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Crieff Community Trust Board Meeting Thursday 17th September 2026 at 8.00pm

Present: Ailsa Campbell (AC), Ann Ross (AR) , Brian McVey (BM), Lennie Richardson (LR), Jim Anderson (JA)
Apologies: Ian Christie (IC)
Also present: Sue Buyers (SB), Jane Richardson (JR)

1. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No new conflicts

Action	**By**
Monitor development of grass seed seeding alongside the new path.	JA
Install the COOP bench at a suitable location to compliment the new route	
Renew CCT insurance with Keegan and Pennykid	JR ✔
Await response from Athol/PKC re £190 insurance contribution	✔

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.

Matters Arising
3. **Standing matter - path inspection:** nothing to report.

Please sign up for Oct/Nov/ Dec

Inspections rota 26/27			
June	IC	w/c 1/15 June	
July		w/c 6/20 July	
August		w/c 3/17 Aug	
September	JAA	w/c 7/21 Sep	
October	JR	w/c 5/19 Oct	JR
November	SB	w/c 2/16 Nov	SB

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

4. Paths Update

Outstanding Link Path work items:

- Hard to tell if seeding has been carried out to the new embankment slope. It is certainly developing at a different pace to seeding alongside the new path but the side slope is grassing over slowly… MONITOR.
- Manufacture of "box" to store the grit spreader has stalled. Just get it started with Athol. JAA
- The new information panels will be delivered to AB Gairns.
- Now that the Path is open we need to instal the COOP bench at a suitable location (thoughts/suggestions please).

Turretbank Wood [TBW]

- Insurance Inspections continue – JAA carried out one on 2 Sept.'26 Don't forget to choose the best day for your inspection and claim it before you lose the chance. SELECT DATE(S)
- Insurance:
  Arrangement for PKC Trailing in the use of equipment to comply with Insurance requirements in hand. Session being arranged shortly. Plus cover for PKC equipment used by Groups is to be included. We may/will end up with double cover as our newly renewed CCT policy also provides cover for any volunteer activities (not just on CCT land). We tried to get a broker to insure via Zurich – no. We are trying to get the £190 to just assist us via our CCT cover – update available shortly *(see below *)*.

Volunteer Paths Group

A few more HB Blitz have been carried out, but this year has been difficult partly due to the super summer providing extra growth to the Balsam. Meadow 1 will need additional attention next year.

Crieff to Comrie Core Path CMRI 126.

High hopes that each of the Landowners has now agreed and that signed copies of their Agreements will be received by PKC. Actual update will be provided by PKC as Newsletter No 2 when their staff return from holiday w/c 13/9/26. There is a distinct possibility that a section of the CMRI-126 Route [Tomperran to Invermilton] will be tendered and constructed this financial year (length referred to as Phase 1 on the Achievement Plan V7.0 forwarded in email 5/9/26). Focus will then shift to fundraising and this will introduce and require closer coordination between PKC/Crieff/Comrie.

Comrie Development Trust has advised that their Development Officer Bravo Nyamudoka will be closely involved – CDT consider that the CMRI-126 Project is crucial for the sustainability of Cultybraggan Camp.

CCT has advised that Sue will attend to bolster our strength and various other groups will become involved – Comrie Croft certainly, as well as Ramblers etc etc.

(JAA - CCT 14th Sept 2026)

***Insurance Update**

PKC has agreed that CCT can have its own insurance arrangement and they will contribute £190 towards the cost. The necessary paperwork has still to be received.

5. Community Action Plan (CAP)

The next community meeting is planned for 31st October. The consultants are expected to provide an initial view of the themes emerging from Have Your Say Day and the survey. They plan to have topic specific time slots which they will invite specific stakeholders to, with

members of the public also able to attend. This should then prioritise the list of potential actions and identify a shorter list of priorities. Plan to address location-specific issues through mapping as part of the Local Place Plan work.
The emerging action plan will then identify future projects for CCT and therefore the new roles that new volunteers/board members could take on.

6. Recruitment of New Board Members/ Development of Board

Information evening-

- The presentation was well received at the information event, with several attendees expressing an interest in becoming involved with CCT.
- AC will email out the slides to those who were interested in receiving them.
- There was a broad range of relevant experience among the attendees which would enhance the CCT board.
- Consensus is that the process of bringing new members on board should happen within the next month or so.
- New members should be involved in shaping the future structure of CCT.
- S. Hindson was unable to attend. A separate meeting will be arranged to give him more information.

Board Governance/Structure

- **Board members to produce a simple diagram** of what they think the board structure should look like and email this to AC by the end of next week (i.e. Friday 25th Sept).
- Need sufficient directors/trustees to ensure proper oversight of individual projects.
- Each project should have two board-level leads, providing continuity and preventing projects from moving in directions unknown to the board.
- Agreement that the structure needs to have a degree of flexibility in order to accommodate people with different skills and levels of involvement.
- The existing CCT Welcome Pack should be reviewed and updated as required.
- Explore trustee/director training (run by DTAS) - preferably run the training shortly after people are on board

7. Can Do Crieff

LR has been in touch with Angela from Strathearn Arts(SA) via email. Negotiations regarding the lease renewal are progressing. A site walk-around has been proposed to discuss what work would be involved in any reparations if/when needed. The new lease should ensure some security for at least the next two years. Proposed rent increases seem fair. LR will raise the possibility of including the use of SA's meeting room for two hours/month (evening) within the new lease.

8. Update from Development Officer

- Uniting Crieff website is due for renewal. Approved by the board.
- Several funding applications/ expressions of interest have been submitted, with the overall aim of strengthening CCT's core capacity and financial position.

9. Funding & Financial report

Final accounts are ready for review and signing off.

10. AOB

- Two new membership applications were approved - Professor Douglas McMillan and Mr Nimi Erekosima.

Dates of next Board Meeting - Thursday 15th October 2026 at CDC, time tbc.

Action	**By**
Monitor development of grass seed seeding alongside the new path. (c/f)	JA
Board members to draw up their vision of the board structure and email to Ailsa by Friday 25th September	all
Contact Strathearn Arts re including use of SA meeting room for two hours per month	LR
Arrange meeting with S. Hindson	SB/AC
Review contents of Welcome Pack	all