



## CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

### Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 16 November 2023 on Zoom

**Present:** Brian McVey (BM), Jane White (JW), Ian Christie (IC), Jim Anderson (JA), Ann Ross (AR),

**Apologies:** David McCann (DM), Ailsa Campbell (AC), Andrew McLean (AM)

#### 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

#### 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

**Standing matter - path inspection:** checked by JW in Oct and Nov. AM is Mr December!

Month	Responsible	Date	Notes
December	AJM	w/c 4/18 Dec	Photos
January	BMcV	w/c 1/15/29 Jan	
February	AJM	w/c 12/26 Feb	
March	DMcC	w/c 11/25 Mar	Photos
April	BMcV	w/c 8/22 Apr	
May	DMcC	w/c 6/20 May	
June	IC	w/c 3/17 June	Photos
July	IC	w/c 1/15/29 July	
August	BMcV	w/c 5/19 Aug	
September	BMcV	w/c 2/16/ 30 Sep	Photos

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#### 4. Operational Report - DM submitted a report prior to the meeting

October saw a special event take place to mark the 10th anniversary of the constitutional formation of Crieff Community Trust. A super evening was enjoyed by old colleagues and friends as new acquaintances were made. CCT looks forward to the next ten years.

##### 1. Can Do Crieff

1.1 October has been steady in usage, again relative to a very busy July – September period, however we still maintain a positive position in terms of usage and income.

##### 2 Funding

2.1 We are still in the process of developing a Gannochy Trust 3 x year funding application.

2.2 We are actively looking at other funding options.

### 3 Town Team

3.1 PF and DMI will be meeting in the next week to finalise the document which will be put to the Town Team for approval. The document will detail the Crieff Capital projects proposed for or in development and will hopefully see an alignment of these projects in terms of timings and funding models.

3.2 We will be planning another Uniting Crieff Forum meeting for November or December.

### 4. Murray Fountain

4.1 A new funding application has been submitted to PKC to counter an inflationary rise in projected costs and a maintenance programme.

### 5. Drummond Arms (Report prepared by Stephen & Ian)

#### 5.1 Building update

Scaffolding inspections - all good despite recent strong winds  
Perth & Kinross Environmental Health Team have been asked to contact Montanaro Take Away regarding the unauthorized placing of waste oil bins at the DA car park.  
Development Coordinator in discussions with British Gas debt team to cancel a gas bill generated in 2020, progress being made.

#### 5.2 Grant Applications

Negative decision on grant support £45k (CLLD via P & K - decision overdue) to fund the Development Coordinator role plus some specialist "bid writing" support.  
Bid to Gannochy submitted for £105k to remove former Staff Quarter buildings submitted in September – unsuccessful.  
Stage 1 bid interview with Community Ownership Fund was successful and DARL should receive an invitation to bid for funding support in the next couple of weeks.  
National Lottery Heritage Fund bid submitted for £240k mid-October, indication in four weeks if bid is to be carried forward.

#### 5.3 DARL Board Strategy

Drummond Arms Feasibility Report, funded by AHF, now completed. 68 pages bringing together the history of the project, photos, milestones, latest drawings and 2023 cost reports within a single document.

Next DARL meeting 28th November to discuss funding strategy including Crowdfunding.  
The development Coordinator continuing to develop grant strategy to identify and apply for funding.

#### 5.4 Financial Position

DARL remains solvent at present with sufficient funds to carry on with the inspections of the scaffolding and to pay the project officer. All outstanding invoices have been paid.

### 6 Paths Update (Report prepared by Jim)

#### Oakbank to MacRosty Park Link Path

- Following the Link Path Progress meeting 5 Oct. '23, PKC's Countryside Ranger (who had attended part of the meeting) confirmed that there would appear to be no objection to CCT routing the western end of the proposed new Link Path over PKC land provided CCT confirm they would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of that stretch of path. *Action CCT*
- TP&E have revised the route of the western end of the path where it crosses PKC land and have issued new drawings.

- TP&E advised that they are discussing level of approval that may be required from SEPA for the chosen design immediately south of the disused pier and abutment where the river bank will need additional support. TP&E do not expect this to delay submission for Planning Approval
- The model has been provided by Neil's Art and featured at the CCT Birthday Bash. TP&E have updated their revised General Arrangement drawings to show the same colour scheme as the model to assist when the model is displayed in the DA Shop front. *Action CCT*
- Neil's Art's Invoice received and processed.
- Fortnightly Insurance walks have continued – see separate report

#### Turretbank Wood [TBW]

- Following assurances to Ailsa at last month's meeting that the trees at Turretbank Wood have been well surveyed that evening high wind and very high water levels in the Turret Burn caused a sycamore to collapse above the path with its upper branches perched in a neighbouring tree on the other side of the footpath. Friday - invitations were issued to 3 contractors, Saturday - path was closed and the work was completed on the Monday morning. Thanks to IC for helping to close off the path and also removing a prec
- PKC have agreed that the annual small grant paid to Paths Groups could be used to cover the cost of this emergency work.
- Despite CCT's reminder still no action from SW regarding the reminder that we await the bench and screening and remedial work. Further reminder issued.
- Coop funded Bench – Bench to be purchased for siting in Meadow 2 – Action outstanding but now awaiting design input from TP&E to make sure new location works in their new design.

#### Crieff Paths Group

- Replacement of wooden benches near Distillery/Hosh scheduled for Saturday 25 Nov. PKC Ranger purchasing the materials to be paid under our small grants fund [note this is £1k this year due to "swop" with others].
- Fault with flail has delayed opening up Meadow 2 so work marking those trees/shrubs that we wish to preserve – rest to be trimmed and eventually shredded – has been delayed – Flail maybe available later this month.

#### 7 Events

7.1 The design and development of Santa's Post Office is now underway and on schedule for opening on November 25th to coincide with the Christmas light switch on.

7.2 We received over 12 applications from local young people to act as Elves for the duration of the project. We aim to use at least six of these applicants in the role.

7.3 We are still very much in need of some local adult volunteers to supervise the Post Office. We currently have two and are open seven days a week. We hope to encourage more folk to offer a couple of hours a week to be part of this magical experience!

7.4 We are still planning a special event on Saturday 9th December when Santa will be in Crieff to check on his post office. We hope to coordinate this with other community groups and businesses.

7.5 We are scheduling a multimedia campaign promoting the post office targeted at families

#### 8 Meetings

I have recently had meetings with representatives of Creative Crieff, Strathearn Arts, Crieff Community Council, PKC Planning, and Crieff Town Team, amongst others.

### 5. Live funds update

- Gannochy funding £15,000 towards development manager salary costs for a year, now conditions have been met, money has been paid into our account. **Report due April 2024.**
- Garfield Weston Foundation for help with core costs. £5,000 unlimited funding for a year. **Must report back by 12.1.24.**
- Paths for All IFPF for design of link path successful - £24,474 - accepted and contract awarded to TP&E. Payments 1,2,3 & 4 claimed and payment 1,2 and 3 paid.

- Fountain - PKC CECF - accepted £10,000 for fountain refurb - PK Heritage fund offered £5,000 and received £5,000 from SGN. Heritage Environment Scotland application successful for £25,300
- **CLLD applications made for 23/24 to support CEO salary costs. Also to support DARL coordinator costs and possible part-time fundraiser.**

DMC also plans to submit an initial 1 year lottery application.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - JW submitted update prior to meeting.
- CCT/DARL /DM meeting scheduled Wed 22 Nov to discuss transfer of accountancy services.
  - VAT registration tbd.

7. **Leadership team / Governance of CCT**

Begun to look at IT strategy and brief Scottish Tech Army for help with an IT MOT.

8. **AOB**

**Next board meeting - ? Wednesday 13 December on Zoom if needed**

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