



Minutes for Community Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Strathearn Community Campus, Crieff, 7.30pm

**Present:** 8 members of the public

**Community Councillors:** Brian Wilton (Chair), Kayleigh Keith, Alice Jeakins, Iona Macgregor  
Sergeant Adam Denny

**Ward Councillors:** Bailie Rhona Brock, Councillor Stuart Donaldson, Councillor Noah Khogali

**Apologies:** Marlene Galashan, Eileen McDonald

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed all those present and gave apologies for Community Councillors Marlene Galashan, Eileen McDonald

**2. Previous minutes**

Proposed by Brian Wilton, seconded by Kayleigh Keith

**3. Matters arising**

Addressing matters that arose during the last meeting in December:

- How do the Council identify themselves? Name badges are being produced
- Can the artwork from the Drummond Hotel façade be saved? Unclear whether feasible
- Road safety: 20 mph zone is coming. A community speed watch is some way off, but Brian will speak to the police in Fife about training residents on the use of speed-guns. Signs are already being installed but remain covered up.
- CCTV – still awaiting installation
- Dog fouling – only 1 warden in Perth and Kinross
- Starbucks – no further news
- Pavement parking – ban now in force, noticeable improvement
- Bridge at south of town – remains an eyesore, Rhona is chasing

#### 4. Police Report

Sergeant Adam Denny in attendance – joined the Crieff police team at the end of last year.

- Vandalism to shop fronts on high street under investigation
- Joint speed enforcement with St. Dominic's
- Reminder that residents can dial 101 to contact their local station, or use the Contact Us page on the web-site.

#### 5. Planning applications

None of any note. Demolition of D&D Dairies was raised – Rhona confirmed an application for 7 houses on the site had been submitted.

#### 6. Chairman's Report

- Drummond Arms:

Whilst PKC have voted for demolition and affordable housing to be built on the site, there had been some doubt about the façade being included.

A PKC Historic Environment Scotland officer had suggested during a Crieff Regen meeting that demolishing the hotel could jeopardize future funding for structural projects in Crieff. Because of this the idea of using the façade for a climbing wall was investigated.

The Chairman met with Jimmy Denholm, Ian Christie who led DARL (Drummond Arms Regeneration Ltd) and Kevin Howett formerly of Mountaineering Scotland.

With major funding at risk, and in order to give Crieff residents a say in the future of the site and façade, a public meeting was called. However we were then advised that the façade had been included in the demolition order.

There will be a public meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February to which relevant officers of PKC will be invited. People unable to attend the meeting should email their suggestions to be correlated and submitted to PKC.

There are concerns from near residents about boundary walls, as well as rats in the hotel and their potential exit into neighbouring properties when demolition starts. The Chairman has been in contact with PKC who agreed to an early survey and referral to an outside vermin control company.

Cllr Stuart Donaldson has said that the priority is affordable social housing (the definition of which can be wide, and doesn't preclude retail on the ground level). Strict criteria to fit with townscape. A clear time-scale couldn't be given on demolition date. Ownership was only passed to the council last week. £1.1m has been given by the council, however demolition cost be up to £3m.

- Old Crieff Primary School:  
Has deteriorated – Brian contacted Jonathan James, Head of Estates and PKC. Departments are looking at how the structure can be saved. Site will most likely be use for affordable housing, and keen to avoid demolition of the existing building. The buildings at the rear of the property will be demolished.
- Crieff Regeneration Group:  
Crieff at Christmas – mindful of working together and not duplicating roles this year. To be promoted far and wide – a marketing company has been taken on to work on this.  
1,200 individuals attended Santa’s Post Office in 2024 – Crieff Community Council provided the post box for this.
- Community Benefit:  
No further meeting yet
- CCC Newsletter:  
Quair submission has been delayed but will be coming soon.

## 7. Events Committee Report

**Spring Fayre:** Easter Sundry (20<sup>th</sup> April this year)

**May 4 Street Party**

**Fun Run:** for kids, fancy dress, details to be confirmed

**Halloween**

**Crieff Food Festival:** 13-19 October – hoping for more buy in this time as second year of it running

**Poppy making:** with the British Legion

**Crieff at Xmas:** lights switch on 29 November

**Christmas:** working on creating a package offering for people visiting the town (e.g. lunch at The Tower, dram at Gills etc) Trial run to be conducted in the summer.

**Hogmanay:** Market Park, Gourlay’s will help with catering. 9.30pm – 12.30am

**Crieff in Leaf:** Kayleigh and Rhona meeting them this week to discuss hanging baskets in the town for the coming year.

**Jigsaw Festival**

There is funding for events in the town but need volunteers to make the events happen.

## **8. Litter picking report**

26<sup>th</sup> January – 6 people litter-picked (weather an issue). The group's 7<sup>th</sup> litter pick. Planned monthly for this year. Suggestion to concentrate on areas out-with the schools which should be responsible for picking up their own litter, and instilling morals of good citizenship amongst the pupils.

Hi-viz tabards with printed team name to be provided – Crieff Gleam Team. Sponsorship to fund them?

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

Accounts currently being checked.

Money has been coming in from Spring Fayre stall-holders. Looking for businesses to sponsor the restoration of civic chairs - £380 each.

## **10. AOB**

Road safety in PKC – bumps outside St. Dominic's are being made larger and the signage changed.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Strathearn Campus. 7.30pm