



CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 19 September 2024 on Zoom

Present: Jane White (JW), Jim Anderson (JA), Brian McVey (BM), Ann Ross (AR), Ian Christie (IC), Jamie Landale (JL), Ailsa Campbell (AC),

Apologies: Andrew McLean (AM), Joy Flett (JF)

Invited: David McCann (DM),

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Standing matter - path inspection: over to Brian till end September. Jane till end November then need new rota.

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
CCT leafleting during CDC week in September	All to help - action
Guard needed over the central light in the fountain. Compass pointing in wrong direction!	DMC - passed to PKC as snagging issue.

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

Progress towards a resolution for the site of the former Drummond Arms continues albeit slowly whilst optimism remains around a funding solution for the Link Path. A draft business plan has been completed for the reopening and management of the Crieff Community Public Toilets and a provisional annual events plan has been agreed by the CCT Regeneration and Community Engagement Group.

1. Can Do Crieff

August was a relatively quiet month, largely due to the holiday period, with a noticeable drop in activity at the co-working space. However, we took this opportunity to focus on gathering insights from current and former members and circulated a survey aimed at gathering opinions of the co-working space. The survey was designed to:

- Collect feedback on their overall experience.
- Identify any areas for improvement.
- Understand what new facilities or services members would like to see introduced, where feasible.

Once the survey responses are collected, we will look at the feasibility of introducing new services or improving existing ones.

2. Funding

2.1 Funding applications for CEO salary 24/25 to Gannochy Trust successful and £15,000 received for next 3 years. Need to report back at the end of each year - so July 2025/26/27. No news yet on application submitted to Community Led Local Development Fund for £10,000 for CEO salary.

£8,776 remaining in this year from anonymous trust/Santa's PO contribution to CEO salary last year. Charged £4,000 towards CEO salary to Anonymous Trust contribution to Crieff regen fund as discussed.

2.2 JW has identified and submitted other funding applications for link path.

Passed stage 1 of Gannochy funding for £25,000 for link path - need to submit to stage 2. IFPF application rejected and resubmitted. Meeting with Sustrans.

Funder	Amount £	Apply by	Decision by	Notes
Gannochy Trust	25000	4/10/24	4/12/24	But application will be stronger with other funders secured.
Postcode Lottery	25000	1/10/24	1/11/24	But only one more application possible, so might be better to wait for more funding in place.
EB	50000	31/1/25	27/02/25	NB Complicated 3rd party means we must pay them 10%?
CLLD	10000	30/4/25	30/06/25	
CECF	10000	Done	31/10/24	
IFPF	100,000	Redone	?	
SSE	40,000	22/11/24	?	£40 K is minimum award
Hugh Fraser	5000	Granted		Need to draw down
Mushroom Trust	1000	Granted	Received	
Barrack Trust	1000	Granted	Received	

2.3

£40,000 received from anonymous trust towards Crieff regen project.

£16,405 received from Dior towards Crieff regen project.

£40,000 received from PKC towards Crieff regen project.

£2,000 received for Sculpture Trail from anonymous trust.

2.4

All promised fountain funding now in our account and awaiting draw down by PKC.

3. Town Team

3.1 The Perth & Kinross External Funding Team met with the Crieff Town Team for a site tour of the various ongoing Capital Projects in the town. The tour concluded with a productive meeting between the two groups. A key outcome of the visit was the development of a greater understanding of the different projects in Crieff and the collaborative approach being undertaken by the Crieff Town Team to achieve their shared objectives and vision for Crieff. Hopefully this positive engagement will pave the way for further cooperation between the Perth & Kinross External Funding Team and the Crieff Town Team and potentially leading to enhanced support for projects in the area.

4. Murray Fountain

4.1 Work is now complete and the "unveiling" took place on August 15th. The Provost attended and led the opening and unveiling of the specially made plaque. There was a small exhibition of "before and after" images as well as a brief history of the monument.

5. Public Toilets

5.1 Draft business plan for the Crieff Community Public Toilets project discussed. Being presented to PKC estates team and Regen team this coming week. PKC looks keen to go to heads of terms as soon as possible.

Board members to be asked to comment on final business plan after Regen Team meeting.

Board approval will be assumed unless key issues are raised within a week of the plan being circulated. Action: all

6. Regeneration Project

6.1 The CCT Regeneration and Community Engagement Group is represented by:

Jamie Landale – Chair – Crieff Community Trust

David McCann – Executive - Crieff Community Trust

Baillie Rhona Brock – Perth & Kinross Council

Brian Wilton – Crieff Community Council

David Agnew – Crieff Retail and local Businesses

Kayleigh Keith – Crieff Hospitality Sector

Colin Crawford – Funding Advisor

Karen McCartney – Third Sector – Creative Crieff

Caroline Murphy – LOGOS/Youth Engagement

6.2 An events plan has been provisionally agreed upon, focusing on three signature annual events that will highlight Crieff's culture, history, and community spirit. These events are designed to attract a wide audience and foster community engagement.

i. Santa Post Office:

This event is now confirmed and will take place in Crieff Town Hall, which is now home to the Crieff & Strathearn Museum. This event will feature a Santa Post Office, offering an interactive experience for locals and visitors alike.

ii. Interactive Theatre Performance:

Proposal being prepared. This will be a unique street theatre performance celebrating and retelling historically significant stories of Crieff. The immersive experience will take place throughout the streets of the town, providing an engaging way for both locals and tourists to *connect with Crieff's rich heritage*.

iii. Cultural and Community Week:

Proposal being prepared. This would be a week-long festival celebrating the culture and community of Crieff. The festival, for all ages, would feature a diverse range of events, including music performances, Theatre, Art exhibitions and Storytelling sessions amongst other events. The festival would aim to bring together the entire community while attracting visitors from surrounding areas.

The goal is to build these into cornerstone events for Crieff, fostering cultural pride and boosting local tourism.

7. Drummond Arms (Report prepared by SO & IC)

7.1 Building update

Little to report ahead of the overdue report on the roof carried out by the structural engineers. Both a physical and drone inspection took place and unconfirmed report suggest some deterioration in the roof, but no imminent safety concerns. Similar comments were passed by PKC building control officer as regards the fabric of the main structure.

7.2 Grant Applications

Stephen Oswald followed up several times with Alan Farington and Sharon Rice Jones from PKC about potential operational funding for DARL but haven't succeeded in securing a response yet. Sharon was in Crieff on Aug 29th to visit several community projects including the DA, where she commented that she knew nothing of the current situation despite being copied into all correspondence.

7.3 DARL Board Strategy

At the last CCT Board meeting, the board ratified DARL's decision to pursue either partial or

full demolition, and the de-listing of the DA as the starting point. In order to clarify the board's position a meeting with the ward councillors had been arranged, followed by a discussion with PKC where the options that will be clarified re the roof inspection will be reviewed.

7.4 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, but this will become a problem around March – April 2025. However, as part of the discussions with PKC, the board will inform PKC that they do not want to continue a process of being drip fed small amounts of money just to keep DARL solvent.

8 Paths Update (Report prepared by Jim)

8.1 Oakbank to MacRosty Park Link Path

- 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.

- PfA were unable to attend the meeting planned to discuss way forward with TP&E. Meeting held on 20 August with TP&E reviewed the current status regarding funding and the revised timescale introduced by Transport Scotland's [TS's] change in funding available under the IFPF via PfA.

- To secure funding from IFPF under the revised constraints construction of the Link Path would need to be completed by end March 2025. That timescale would require CCT to invite tenders this month, however CCT cannot go out to tender without having secured funding of circa £300k. Currently less than 50% has been applied for/confirmed.

- PfA discussions with TP&E indicated that there could be some relaxation in specification for the surfacing if CCT were close to the required funding total. This was not pursued at this time. PfA also suggested we try EB Scotland for funding via Landfill Tax Funds. The rail embankment is landfill hiding in plain sight!

- It is apparent that the new TS constraints applies throughout Scotland and is not limited to IFPF. Councillor Donaldson offered his support but at present we do not believe anything would be gained by attacking this new TS policy.

- TP&E suggested we try to convince PKCT to adopt our project for consideration under the Sustrans Delivery Network for 2025/26.

- D McC and JAA held Meeting on site yesterday [17 Sept] with PKCT attended by Bid Strachan, Peter Quinn and Andy Barrie. Meeting appeared to be positive and PKCT have a further meeting today with TP&E to discuss this and other projects. Suffice it to say the TS constraints are forcing Sustrans, PKCT and TP&E to find shovel ready projects to allow disbursement of what funding is now available.

8.2 Turretbank Wood [TBW]

- Fortnightly Insurance walks have continued, and reports collected. Currently nothing to report.

- Coop funded Bench – Bench to be purchased for siting in Meadow 2 after construction of the Link Path

8.3 Crieff Paths Group

- Countryside Ranger advised that following discussions with landowners adjacent to the very muddy path along Laggan Hill further trials remain on hold.

- The Paths Group Activity last month along the River Earn Path between Crieff and Muthill was very successful with many new faces attending. The value of appeals and articles on Facebook is noticeable.

8.4 Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMRI/126.

Nothing to report since last Update.

9 Meetings

DMC recently had meetings with representatives of Crieff Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council, Crieff Town Team, DTAS, Scottish Tech Team, amongst others.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - JW circulated YTD accounts prior to the meeting.
JW to arrange transferring remaining funds in last year's funding pots to this year's Xero report so correct drawdown of funds can be monitored. (JC did this in the past.)

6. Leadership team / Governance of CCT

Continue to meet every fortnight.

- CDC - opportunity to move to a different venue. **Meeting to discuss to be arranged.**
- CCT strategy being refreshed this autumn. Working to create a plan to put to the board at a separate meeting. **AC to share themes.**
- Scottish Tech Army is helping us to move our IT infrastructure onto next level.
- Meeting with Glenturret coming up to update them on what we are about.

7. AOB

Remake Refill shop opening. AC to attend on CCT behalf.

Board dinner 29 October 6.30pm at Gs.

AC and DM to attend STP conference in November.

Next board meeting - Thursday 17 October on Zoom

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Share themes of the reworked CCT strategy for Board comment	AC