

# Men in Sheds Milton Keynes

## Annual General Meeting 2018

Held at the Shed 23rd May 2018

Members attending are recorded in the signing in register for the day.

Apologies for absence were received from Les Hubbard

The meeting was chaired by Peter Gallagher

### 1. Minutes of the previous AGM

These had been circulated electronically and paper copies were available at the meeting. Adoption was proposed by Dave Lewis and seconded by Vince Burgum. It was agreed unanimously.

### 2. Chair's report

Peter Gallagher introduced his report (attached as an appendix to these minutes)..

The takeover of the lease from Age UK has now been completed and the Shed is now a direct tenant of the MK Community Foundation. The report emphasised the additional responsibilities, this placed on the Shed but also the opportunities it opened up.

After last year's near doubling of the insurance premium we have found a new insurer with less stringent conditions and it is hoped that hot work can shortly resume.

Special mention was made of the installation of new lighting in the Shed and the links with Wolverton and Greenleys Council over the production of planters and the Ploegsteert plaque.

Thanks were extended to many Shedders for their various contributions to its smooth running during the year, and in particular to the Committee. A vote of thanks to Peter Gallagher for his able and dedicated chairmanship was given.

Adoption of the report was proposed by David Towell, seconded by Ron Wells and approved unanimously.

### 3. Treasurer's report

Michael West introduced the report (attached as an appendix) on behalf of Les Hubbard. The Shed continues to be financially sound and cash at the bank is healthy.

A query had been raised with the electricity supplier as a bill far in excess of what was expected had been received. This was currently unresolved but a much reduced bill was anticipated.

In reply to a question about whether the restoration of the wet heating system would increase the value of the property it was stated that it would not, as the Shed was now operating under the terms of a repair lease. There remained, however a need to improve the heating in the social area.

A further question was raised: why did the Shed not earn interest on its reserves? It was agreed that this was something that the Committee and Trustees needed to investigate.

Thanks were extended to Les for his work and good wishes for a rapid return to health.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Henry Suppiah, seconded by John Orme and approved unanimously.

### 4. Election of Management Committee

There had been a failure to allow the required length of time for nominations to be received and voted on prior to the AGM. The Management Committee had therefore appointed Michael West as Acting Chair and David Sawyer as Acting Treasurer. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) would need to be held to consider nominations for the substantive posts of Chair and Treasurer.

Nigel Pigott would continue as Secretary as he had been elected in 2016 for a three year term. Nigel Paterson and Les Hubbard would continue as co-opted Committee members and would be joined by new members Dave Towell, Andy Selby and John Orme.

#### **5. Board of Trustees**

It was proposed that the Officers, together with the co-opted Committee members, would constitute the Board of Trustees. Endorsement of this proposal would be sought at the EGM. It had not been possible to find an external member to replace Paul Griffiths but as Les Hubbard was also a trustee of MK Play Association he was willing to fulfil this role until a fully external member could be appointed.

#### **6. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

The new regulations related to the retention and use by organisations of personal information held either electronically or in other forms. The Committee was still working through the implications of this but it was expected that the impact would be low. Members were assured that all personal information held by the Shed was kept securely.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

It was noted that the Shed continued to receive donations of tools and materials that were found to be surplus to its needs. In the past these had either been donated to other sheds and charities or sold – usually on eBay. It was agreed that in future surplus tools and materials should be offered to members before being disposed of by other means.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13.30.

Nigel Pigott, Hon Sec. MK Men in Sheds

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