



Portlethen & District Meeting Minutes

Time & Date	1:30pm on 26th July 2016		Meeting Venue	Community Centre, Portlethen Academy
Present	G. Pringle, J. Shackleton, W. McMillan, W. Green, H. Mutch, J. Robertson, J. White, J. Coull, G. Constable (AC), M. Rodger, Cllr A. Evison (AC)			
j. White	J. Milne, G. Bowen			
Approval of minutes	Proposed	H. Mutch	Seconded	J. Robertson
Matters Arising (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ George Pringle has informed Callum McDonald, the solicitor that we no longer need his services ▪ George Pringle still to purchase Hi-Viz Waistcoats and Hard Hats, John Robertson has 1 Hard Hat that we could use ▪ George Pringle registered the Shed on the Scottish Men's Shed Website www.scottishmsa.org.uk ▪ George Pringle still to respond to Email from Susan Bryce from Raeburn, Christie, Clark & Wallace, regarding their offer of a presentation, ▪ George Pringle and Bill Green still to uplift a table from Mary McCallum ▪ No response to the sponsorship request letter produced by Karen McWilliams that we sent to 4 local businesses she suggested ▪ No word from Matthew Cohen (Solicitor) regarding the lease, he was to send us the points that we should discuss with the Council ▪ George Pringle has contacted Afford Men's shed to ask if we can leave the tables they are selling just now as we have nowhere to store them ▪ Car Boot Sale put back to later on in August ▪ Portlethen Gala is on the 13th of August from 12 to 5pm ▪ George Pringle has updated the leaflets and now needs to order 275 of them 			
Fundraising Publicity & Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ George Pringle and Margaret Rodger have enquired to the Big Lottery re their Community Assets scheme which seeks to empower people to create strong and resilient communities. Although this sounds ideal, they dispute whether a Men's Shed would serve the whole community ▪ George Pringle has approached the Portlethen & District Community Council regarding funding and we have been invited to attend their meeting on August the 23rd ▪ John Coull to approach Paul Melling to enquire if we can apply again to the Meikle Carewe ▪ Glynn Bowen suggested that we approach Manfred Steinkamp for funding, Glynn to enquire ▪ George Pringle has set up a My Donate page where people can donate online at https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/portlethendistrictmensshed ▪ We have received a letter from Foundation Scotland to say that we have been awarded £1899 to purchase our woodturning lathe, we have 12 months to purchase it 			
Building Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walter McMillan, Norrie Fraser, John Coull & George Pringle held a meeting with Jeff Davidson regarding the invoice received from JDC for £6,950 for work outstanding on Cabin for £200 for prelims and £5,592 for Ramp, Grading Ground and slabbing turning area and his estimate dated the 7th of March has £700 for prelims and £1,500 for Ramp, £1,000 for Grading Ground to suit new path and £450 to slabbing turning area. The meeting was inconclusive, but Jeff reiterated that he was in no hurry to be paid. We will gather as much information as possible before we seek another meeting 			
Current Financial Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cash in the bank, £ 11,976.40 			
Letters, Emails, etc. (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email from Jenny Bloomfield of SCVO regarding a survey on people's experiences of grant and contract funding from local public bodies ▪ Email from DJS Research who are conducting a survey on people's experiences with the Big Lottery ▪ Email from Teresa Canale-Parola offering a gent's bike ▪ Email from Cloch Editor for September edition George Pringle has written an article ▪ Email from Diane Strachen who is inviting community groups and organisations to a training/information session with Social Investment Scotland (SIS). Social investment, unlike grants or donations, is when charitable organisations such as social enterprises receive a loan which they later repay. ▪ Email from Maureen Watt MSP with a response to her enquiry to the Cabinet Secretary Angela Constance regarding our complaint to the lack of funding opportunities ▪ Email from Hannah Collacott a Researcher at the University of Aberdeen, currently working on a project developing a new weight loss programme designed specifically for men. She is coming to our Open Day on Thursday 			
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bandsaw will be delivered direct to the Shed, it weighs 170 kgs. They will let us know but we will need volunteers to help unload at short notice. It comes in boxes and John Coull has a sack barrow and a trolley 			
Next Meeting	1:30pm on 26th July 2016 In the Community Centre, Portlethen Academy			