

Drummond Arms Update

Crieff's Community Council welcomed Stephen Crawford to its June meeting this week: PKC's Strategic Lead of Property Services gave a detailed update on progress with the Drummond Arms.

All communications on the demolition process and its stages are now controlled by Stefan Morkis who has issued email update and has responded to general queries

Community Council Participation Request.

At the June meeting of Crieff's Community Council, Stephen Crawford, Strategic Lead of PKC's Property Services and PKC's Demolition Project, gave details of the progress of the Community Council's Participation Request regarding the future use of the Drummond Arms site when demolition and clearance have been completed. That request was initially refused due to PKC resources being concentrated on the complex demolition process.

Community Council Chairman Brian Wilton said: ' We are very pleased to learn from Stephen that PKC is now in a position to agree to the Participation process. Endorsed by the results of a Public Meeting earlier in the year, we will seek to make the case to PKC that housing of any description is a most inappropriate and detrimental use of a prime site in the centre of a leading tourist town like Crieff.'

'Whatever use is made of it must be measured by the benefits, not only to the local community but, more importantly, to the town's commercial sector which depends upon tourism for its survival and growth. This objective accords closely with PKC's recently published Tourism Strategy & Action Plan in which it seeks to *'develop a series of designated investment areas in town centres in rural areas where there is an opportunity for regeneration.'*

'We are particularly pleased that our engagement with PKC *' . . . will take full account of the direction provided by Council Committee on options for affordable housing, whilst also being open to alternative community led proposals for the future of the Drummond Arms Hotel site.'*

'In the light of the door being left open, we look forward resolving this clash of interests to the maximum benefit of Crieff and its fortunes.'