



## Portlethen & District Meeting Minutes

<b>Time &amp; Date</b>	<b>1:30pm on 08/03/16</b>		<b>Meeting Venue</b>	<b>Community Centre, Portlethen Academy</b>
<b>Present</b>	G. Pringle, J. Shackleton, M. Rodger, J. Milne, J. White, W. McMillan, G. Constable (AC), H. Mutch, J. Robertson, N. Fraser, P. Campbell, J. Davidson (JDC)			
<b>Apologies</b>	J. Coull, W. Green, D. Connolly			
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	J. Milne	<b>Seconded</b>	H. Mutch
<b>Matters Arising (not discussed elsewhere)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roadshow at the Lethen Arms on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2 new members</li> <li>▪ Skills Audit – Only a few have been received Skills, Hobbies, Education, Training, Interests</li> <li>▪ G. Pringle has sent off the application forms for the Portlethen Gala (13<sup>th</sup> August) and Skateraw Fair (27<sup>th</sup> June).</li> <li>▪ G. Pringle investigated the cost of Men's Shed polo shirts. Jeff Davidson said that he could get Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts at a fraction of the sum quoted and has kindly agreed to pay for them</li> </ul>			
<b>Fundraising Publicity &amp; Recruitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ W. McMillan &amp; M. Rodger attended a joint LEADER Funding application meeting for the Southern Aberdeenshire Men's Shed's on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. We are unsure of progression as we cannot apply for LEADER Funding as we have started the work, but may be able to apply for funding for a phase of the work if we have half the funding and the other Sheds are at different stages of development.</li> <li>▪ The application has been submitted to the Big Lottery Improving Lives Fund for £37,302.40. Can take up to four months</li> <li>▪ Article in March Clochandictor stating that we have been awarded a £40,000 grant totally false and may have a detrimental effect on our fundraising activities. If they hear this being discussed, members urged to point out that this is incorrect.</li> <li>▪ Jeff Davidson said that Palmaris has told him that they have some tools that may be of use to us, Norrie Fraser to investigate</li> <li>▪ Age Scotland are currently working on how best the reduced community development team can continue to deliver the support groups require. They are conducting a membership survey to help us to identify priority areas and hope to establish an e-mail database of contacts.</li> <li>▪ Funding group to investigate the Health Improvements Fund with a view to applying for the funds to purchase equipment</li> </ul>			
<b>Building Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kevin Groundwater (The architect) has received the report on the Soakaway Test and will be resubmitting our application for a Building Warrant. The ground was not suitable for a soakaway therefore JDC will connect the down water pipes into the existing drainage system</li> <li>▪ JDC has prepared the ground and is currently constructing the pillars for the Portacabin, which should be located on site by the end of next week (week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March)</li> <li>▪ Norrie Fraser has a contact who is an architect and who has offered his services free of charge</li> <li>▪ Councillor Evison has been in contact with the relevant Council Departments to arrange the capping of the toilets and the fixing of the roof</li> <li>▪ The bricked up doorway of the Shed is to be investigated as the location of a Noticeboard. It is an ideal spot to attract the attention of passers-by to our announcements and notices</li> </ul>			
<b>Current Financial Position</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cash at bank £21,620.36 (this does not take account of the deduction of the Engineers Fees (£650) or the addition of the Robertson Trust Grant (£4,500)</li> </ul>			
<b>Letters, Emails, etc. (not discussed elsewhere)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ G.Pringle has made contact with Inverurie, Huntly and Afford Sheds, and has sent them some funding links</li> <li>▪ Email from David Wood of the Furniture Lodge regarding the possibility of retired tradesmen or working with students at Mackie prior to the Furniture Lodge securing accommodation. G. Pringle replied stating that we would be in touch once shed was open</li> </ul>			
<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Social Group to discuss holding of a fundraising Soup &amp; Sandwiches event in the Porty Cabin on 7<sup>th</sup> of April, other Sheds keen to attend</li> <li>▪ G.Pringle suggested holding of an evening event to which community groups and organisations (such as the Round Table, The PDCC, the NMCCC, the Rotary Club, etc.) and the public would be invited to get more community involvement and hopefully raise funds.</li> </ul>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>1:30pm on 22 March 2016 In the Community Centre, Portlethen Academy</b>			