



## CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST

**Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, 23 January 2025 on Zoom**

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

**Apologies:** Joy Flett (JF),

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

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

**3. Matters Arising**

**Standing matter - path inspection:** All good. Please sign up for May onwards [here](#).

**4. Regen and Town team**

1. Overview

CCT informed PKC and the Regen Group in Dec 2024 that CCT no longer wants to be responsible for the management and finance of the Regen Group and its PKC and anonymous trust funding. Temporary responsibility passed to Karen McCartney at Creative Crieff, who will be paid Nov- Jan to manage and plan Regen projects.

This decision will include CCT not taking lease for Crieff toilets. PKC contacted CCT and it was agreed to drain down toilets again until further decisions about their future are confirmed. No further information about Regen Group plans has been shared with CCT at this point. CCT still has unspent budgets and continues to update PKC about the spending to date.

2. Projects

2a. Santa's Post Office

The project progressed as planned thanks to considerable help from June McEwan and David Campbell. CCT paid all bills for Santa (storytime), elves, constructing and dismantling and storing the PO from the Anonymous Trust Regen budget. Storage at CCX. Over 1000 visitors. £290 donations received split equally between Logos and CCX. CCT is grateful to JW for time spent on budgets.

2b. Banners

47 banners new banners are up, the balance can not be put up without the help of PKC and possibly road closures, the old banners taken down to put the lights up have been found and are currently at Penny Lane. Communication needed to Town Team to explain Dior donation expenditure on the banners. **JW to draft email to Town Team ? add in emails exchange**

2c. Sculpture Trail

CCT received some seed funding for this from the anonymous trusts. 2 sculptures were created. 1 to be sited outside Crieff museum and 1 in Turretbank Wood? Planning needed in town. DC progressing this but will need to be paid for from Anonymous Regen budget. Also need to pay sculpture to install the items.

Online survey results have been downloaded and need to be analysed. TBC how this project is progressed.

## 5. **Drummond Arms** (Report prepared by SO & IC)

### **Building update**

As there are very few salvageable artifacts left in the building it was decided to return the picture of Bonnie Prince Charlie to local artist Peter Brock. Unfortunately, when we went to retrieve the painting, it had been stolen. Access had been gained through the basement window, up through the scaffolding and into the ballroom, all highly dangerous. The building has been secured and all the internal barriers put back. Arrangements have been made for Peter to retrieve the painting at the entrance on the High Street.

The last artifact, the fan light from above the front door has been put in a safe location to eventually to go to the museum.

### **Grant Applications**

In the light of recent ownership developments, no further action on grant funding is anticipated.

### **DARL Board Strategy**

The transfer of the deeds is still on track to be completed by the end of January 2025. Arrangements in hand for PKC project worker and Jonny Narro, (same architect the DARL used), and members of the PKC legal team to visit the building.

There is a move afoot within the community to retain the façade and construct a climbing wall behind it for community use. This might open up new negotiations with HES and may bring Sport Scotland into the funding circle, however this will be down to the local group to negotiate with PKC as DARL will not be involved. Currently providing some advice only as part of the transfer process.

The winding up of DARL will commence when the transfer has been completed.

### **Financial Position**

DARL remains solvent at present with sufficient funds to pay the project officer.

Public meeting on 31 January 2025 to be convened to discuss the future of the DA and possibility of facade retention. **AC and IC to attend.**

### **DA event**

Facing the barrier of criticism whenever the DA is mentioned locally, CCT feels it would be a good idea to tell the story of what we did, what went right, what didn't, what have we learnt? Could feed into the investigation from the council, if and when it happens. Discuss the complete transparency of the process re. spend. To be discussed further.

## 6. **Paths Update** (Report prepared by JA)

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

Awaiting feedback and response from PKCT regarding the status of their proposal to Sustrans that PKCT adopt the Link Path Project. Expected February 2025

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

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

## Crieff Paths

November's plan to transfer our Annual [PKC] Grant of £350 to Madderty to "win" £700 next year has floundered. Unfortunately Madderty are also struggling to spend their small grant this year so declined our offer. Looking for ideas for immediate spend. Suggestions offered to Countryside Ranger so far: 1] Replace (and relocate?) the broken seating at end of Meadow 2 in Turretbank Wood; 2] use the cash (£350) to import aggregate to upgrade the very end of the formal path in Meadow 2 which is muddy. Any other ideas welcome. ? siting of the new sculpture. **JW to contact DC to understand what is needed.**

### 7. Can Do Crieff

Breaking even with a little surplus. JW invoicing members for the time being. New printer needed.

### 8. 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.)

## Funding

8.1 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.

AC and JW had Teams call with Gannochy Trust early Jan to update on recruiting a new development officer and CCT projects/issues. Very supportive and prepared to revisit objectives of the post once we have recruited someone. Need to keep them informed.

Application submitted to Community Led Local Development Fund for £10,000 for CEO salary rejected. JW will resubmit for 25/26.

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

Funder	Amount £	Apply by	Decision by	Notes
Gannochy Trust	25000	10/01/25	12/03/25	Stage 2 submitted
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	100,000	22/11/24	January	Done
Hugh Fraser	5000	Granted		Need to draw down
Mushroom Trust	1000	Granted	Received	
Barrack Trust	1000	Granted	Received	

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

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

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

8.4

All promised fountain funding now in our account and awaiting draw down by PKC. **JW to chase as we should spend before the year end.**

## 9. Leadership team / Governance of CCT

An advert has been placed on Good Moves and Indeed and social media for a development officer. Closing date end of January.

## 10. AOB

Risk meeting at CDC 10am 4.2.25.

AC approached Bruce Tait associates re. Recruiting new board members.

Windfarm in Comrie - BM to attend next meeting in February.

### Next board meeting - Thursday 20 February 2025 on Zoom

Action	By
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