



Portlethen & District Meeting Minutes

Time & Date	1:30pm on 09/02/2016		Meeting Venue	Community Centre, Portlethen Academy
Present	G. Pringle, J. Shackleton, M. Rodger, J. Coull, J. Milne, N. Fraser, J. White, W. McMillan, G. Constable (AC), W. Green, J. Schroeder (AVA), J. Niven (KDP)			
Apologies	H. Mutch, J. Robertson, D. Connolly,			
Approval of minutes	Proposed	J. Coull	Seconded	M. Rodger
Matters Arising (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Pringle purchased MS Office from the Technology Trust for a £24 admin fee for 10 licenses ▪ Meeting/social event at the Lethen Arms, W. McMillan to check availability ▪ Skills Audit – Only a few have been received Skills, Hobbies, Education, Training, Interests ▪ Tim Green, the Community Development Officer (Men's Sheds) will be visiting on 16th of February ▪ Bernadette Dawkes from Mearns & Costal Healthy Living Network and Andrea a Physiotherapist from Stonehaven Community Hospital attended an Open Day on January 28th ▪ G. Pringle wrote an article for the Clochandighter and Newsey March Edition's 			
Fundraising Publicity & Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have been successful with our application to the Robertson Trust and have been awarded £4,500 ▪ We received our cheque for £3,810 from the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm ▪ Funds specifically for renovations and Portacabin stands at £22,310 ▪ J. Schroeder has spoken to SALAG and they would favour a joint funding application from the Southern Aberdeenshire Men's Shed (Portlethen, Huntly, Inverurie, Banchory and Ellon) to the LEADER fund as this would save on Administration. It was decided that the way forward was to go with the joint bid. 			
Building Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councillor Evison has informed us that 'Property are content with the work carried out by Bancon in the amount of £1,962.97 was in order' ▪ W. McMillan, N. Fraser and John Coull, D. Connolly & G. Pringle , met with Jeff Davidson of JDC and Kevin Groundwater (The architect). ▪ Go ahead was given to the architect for the soakaway test, in order for us to get the building warrant. ▪ Concern was expressed at the latest 'invoice' from Kevin Groundwater for £650 for 'Engineers Fees'. Questions were raised regarding What was his brief? Who had gave him permission? Is the architect not supposed to do the calculations? Etc. Building sub-group to investigate ▪ JDC to requote for the work on the main building to include the firewall (to be shared with Aberdeenshire Council?), Fire detection System, Heating (Space and Convection), the Path to the Portacabin and not having the Double Door ▪ JDC has completed the internal demolition and the next step is to Install windows and start work on the Portacabin foundations 			
Current Financial Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cash at bank £25,556 			
Letters, Emails, etc. (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AUSA have invited us to send two representatives along to be our torch bearers for their Charity Parade. The event will be taking place on Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm leaving from Marischal College ▪ The Trustees of the Furniture Lodge invited us attend our Community Engagement Event on 19th February to explore potential working relationships across the themes of Employability, Addressing Social Issues and Recycling. 			
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N. Fraser has spoken to his contact on Mearns Community Radio (Mearns FM) and they are willing to promote our shed on their Saturday morning show ▪ J. Schroeder spoke at length on developments at the Scottish Men's Shed Association, which included the Launch in November, the SMSA Roadshow, an EU Project on Social Deprivation and Isolation, the SMSA – RVS Partnership and the Development of a new SMSA Website from the perspective of Men, Women and Professionals 			
Next Meeting	1:30pm on 23/02/2016 In the Community Centre, Portlethen Academy			



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