



## CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

### Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 16 May 2024 on Zoom

**Present:** Jane White (JW), Jim Anderson (JA), Brian McVey (BM), Andrew McLean (AM), Ann Ross (AR), Ian Christie (IC), Ailsa Campbell (AC),

**Apologies:**

**Invited:** David McCann (DM)

**1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

**3. Matters Arising**

**Standing matter - path inspection:** over to David in May and Ian in June. nothing to report in May.

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

Action	By
CDC leafeting in May	All
Publicity for fountain refurb in summer 2024 - joint event with museum?	DM - press release sent out, banner to be added, summer event tba
Establish whether there is public support for keeping toilets open.	DM - done

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

We are progressing with our proposals for a regeneration strategy utilising the anticipated funds from Perth & Kinross Council. The continual rising costs associated with the former Drummond Arms site repurposing and the new path construction places even more emphasis on the need for decisiveness and action on these and other capital and regenerative projects.

**1. Can Do Crieff**

1.1 April was again a strong month, in terms of usage. We have introduced regular cleaning, and we are introducing an ideas portal for members to suggest improvements etc.

**2. Funding**

2.1 Our funding application to the National Lottery for the Statue Trail was unsuccessful. We are submitting applications to other funders for the project.

2.2 Jane has submitted various applications in respect of the Path project.

£17,000 been gifted by Dior

### 3. Town Team

3.1 A meeting of the group took place at the start of May when the Crieff Capital Project Alignment Plan was finalised. A copy is attached. The journey to get to this point has not been easy however the process has resulted in a far greater cohesive approach to a collaborative strategy for the realisation of major Town Centre Capital Projects and a determination for organisations to work together for the greater benefit of the town.

3.2 It highlights the potential of other focus groups based around for example sustainability, youth, vacant sites etc.

### 4. Murray Fountain

4.1 Work has now begun on the restoration of the Fountain and is due to be completed in early July.

4.2 It is proposed that there is an opening event and that Crieff & Strathearn Museum group be approached to discuss the possibility of mounting an exhibition to look at the history of the Fountain and the project journey and legacy.

### 5. Public Toilets

5.1 We have mounted a survey to gauge the opinions and thoughts of the community on the issue of the closure of the Public Toilets.

5.2 So far there have been over 100 online responses and many paper responses. A general overview is as follows:

97% wish to see the toilets remain open.

95% say they would use them.

46% say they would pay up to 50p, 26% up to £1.00.

86% say they would not be part of a management team.

82% would not be part of a volunteer group.

### 6. Banking Hub

6.1 Crieff Connexions in Church Street will be the location of the temporary Banking Hub which opens on Friday 17th May and thereafter Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

6.2 Thereafter the Hub will be based permanently on the High Street in the former Semi-Chem unit.

### 7. Regeneration Project

7.1 As reported at the last meeting of the Board, CCT will receive £40,000.00 per annum for the next three years to support regeneration projects in Crieff. Detail around the funding criteria is expected imminently from Perth & Kinross Council and thereafter a strategy, in collaboration with our partners, will be developed. Potential actions and outcomes could be:

- That the fund creates a legacy by being used to develop a shared Regeneration Plan for Crieff which the community and businesses will commit to and continue to progress after 2027 when this funding finishes. The regeneration plan will develop Crieff as a destination which builds on the town's unique strengths creating additional opportunities for all.

- Match funding is sought and over the first year a range of projects are delivered, for example:

- o New Banners

- o Hanging flower baskets

- o Summer Town Square Marquee

- o Landscaping of derelict sites (e.g. King Street vacant site)

- o Gable End Wall Murals

- o Vacant shops repurposing

- o Visit Crieff Web site.

- o Public Toilets refurbishment

- o Event Support

- After Year two a potential town regeneration subscription model is introduced with member benefits.

- By end of year 3 a “levy” equivalent is in place
- Throughout the process additional funding is sought
- A community wish list is created.

## 8. Drummond Arms

- Online meeting with National Lottery, offered a guideline on how to stage applications.
- All levelling up money is going to Perth centre. DM has written to every MP, MSP, local councillors etc. to express our disappointment. PKC needs to step up to the plate now. CCT and DARL have done everything they can.
- Meeting with DTAS lawyers - the risk to the individual board members is personal. No public liability insurance available to us - need this from PKC at the least. Also support for the project worker.

## 9. Paths Update (Report prepared by JA)

### 9.1 **Oakbank to MacRosty Park Link Path**

- Planning Approval for proposed new Link Path confirmed by PKC Planning Department in their notification to TP&E dated 1 May 2024.
- The Planning Approval does not appear to contain any constraints other than usual requirements to comply with the approved drawings and standard ecological considerations.
- A path agreement may be required where the Link Path crosses land owned by PKC at west where the Path links to Lady Mary’s Walk and Oakbank community.
- TP&E have been paid their contract sum and a zoom meeting has been arranged for 23 May 2024 to review the Invitation to Tender Documentation TP&E are finalising. [Note meeting now rearranged for 3 June.]
- Final Report submitted to Paths for All.
- Application to IFPF can now be submitted now that planning has been granted. Once the new fund is open.
- Publicity notices to be prepared and released. ACTION
- A thank you required to be sent to Sir Brian and Lady Elizabeth ACTION

### **Turretbank Wood [TBW]**

- Fortnightly Insurance walks have continued.
- Successful first phase of thinning TBW Meadow 2 carried out 17 Jkan. Further thinning to be carried out (Crieff in Leaf assisting.). **ACTION - Date to be arranged**
- Coop funded Bench – Bench to be purchased for siting in Meadow 2

### **Crieff Paths Group**

- Countryside Ranger advised that following discussions with landowners adjacent to the very muddy path along Laggan Hill further trials have been put on hold.
- Next Paths Group Activity may be the River Earn Path between Crieff and Muthill. Timing to be advised. ACTION

## 10. Meetings

DM has recently had meetings with representatives of Blairgowrie Development Trust, Creative Crieff, Strathearn Arts, Remake, Crieff Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council, Cash Access, and Crieff Town Team, amongst others.

## 5. **Treasurer’s Report** - JW circulated YTD accounts prior to the meeting.

Shared funding application spreadsheet. Also shared with DARL.

## 6. **Leadership team / Governance of CCT**

Continue to meet every fortnight. Annual report underway.

Jamie Landale has joined the meetings.

Learnt about how Blairgowrie Trust works on recent visit.

All groups in Crieff deliver their projects - CCT is the only group with an overall project of Crieff. Makes sense that CCT delivers for all groups. Need to work towards this.

**7. AOB**

1 new member approved, follow up with other potential member.

Year end 31 March. AGM 13.6.24.

**Next board meeting - Thursday 13 June after AGM 2024**

<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>
Publicise successful planning for path - website/ social media/wee shop	JW
Letter to Sir Brian and Lady Elizabeth - thanks/ news of planning/all to sign	JW
Upload CCAP and fountain news to UC website (new tab) and include minutes	JW
CCT leafleting	all
AGM logon	AC. JW to circulate