

## CRIEFF SUCCEEDS BID COMPANY LIMITED

**Minute of the First Annual Meeting of the  
Crieff Succeeds BID Company Limited held on  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016  
Strathearn Artspace, Comrie Street, Crieff, at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** David Agnew, Valentines of Crieff (DA)  
Scott Bennett, Strathearn Gallery (SB)  
Ailsa Campbell, Campbell's Bakery (ACa)  
Ann Cowan, Perth and Kinross Council (ACo)  
Graham Donaldson, Gordon & Durward, Chairman  
John Henderson, Image on Glass (JH)  
Stephen Leckie, Crieff Hydro (SL)  
Simon Pengelley, Strathearn Artspace (SP)

**ATTENDANCE:** Neil Combe, Crieff Succeeds BID Manager (NC)  
Jean Ann Scott Miller, Minutes Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** Bob Anderson, The Tower  
Stuart Cassells, Glenturret Distillery  
William Frame, Braemore Estates  
Kate Graham, Co-Operative Food  
Anne Younger, Perth and Kinross Council

1. The Chairman extended a general welcome before reading the Notice of the Meeting.

2. **Chairman's Report, 2015-2016.** Copies of the Chairman's Report, previously circulated, were tabled and taken as read. There were no questions.  
**NOTE: the Report is available on [crieffsucceeds.com](http://crieffsucceeds.com)**

3. **Annual Report and unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2016**  
Copies of the Annual Report, previously circulated, were tabled. **Resolution 1** – to receive, consider and adopt the Company's annual accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 together with the Directors' report and accountant's report on those accounts – was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman and unanimously **APPROVED**.

#### 4. Open Forum

The Chairman invited questions from the floor.

4.1 JH raised the issue of the Town Hall. What agreement had been reached with PKC? What burden would its projected use as a BID office place on levy income? What level of visitor information service would be provided?

- Discussions with PKC were on-going

- The programme of refurbishment – outline costs £220,000 – would be phased over the period of the lease and borne by the Council

1 □ Anticipated that the initial works would allow entry to the building in May/June 2017

- The BID office would be manned by the Manager, and there was scope in the budget to employ some part-time administrative help if required
- PKC had proposed a peppercorn rent
- Annual costs would also include insurance, heat and light, and incidentals. BID had been fortunate that the present occupancy of premises in the Learning Centre had been rent-free. That was about to change, so the costs involved with the Town Hall would apply to any premises BID occupied
- A town-centre presence was essential
- Levy payers should take a positive view of the Board’s decisions – all Directors were also levy payers, many making a substantial contribution to the levy fund, and united in their determination to act in Crieff’s best interests
- A scaled-down Visitor Information facility was essential. It would not be manned by a dedicated officer as at present, and volunteer support would be investigated, among other options
- VisitScotland would supply material, and other support was under discussion
- Every effort would be made to ensure that the building was “put to work”. Possible ancillary uses might include an extended heritage role, built on the existing presence of the historic artefacts in the basement
- Some seed corn funding had already been pledged by Crieff residents 4.2 **Budgeted Revenue.** SL referred to PKC’s decision to reduce the budgeted funding of £32,000 to £12,000 in Year One. Was any additional funding from the Council anticipated in Year Two?
- Discussions with PKC were on-going, but it seemed possible that applications linked to specific activities up to a value of £12,000 would be considered
- Early applications for LEADER funding had been advocated but anecdotal evidence suggested should not now be pursued
- BID’s focus would remain firmly on promoting economic development

There being no other competent business, the Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

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