



## **CRIEFFCOMMUNITYTRUST**

**Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting 7pm, Thursday 19th March, 2026 at CDC**

**Present:** Ailsa Campbell (AC), Ann Ross (AR) , Brian McVey (BM), Jim Anderson (JA), Lennie Richardson (LR), Ian Christie (IC)

**Apologies:**

**Also present:** Sue Buyers (SB), Jane Richardson (JR), Brian Wilton, Sharon Rice Jones, Sandra Rankine (SR)

### **1. Public Toilets proposal**

Brian Wilton (Crieff Community Council) and Sharon Rice-Jones (PKC) put forward a proposal to CCT with regard to reopening the public toilets in Crieff. The council has some funding and “heads of terms” ready but cannot proceed without a suitable organisation to take responsibility. The community council cannot legally or financially manage the project so another body, e.g. CCT, is needed.

It is estimated that the toilets would cost approx. £30,000 per annum in running costs, with a projected annual income of approx. £10,000. The plan would be to have the toilets open year round for the benefit of residents and visitors. The council would give an initial grant to cover set up costs including security doors, a turnstile entry and CCTV. It is hoped that the funding gap could be met with contributions from local businesses, donations and monthly pledges from residents, other events and fundraising. In future it may be possible for a proportion of any visitor levy to be allocated to the running of the toilets.

CCT broadly supports the proposal in principle, but recognises that the ongoing operation of the toilets would require a significant amount of administration. At present CCT does not have the necessary capacity. The CCT board agreed to help to move things forward by exploring possible options, including the setting up of a new independent entity, and SR will look into the “heads of terms” agreement with PKC. CCT must decide who will run the project and how to manage the workload and risk before moving forward. LR and BM will draft a response.

### **2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No new conflicts**

Action	By
Re-read strategy document by February 2026 board meeting - JR to email document to board members.	All ✓
Send confidential note of interest re alternative premises	LR ✓
Gather detailed cost estimates for alternative premises	✓
Investigate setting costs of CCT time (SB?JAA) against Paths project.	✓
Meadow garage sign - measure the space, photograph the site and contact a sign company for materials and costs.	SB to measure site ✓
Contact Alan Copeland to arrange for banners to be put up for Easter holidays	AC ✓
<b>Reminder-</b> Must install the COOP bench at a suitable location to compliment the new route once Link Path is completed say March/April 2026.	

### Review of Board Strategy document

Everyone has re-read the document. It is still relevant though it was written in 2023. Some things need updating but it makes sense to do that in conjunction with the new CAP to ensure it is as relevant as possible. There is a need to recruit new board members to increase both the number and diversity of the board members. First step is to reach out to members of the trust. It was agreed that the use of a social media campaign could be helpful. The opportunity to engage with potential members during the CAP public consultation process should also be maximised.

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

### 4. Matters Arising

**Standing matter - path inspection:** nothing to report.

Please sign up for March/ April/ May

Inspections rota 26/27			
March 2026	JAA	w/c 9/23 Mar	
April 2026		w/c 6/20 Apr	
May		w/c 4/18 May	
June		w/c 1/15 June	
July		w/c 6/20 July	
August		w/c 3/17 Aug	
September		w/c 7/21 Sep	
October		w/c 5/19 Oct	
November		w/c 2/16 Nov	

<b>December 2026</b>		w/c 7/21 Dec	
<b>January 2027</b>		w/c 4/18 Jan	
<b>February 2027</b>		w/c 1/15 Feb	
<b>March 2027</b>		w/c 1/15 Mar	

## 5. Paths Update

### Oakbank to MacRosty Park Link Path

Barring some seeding of the new Link Path embankment slope and reinstatement of the existing path in Meadow 1 the work is complete on the Link Path. These will be carried out later as the weather and season dictate. The bollard locking plate had been damaged before the Project began – maintenance required.

Final Account and allocation of funding – who pays for what is ongoing. It appears there are sufficient funds to cover capital cost of construction and some maintenance forecasts for future expenditure; Signs, grit bins, grit, insurance and management costs etc .

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

Insurance Inspections continued.

Volunteer Paths Group

Countryside Ranger has been advised by PKC that the temporary fencing at the Turret Burn in front of the rotten bench in Meadow 2 can be removed. To be carried out shortly when replacing the bench. Timing TBA.

The old sign for Lady Mary's Walk facing the Turret Burn at the end of Meadow 2 is to be repositioned somewhere along the Link Path shortly.

As last month Anand Sajeevan the Renewable Energy Advice Officer on the Community Energy Empowerment Programme representing the charity Community Energy Scotland has offered some for a duration as yet unspecified 25 to 35 volunteers to assist with "activities".

Prior to Link Path Opening Event area at end of path to be cleared for Marquee, and 70 saplings to be replanted and general tidy up necessary to highlight the Link Path.

JAA CCT 19 Mar.'26

**Path opening** Stephen Leckie [champion for tourism and supporter of the local environment and CEO of Crieff Hydro] has accepted the invitation to open the new Link Path. The Opening will be on 28 April at 12 noon with a small ceremony followed by refreshments and community gathering – all invited. Invitation wording drafting in hand and list of who should receive an invitation.

## 6. Community Action Plan (CAP)

The CAP process is progressing well. The group has received two tenders, out of three possible, and are expecting to appoint consultants shortly. The tenders are very close. The hope is to meet with the consultants by the end of April. The steering group has been well attended and represents a fairly wide cross-section.

## 7. Can Do Crieff

No progress has been made either with current lease negotiations or with securing other premises. LR will contact the relevant party with regard to the alternative premises. AC will contact Strathean Arts for a decision on the current proposal.

## 8. Update from Development Officer

Updates given under other topic discussions.

## 9. Funding

Funding for the CAP process has been approved. An expression of interest is in progress for CLLD funding. Possible funding from the Postcode Lottery may be available for the sculpture trail. Details need to be firmed up for the application.

## 10. Financial report

CDC has been managing to make a small profit in the past month. Some invoices are beginning to come in relating to the new path. There is circa £27000 available in unrestricted funds and circa £9000 from Gannochy still available for salaries with enough money from Anonymous Donations to match fund. Have been in touch with the accountant with regard to process for payment to CDC for use of desks.

## 11. AOB

- CCT now has a new phone number.

**Dates of next Board Meetings - 23rd April, 21st May, then AGM 18th June 2026**

Action	By
Strategy document to be updated after the CAP has been done, in order to align with it.	all
Send a response setting out the board's decision concerning the toilet proposal	BM, LR
Contact the relevant party with regard to alternative premises for CDC	LR
Issue invitations for Paths opening	JAA, SB, JR
Email volunteer Paths Group re maintenance	SB, JR
Must install the COOP bench at a suitable location to compliment the new route once Link Path is completed circa April 2026	