete, after which work can begin to design and fundraise for a path linking to Lady Mary’s Walk, avoiding the corner where the Turret Burn meets the Earn.

Work to progress the Crieff to Comrie path was interrupted during Covid as no meetings took place with landowners but planning permission was granted end April 2022.

**6. Can Do Crieff** – Ailsa Campbell

CDC was again shut for much of this financial year. Many members left and others were slow to return so we have largely rebuilt the membership from scratch. We now have a diverse range of businesses using the space. There is still a lot of capacity but we are beginning not only to cover our rent (£900 paid monthly to Strathearn Arts charity) and other costs. It is hoped that this year we can also generate considerable income to cover CCT core costs. We have only 5 star reviews on Google.

**7. Drummond Arms** – Ian Christie

During the year we acquired the former Royal Bank building, so the entirety of the old DA building is now under one owner.

We were fortunate to receive additional funding to be able to continue to fund our project manager. We also received an extra £340,000 grant which allowed work to continue on the strip out of asbestos and rubble.

Plans for 2022/23 include further asbestos removal and the installation of temporary bracing, as well as internal scaffolding to roof level, which will allow further asbestos removal and a first examination of the condition of the roof. The plan is to progress the building to a neutral cost state - removing the negative building equity, so that partners may be approached and interested.

## **8. Uniting Crieff and James Square/Murray Fountain – Ailsa Campbell**

The Uniting Crieff forum was set up to facilitate all local groups to share plans and work collaboratively. The website includes the new Community Action Plan which is updated as progress is made, a database of community groups, a facility listing page and a community calendar. Work is now needed to promote the use of these across the community.

Work began on joint funding applications.

CCT successfully applied for grant funding to support the refurbishment of the Murray Fountain and James Square in general, This addresses one of the key areas identified in the Crieff CAP of improving the appearance of the town centre.

## **9. Project CCT - Ailsa Campbell**

We are a very small board working hard across many projects and need to recruit more board members to support our work and ensure our existence.

## **9. Treasurer's Report – Jane White**

The grant income and expenditure was explained (details can be found in the Annual Report). Expenditure exceeded income and the Trust was forced to use up some of its unrestricted reserves. This was because income from CDC was much reduced, but the rent still had to be paid and a staff member was still employed. The cost base has been reduced, with volunteers now running CDC. Membership revenue has also increased and it is felt that revenue from CDC will this year begin to replenish our reserves to an acceptable level.

**Questions/ Comments arising- none**

## **10. Election of Directors\***

Ailsa Campbell is retiring - seeking re-election, proposed by JA, seconded by JW  
Jim Anderson is retiring - seeking re-election, proposed by JW, seconded by IC  
Paula Brown is retiring as a board member. Many thanks to her for her service.  
Brian McVey is standing for election. Proposed by AC, seconded by IC.

## **11. Any other competent business - none**

Our annual report will be available online and sent to members once the accounts are finalised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm