

## MINUTES OF PDMS COMMITTEE MEETING

SCHOOL HOUSE 1000 SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

1. Apologies had been received from Steve Dowall
2. Present were Roy Burson Tim Ridgely Les Banks John Mallott Henry Gowman Mike Bardzil
3. Chairman's Report: HG happily reported that PDMS had been shortlisted for a Community Award by SNC and that an award ceremony would be held at Diss Corn Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. It was whole heartedly agreed that Les Banks would accompany HG to the event to represent PDMS.

HG pointed up the number of events scheduled for this summer that involved PDMS. These included 3<sup>rd</sup> June Fayre on the Yare – 7<sup>th</sup> June School House Volunteers Networking – 7<sup>th</sup> July Lord Mayors Procession – 12 July Poringland Village Fete

Other things to do included: 200 bird boxes to make for RSPB - WW1 Silhouettes for November 11<sup>th</sup> Brooke Mere Posts Raised planters for Ex Service man's Café wheelchair users.

LB said that a list for names of volunteers had been put up in the Shed and were well subscribed.

JM is to liaise with UBS re obtaining posts and materials for Brooke Mere

HG spoke about difficulty EACH were having identifying a source for supplying large boards for making elephants for the float. (Update: Shedders have squirrelled together sufficient boards to do the job - Poringland Village Archive contacted to assist with marking out shapes – EACH to provide paint}

4. RB supplied current state of finances. We are solvent and well set up. Income from attendance donations is holding up. RB had investigated costs of insurance should we wish to insure the Barn against fire plus tool replacement. HG to ascertain from Roger whether he already has cover before proceeding.
5. Update on Community Land Project: HG said that we had firm undertaking from Parish Council that provision will be made for Men's Shed. Planning Consultants had been appointed and a ground survey was to be undertaken to ascertain if land was suitable for the kind of development intended. Project slightly on hold whilst this aspect was investigated. HG also reported that he and SD had attended a Virgin Money sponsored seminar on funding grants applicable to the new shed. An application will be put together upon SD's return from holiday. Other funding avenues would also be pursued. We already have £10k from Norfolk Homes and have ringfenced some £2k from our own resources.
6. Workshop update: A good clear out and tidy up is to be undertaken to make more space available – LB and JM to organise. Date arranged for electrician to sign off works.
7. AOB LB suggested it was time to extend our opening days as it was becoming crowded at the Shed on Tuesday and Saturdays. It was suggested that we open on a Thursday – to do this we would definitely need a 'responsible person' rota. HG to take soundings and suggest RP's for inclusion on the rota. As well as changing publicity on our website etc we would need to notify our insurance company of any increased hours.  
TR suggested regular user group meetings of members would be a useful way of disseminating information. ( Perhaps make use of Big Breakfasts to do this....HG)  
LB pointed up more membership packs were needed for new members – RB to provide.
8. Date for next meeting will be circulated.