



Portlethen & District Meeting Minutes

Time & Date	1:30pm on 14th June 2016		Meeting Venue	Community Centre, Portlethen Academy
Present	G. Pringle, J. Shackleton, J. Milne, W. McMillan, W. Green, H. Mutch, J. Robertson, J. White, J. Coull K. McWilliam (AC)			
Apologies	G. Constable (AC), M, Rodger			
Approval of minutes	Proposed	J. Coull	Seconded	H. Mutch
Matters Arising (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Alison Evison and all who helped with the car boot sale in the Market Square in Stonehaven on 12th of June which raised £102.50 • Ground in front of the Men's Shed- Walter McMillan has spoken to Ian Thomson and they are considering our application. They have raised concerns regarding the rocks we have on our design, which would have to be cemented in • The AGM – we have booked a Projector to play our Presentation on and have some display boards for our photographs • No word from Alistair McNair regarding the accounts. George Pringle has sent an email • The various tasks that require to be undertaken in order to open the shed –we will investigate the First Aid training run by Kincardineshire Development Partnership • The Members Only Page on the Website. It is not possible to change your username, so if you want a different Username, your account will have to be deleted and set-up again, however it will not allow email addresses to be used as Usernames 			
Fundraising Publicity & Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Age Scotland End of Grant Report, - George Pringle will try to have the form completed by 30th June ▪ G.Pringle looked at the Robertson Trust Grant email, but it is quite clear that we only get the funds when we have the rest of the funding in place (£41,500). Currently we have obtained grants of approximately £21,790 (AWA, Meikle Carewe, AUSA_RAG & NHS Endowment fund) which are restricted to the refurbishments ▪ Email/letter from the Big Lottery –Email from Jason Schroeder who will contact the Lottery as he is not happy that they will not fund refurbishments to create Men's Sheds, as you need the buildings before you can help the people ▪ We are still to enquire about the Co-op Pioneer scheme where the local branch donates a percentage of their profits to local community clubs etc. However John White spoke to the local store manager who advised us to apply for the Co-op Local Fund again ▪ Karen McWilliams spoke about the Area Top up budget and have asked us for a breakdown of the costs of the minimum amount of work that is required to open the Shed. She also offered to look at our sponsorship request letter and suggested some local businesses that we approach 			
Building Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walter, George and Sonnie met with Sonnie's nephew Callum, a solicitor on the 2nd of June to discuss the provisional terms and conditions of our lease. Costs will be £100/hour capped at £1,000 possibly plus the Council legal costs. We have put this on hold as Margaret Rodger has arranged for another solicitor Mathew Cohen to give us his opinion and an estimate of costs • No progress on painting the new back door in the Shed, marking out the position of the various machines on the floor to see if there is sufficient access • George Pringle and Walter McMillan had a meeting with Jeff Davidson re. Cutting Costs – There is not much scope in what tasks the members can undertake Jeff to total up how much we owe and to calculate what works we can undertake for the funds that are available. • George Pringle has found out the costs of Hi-Viz Waistcoats (£3.20 ex VAT) and Hard Hats (£2.95 ex VAT) which are available at Toolstation in Altens • Council Plumber has been capping the toilets 			
Current Financial Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cash in the bank, £ 13,405.97 and £102.50 cash from the Car Boot Sale 			
Letters, Emails, etc. (not discussed elsewhere)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email from Jason Schroeder informing us of the new Scottish Men's Shed Website www.scottishmsa.org.uk Members are encouraged to sign up ▪ Email from Ron Davidson asking us confirm receipt of the provisional terms and conditions ▪ Email from Bridgit Scott, Manager of the Bettridge Centre in Newtonhill, who hopes we can build links between our organisations and we can be of mutual benefit to each other. She has been looking about the possibility of doing something with/for under/unemployed people in the village 			



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Email from Susan Bryce from Raeburn, Christie, Clark & Wallace, regarding their offer of a presentation to your Men's Shed group in Portlethen. They would be delighted to come to one of our Open Days to meet the members and provide some information on private client matters including Wills and Powers of Attorney. George Pringle to invite them to the next Open Day and ask about sponsorship▪ FB Message from Nicola Brownlie from Portlethen Primary asking if we could make 2 Mud Kitchens out of Pallets. Bill Green to enquire when attending next Gardening Group meeting
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We need to order the bandsaw, George Pringle to enquire about purchasing and ask if they can store it until we are ready. The dimensions are H1680 x W770 x D650 mm and weighs 160kg• George Pringle to enquire about insurance for Portacabin, Public Liability, etc
Next Meeting	1:30pm on 12th July 2016 In the Community Centre, Portlethen Academy