



CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 17 October 2024 on Zoom

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

Apologies: Andrew McLean (AM), Joy Flett (JF), Brian McVey (BM)

Invited: David McCann (DM),

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Standing matter - path inspection: Jane till end November then need new rota.

Action	By
CCT leafleting during CDC week in October	Rethink in November
Board members to be asked to comment on final business plan for toilets after Regen Team meeting. Board approval will be assumed unless key issues are raised within a week of the plan being circulated.	All
Share themes of the reworked CCT strategy for Board comment	AC

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

October has been an active month with discussions taking place with Perth & Kinross Council over the future of the former Drummond Arms, the lease on the Crieff Community Public Toilets and a potential application for major investment into Crieff from Scottish Government, HES, and other funding bodies.

1. Can Do Crieff

September saw a return to previous usage levels and to date October has been similar. We will be meeting soon with Strathearn Arts Trustees to discuss lease extension options and other discussions, and research has taken place into potential expansion opportunities. Upcoming meeting with SA to discuss lease which will be up in October 2025 at SA instigation.

Actively considering expanding to include small office spaces. Getting a campaign ready for wc 25 October to gauge appeal of the new expanded offer. Is there demand? Market research is needed and being undertaken to access the market. But remember we may need to get out of the current space. Current space is not ideal. We need the income from CDC to pay CCT core costs. **Need an extraordinary board meeting to discuss pros and cons and look at financials.**

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. Public Toilets

The business plan for the management of the Crieff Community Public Toilets (CCPT) has been formally submitted to Perth & Kinross Council (PKC). The Council has acknowledged receipt of the document, confirming its position for further consideration.

3.1 The PKC Estates Team is now drafting a proposed Heads of Terms, which will outline the key aspects and conditions of the lease agreement. Baillie Brock has spoken with the Council Leader, informing him of the current progress and requesting that the process be expedited.

3.2 Green Areas Near CCPT: An item that has surfaced during discussions is the inclusion of two small green areas adjacent to the toilet facilities. These green spaces are currently maintained by Crieff in Leaf. A decision is required on whether these green areas should be incorporated into the proposed lease agreement. If the green areas are included in

the lease, the current arrangement with Crieff in Leaf could and most likely would continue. This would mean that Crieff in Leaf continues to maintain these spaces, keeping the community-driven approach intact. Should the green areas not be included in the lease, an alternative arrangement might need to be formalised with PKC or another party for their upkeep.

4. Crieff & Strathearn Sculpture Project

4.1 We are currently exploring: the feasibility of a major Sculpture Trail in and around Crieff which has the potential to significantly enhance our town's cultural profile and economic vitality. At the end of August, we held an event in James Square to engage the community in envisioning this Sculpture Trail which would integrate art with the region's stunning landscapes and historic sites. The initiative would aim to strengthen community ties, attract visitors, and boost local businesses by establishing Crieff as a notable cultural destination. The James Square event featured activities such as a Willow Sculpture Workshop and a Chainsaw Sculpture demonstration, and we gathered feedback from the community regarding potential locations, themes, and overall support for the project. We are confident that the Crieff Sculpture Trail could achieve national significance, benefiting both residents and visitors for generations to come.

4.2 The resultant two sculptures created on the day will be sited in the town, the Rob Roy sculpture outside the Museum whilst the location of the ornate bench is still to be decided.

5. Regeneration Project

5.1 We are currently developing a proposal for a Mural Project.

5.2 We are looking to identify a possible unit for the "Community Information Shop"

5.3 We will be meeting with Crieff in Leaf to identify potential partnership projects.

5.4 JL and DMC had a very positive meeting with the CEO of Glenturret to discuss support and partnership opportunities and to appraise her of the work of the Regen Group.

5.5 Santa's Post Office - An informal agreement has been reached with Crieff & Strathearn Museum Group for Santa's Post Office to be located in the Old Town Hall where it was located over Xmas 2023. This will mean the current design fittings can be reused which will save significant costs although some redesign will be required due to the new layout in the Museum. David Campbell is currently working on the redesign. We have renewed the santaspostoffice.scot domain for three years in anticipation of this ongoing project. We will shortly begin recruiting "elves" from local schools and a marketing campaign will also begin shortly. I will also be meeting soon with Crieff at Xmas to discuss a potential collaborative approach to Xmas events in the town.

5.6 Building on the positive meeting with Sharon Rice Jones and the External Funding Team, we have advanced our partnership by engaging with key officers within the Council and others. Meetings therefore have been held with:

- Steve MacDonald, Economic Development Manager for Tourism, Culture & Place at Perth & Kinross Council (P&K)
- David Strachan of P&K Heritage Trust
- Thomas Waterworth, Vacant Property Development at P&K Council

These discussions have focused on exploring and shaping a proposed application for significant funding to support development projects in Crieff. While the identification of specific projects and a unified vision still requires agreement, there is a sense of positivity from the funders and that Crieff is well-positioned to make a strong application for this substantial funding.

AN initial EOI must be submitted by early December and the application by early 2025. DMC will be arranging a meeting with the Regen group and PKC/P&KHT officers in the next week or so to progress this initiative.

6. Drummond Arms (Report prepared by S0 & IC)

6.1 Building update

As expected, the report of the structure of the DA produced several talking points. The masonry elements including the chimneys appear to be showing very limited signs of decay with no apparent imminent risk of collapse. The roof however continues to decay and is beyond saving and poses the risk of partial collapse into the building. This may release a cloud of dust containing asbestos if not managed in the near future.

6.2 Grant Applications

S0 continues to pursue Alan Farington and Sharon Rice Jones from PKC about potential operational funding for DARL but has not yet succeeded in securing a response .

5.3 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. A meeting with 2 of the ward councillors took place on 3rd October to bring them up to speed with the condition of the building and DARL's plans for the future. This will be followed by a DARL board meeting and then an update to PKC officers on the 17th and 18th October respectively. There may be some difficult decisions to be made re the future of DARL and ownership of the DA, CCT will be kept up to date and will form part of the agreement process.

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, 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.

6. Paths Update (Report prepared by JA)

6.1 Oakbank to MacRosty Park Link Path

Considering applying to SSE fund by 24 November

6.2 Turretbank Wood [TBW]

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

6.3 Crieff Paths Group.Nothing to report.

6.4 Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMRI 126.

7. Meetings

DMC has recently had meetings with representatives of Crieff Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council, P&K HT, and 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

7. AOB

Board dinner 29 October 6.30pm at Gs.

AC and DM to attend STP conference in November.

New member approved.

Andrew McClean has resigned as a director. JW to inform Companies House and OSCR.

STA supporting CCT to move to Microsoft,

Next board meeting - Thursday 28 November on Zoom

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Share more info generally with the board throughout the month to ensure the board is properly informed.	All