

Crieff Community Council meeting and A.G.M.

24 th October 2024 at 7.30pm

Strathearn Community Campus

Minutes.

Present: two members of the public

Community Councillors: Brian Wilton (Chair), Kayleigh Keith, Pete McCarra and Iona Macgregor

Ward Councillors: Bailie Rhona Brock, Councillor Stewart Donaldson

Apologies: Community Councillors Marlene Galashan and Elaine MacDonald

The chair welcomed all attendees, noting that Councillor Noah Khogali was absent without apologies.

There were no Matters Arising nor a Police Report

Planning Applications

Starbucks – Planning is already in place through Aldi. There are 37 objections with 3 in favour. It was thought the objections relate to noise and opening hours (07.00-21.00). Given the extent of the objections, the community council expect to be consulted by PKC Planning Department.

Chairman's Report

Crieff Regeneration Group: Crieff Community Trust oversees this newly formed group, which has two community councillor members, B. Wilton and K. Keith.

Funding applications are currently being considered. It is hoped that the recommendations made re the public toilets will be considered soon.

Town Hall Council Chamber Chairs: Of the fourteen chairs, three have already been restored. The re-upholstering and French Polish is done at a cost of £358 per chair. Our Chair will extend the thanks of those present at the meeting, to the past C.C.Treasurer, who has kindly offered to fund the refurbishment of three further chairs. In addition, both the Trustees of Crieff Museum and the upholsterer, have offered the cost of one chair each, to be refurbished. This may encourage further donations from local individuals or businesses.

Pavement Parking Ban: Awaiting implementation. CSD has produced a map.

Newsletter: M. Galashan's recent newsletter was acknowledged. It is hoped that another one, carrying more information, will follow around Christmas.

Events Committee Report

Crieff Food Fest:

K. Keith reported being pleased with how well this first attempt had gone. Procedure and communication links established this year will be of great benefit when planning next year's event. The aim was not to make a significant profit this year, but to achieve maximum participation through a variety of paid and free events. It was appreciated that Alistair Gourlay provided a magnificent hog roast, free of charge, at the closing event. Hoggs was also praised for their involvement. It was agreed that the whole event was a hit with tourists and locals alike. The chair indicated that Innerpeffray Library may be interested in taking part next year, using old recipe books as a starting point. Kayleigh and her team were thanked for their hard and innovative work.

Hallowe'en:

An event will be held in James Square on 31 st October, from 16.30-17.30. Hallowe'en activities, a parade of fancy dress and a lantern judging competition, will take place.

Hogmany:

To bring in the New Year at James Square, between 11.30pm and 00.30am, stovies

will be available and music will be provided by a DJ.

Treasurer's Report

The final report awaited Food Fest information before being finalised, but K. Keith announced receipt of £2000 from SIFT Community Improvement Fund, in support of events planned for next year. Excluded, are a cycling event and any Christmas activities.

Cllr Donaldson announced that the next council funding event would target poverty, mainly in South Crieff and possibly Sauchie. Other areas include Rattray and Coupar Angus.

Any Other Business

Shop Fronts: K. Keith asked if there was funding for the improvement of shop fronts, many of which greatly detract from the ailing high street. Bailie Brock indicated this to be within the remit of the Crieff Regeneration Group. Cllr Donaldson mentioned he would like to see a conservation scheme for Crieff.

Banking Hub: Cllr Davidson indicated he would like a printer to be made available within the hub, for use by elderly and vulnerable community members. He thought this could be affected, however, by the installation of another ATM near Valentine's. He also mentioned the PKC Funding Report, with the closing date of 31 st October 2024.

A85 20 mph Speed Limit: The three councillors, have met to discuss the impending enforcement of the new speed limit which will start near The British Legion and finish on Comrie Street. The new limit will be of great benefit to Broich Road.

Hallowe'en: Bailie Brock hoped that the Murray fountain could display orange lighting for the event.

Next Meeting

Following the meeting, the committee agreed that the proposed change to the timing of community council public meetings, from the first Thursday to the first Monday of the month, would take place and that the next public meeting will be held on Monday 2 nd December at 7.30pm.