

Marnhull Men's Shed (The Shed)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

6th March 2019

Committee In Attendance: Steve Holdship (SH)– Chair
 Robert Tacon (RT) - Secretary
 Alan Loukes (ALo) - Treasurer
 Chris Looker (CL)
 Dave Targett (DT)
 John Brookfield (JB)

Members in Attendance:

There were 11 non-committee members in attendance.

Apologies were received from: Jeremy Watson; Nigel Parsons; Ian Pentland

The following guests were in attendance: Yvonne Vintner; Rosie Gall; Stephen Bland; Esther Finch

1. **Chairman's Report**

The Chair updated the meeting on the Shed's progress. He started by giving a brief history of our beginnings, the formation of the Steering Group and the applications to POPP, Healthwatch Dorset, Asda and Tesco. He explained the difficulties in finding suitable premises and how we eventually were helped out by Yvonne Vintner of Kings Mill Court.

The chair continued to offer thanks to all those who have helped us in establishing the Shed. These included: Sydenhams, Marsh Electrical, Townsend Timber, Dyke's and Stalbridge Building Supplies. A special thanks was offered to Paul Ratcliffe for his help in installing and signing off on our electrical supply.

A special mention was made to the builders of the toilet block: John Hepworth, Mike Tewkesbury and Nigel Parsons with the plumbing support of Dave White. Members who helped install the ceiling in Shed 2 were also thanked.

The Chair continued by offering a very special thanks to Rosie Gall for providing the inspiration for the creation of the Shed and to Yvonne Vintner for providing us with a home. Flowers were presented to both.

The final thanks went to Shedder of the Year John Brookfield who was presented with a trophy for his outstanding work in getting the Shed premises up and running.

In concluding, SH mentioned Patrick Abrahams who provided us with advice and guidance in the early days. He is stepping down as Chair of the Frome Shed and advised us that over his 5 year tenure, their Shed has grown to 140 members of which more than 50% are women.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts.

Total income for the year was £6558.50 of which grants totalled £6195.00. These grants came from:

Healthwatch Dorset	£1200.00
POPP	£1995.00
Asda	£1000.00
Tesco	£2000.00

Donations were received from Poisedale's £24.00 and a member £100.

Total expenditure amounted to £4049.61 of which the major expenditure related to the setup costs of the Shed at Kingsmill Court: £2674.07 and equipment purchases of £619.56

Insurance premiums for the year totalled £282.20

We ended the year with total funds of £2508.89

3. Budget

The Treasurer set out the Budget for 2019/20. The budget is based on no further grant monies being received and that the only income will be from subscriptions. Total expenditure for the year is estimated at £1321.00 of which insurance accounts for £480.00. This amount covers both the Shed insurance and the additional insurance required by Mrs Vintner's insurers.

The meeting was advised that the budget had been prepared on the basis of a member subscription of £60 per year with no additional attendance fee. It was assumed that membership would be 25 during the current year.

Proposal

Membership subscriptions should be set at £60 for the year 2019/20

Proposer: Steve Holdship.

Seconder: James Brown

Motion passed unanimously

4. Open Floor

- a. The question of whether payment could be received for jobs done by the Shed was raised. SH advised that whilst we couldn't "invoice" for a job, we could accept a donation and payment for any materials used.
- b. Should we have membership cards. This could be useful when visiting another Shed for example. SH advised that this idea had merit and that it could be considered but that we would not wish to run up any expense in this regard. It might be appropriate to provide a letter of introduction in such circumstances.

5. Election of the Committee

- a. The meeting was advised that the current 6 members of the Committee are willing to put themselves up for re-election. The meeting was asked if anyone wished to put their names forward for election. There were no volunteers.

Proposal

The six current members of the Committee be re-elected for the year 2019/20

The proposal was passed unanimously

6. Any Other Business

- a. Repair Café: it was proposed that the Committee should investigate the merits of opening a Repair Café run by the Marnhull Men's Shed at the Village Hub.
- b. Village Hub: it was proposed that there is an opportunity for the Shed to assist with projects to enhance the Village Hub. These will be considered.
- c. Parish Council: The PC has approached the Shed to help with various repairs around the Village. These include signposts and benches. By becoming involved in such projects the Shed will raise its profile within the Village
- d. WI: The WI have asked the Shed to help them repair their sign board at the Village Recreation Ground. This is on the "to do" list and will be tackled as soon as the Shed establishment is complete.
- e. Cooking Classes: JB explained the proposal to run some classes at the Shed. This had good support.
- f. Session Days: it was agreed to keep these as Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.
- g. Communication: it was agreed that a Whatsapp group for Shed members could be useful in getting messages out. SH will look at this.

The meeting closed at 20.45