

Men in Sheds Milton Keynes

Extraordinary General Meeting

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shed held on 1 August 2018. The main purpose of the meeting was to ratify the appointment of the Chair and Treasurer and the membership of the Board of Trustees.

At the close on Wednesday 18 July the following nominations had been received:

Chair: Michael West

Proposed: Nigel Pigott

Seconded: Les Hubbard

Treasurer: John Orme

Proposed: Andy Selby

Seconded Jenny List

These appointments were approved unanimously at the meeting and by electronic ballot

Shed Management Committee as of 1 August 2018:

- **Michael West** – Chair
- **Nigel Pigott** - Secretary
- **John Orme** – Treasurer
- **Nigel Paterson** - Co-opted Member Representative - woodworking
- **Andy Selby** – Co-opted Member Representative - Makerspace and metalworking
- **David Towell** – Co-opted Member
- **Les Hubbard** – Co-opted Member

Board of Trustees as of 1 August 2018 (proposed)

- **Michael West**- Management Committee Chair, Ex Officio
- **John Orme**- Management Committee Treasurer, Ex Officio
- **Nigel Pigott** - Management Committee Secretary, Ex Officio
- **Nigel Paterson** - Elected Trustee
- **John Orme** – Co-opted Member Representative
- **Andy Selby** - Co-opted Member Representative
- **Dave Towell** - Co-opted Member Representative
- **Les Hubbard** – Elected “External” Trustee (pro tem).

Although the nominated external trustee position has been vacant all last year, Les Hubbard is a trustee of the Milton Keynes Play Association and has proposed to be

nominated for this role until a fully external trustee can be found.

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Michael West thanked Shed members for their support and emphasised that because of work commitments he would not be able to be present at the Shed as frequently as his predecessor but he expected that other members of the Committee would be regularly available to deal with any issues and to welcome new members. He also stressed that he and the Committee were committed to the full integration of the Shed and the Makerspace and that he hoped there would be as much sharing of expertise and equipment between the two sections as possible.

Any Other Business

The Chair reported that among planned improvements to the Shed were the introduction of an RFID system to replace the current fobs, repainting of the toilets, an updated website, extended opening hours and the possible acquisition of a defibrillator. The creation of one or more subcommittees to oversee specific tasks was under consideration.

Members raised a number of issues, including the need for more machine training and accreditation and the need for more attention to be paid to workshop tidiness and the labelling of individual projects.

One member expressed concern that there was a substantially higher cost for those paying weekly though the demijohn when compared with those paying monthly by direct debit. This was disputed since demijohn payments were not made when a member was not in attendance, nor were contributions compulsory. The Committee agreed, however, to review the recommended level of donations for weekly payers.

Nigel Pigott, Secretary
14.08.2018