

Poringland & District Men's Shed AGM
Friday 9th April 2021 10:30am

Via Zoom Video Conference

Henry Gowman, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed 15 members.

Trustees Reports

Steve Dowall, Secretary presented his report followed by Roy Burson, Treasurer and finally Henry Gowman, Chairman. These reports are attached.

Re-election of Trustees

All existing trustees were re-elected unanimously .

AOB

There was a discussion about re-opening arrangements following the easing of the Covid lockdown. It was agreed to put together a small working party prior to opening on Tuesday 13th April.

David Gillingham asked about forming a singing group. It was decided we should revisit this when we are in our new shed.

Meeting closed at 11:10

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Poringland Men's Shed

“Shoulder to Shoulder “

An unusual year is an understatement! Our membership remained static but we are confident that our numbers will grow when we are established in our new shed in the heart of Poringland.

At the start of the first lockdown we embraced technology to help maintain some level of group communication by setting up a Whats App group - this was largely used to share humorous banter between members - not unlike a normal day at the shed!

Zoom was used regularly by the trustees to plan for making our shed Covid secure and planning the first and second reopening along with the normal issues surrounding the day to day business of a mens shed. Additionally members were invited to a general meeting and of course our AGM via Zoom. Whilst no substitute for the real thing it has enabled us to keep the wheels turning in the background.

The main communication link has of course been regular news updates via email.

With the shed closed for much of the last 12 months there has been little news to publish on our website but as we head towards reopening I should like to remind everyone to send me photos and background stories of any projects you are involved in on behalf of the shed. I can then post them on our site which then highlights to both the general public and our supporters what we are about and what we bring to the local community.

And finally another plea! We are signed up to two Online shopping platforms. **Give As You Live** and **Amazon smile**. If you or your family and friends network shop online please consider using these platforms to access your retailers and Amazon because we then receive a donation from the retailer directly to our bank account for every sale. We have raised nearly £1,000 through these platforms thanks to the members who have signed up - but we would, of course like more to help fund our new shed and ongoing costs. Thank you in anticipation.

Steve Dowall (PDMS Secretary)

Poringland & District Men's Shed:

Treasurer's Report to the AGM covering Income & Expenditure matters for the Financial Year 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

The Shed's finances for the year have been affected by 2 relatively major events:

- a) Lockdown: no on-site activity at the Barn from 15th March until 4th July & subsequently from 1st December ongoing into 2021
- b) An unanticipated request for a financial contribution from The Shed to The Dove previously never considered, regarding our tenure on The Dove's land.

The financial picture is as follows, with some comparison figures for 2019 in brackets. All figures expressed in GBP:

1) Bank accounts balances & Cash held:

Main Bank Account	11624.41 (10894.28)
No2 Shed Purchase account	11000.13 (n/a)
Cash held	21.18 (316.36)

2) Turnover:

18873.33 (10194.73)

3) Funds received to Shed Purchase Account: This is part of the Main Account & is more of a holding account for funds ultimately to be transferred to the No2 Shed Purchase Bank Account, constituting any funds received not used for Equipment, Overheads, Commestibles, unusual outlays (see General Account regarding "Covid-19 proofing").

3244.52 (5011.78)

An area affected by the reduced on-site activity, but the income from the normal sources was augmented by the following:

A casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic The Good Companions Club in Poringland sadly chose to close down & disperse it's funds to worthy causes. As a result The Shed received **500.00**

And in 2019 PDMS was voted the South Norfolk Best Community Group 2019 & we received **500.00** for this.

4) Grants Received: No grants were received in 2019.

In 2020 the following were:

Clarion Futures 498.93 used to buy Tools Balance remaining **Nil**

NCF Handelsbanken Mental Health & Well Being 1775.00

Used to pay for Overheads (electricity, insurance) & to provide for a Members' Outing. Balance Remaining **740.65.**

NCF Covid-19 Small Businesses Grant . During the first lockdown the Shed received this grant for **10000.00.**

This sum was used to open the No2 Bank Account designated the Shed Purchase Bank Account.

5) Members' Contributions:

2354.88 (3035.45) Roughly proportionate. Seven members now make their contributions by standing order using VirginMoneyGiving monthly or annually, which then calculates the Gift Aid proportion, transmits it to the bank account which is then allocated to the Shed Purchase element. Or by cheque.

Since these payments have continued during lockdown they have helped to ease the financial situation.

6) General Account:

-4106.81 (1335.03) Used for general running costs & includes this year additional costs of **391.81** to ensure activities at the Barn conform to Local Government Rules on protection from Covid-19.

Also to protect the security of PDMS use of the Barn the Shed had to make a one-off payment of **5000.00**, designated in lieu of advance rent.

This has been charged against Overheads & the resulting deficit on the General Account means there can be no transfer of surplus funds to Shed Purchase for 2020.

7) Other:

Insurance premium remains virtually the same as 2019 & due to Covid-19 Zurich Insurance granted us an extra 3 months cover at no additional charge.

Projects: Only Bowthorpe Care homes Crazy Golf Project. With work ongoing on the third golf set we are currently showing an underspend of **1012.76**.

Roy Burson

Treasurer PDMS

as at 31st December 2020

PDMS AGM FRIDAY 9TH APRIL 2020

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Talking about or Sheds finances and projects from 2020 seems like ancient history – this has been such a strange year.

In the way of AGM's 2021 will be talked about next year when, hopefully, COVID19 will seem like a bad dream and we will be in our new home at The Bowls Green. Our future is already mapped out.

We are currently renting the Village Hall at Arminghall for storage and we have a lease on the Caretakers Bungalow at Fram High. John Mallot has done sterling work on preparing the bungalow to become a satellite Shed which, when things settle, will also become an intergenerational project with pupils from Fram High,

The Bowling Green project has been progressing slowly behind the scenes. Approval has been given for us to lease the land and build upon it by all interested parties, including Fields in Trust, Memorial Field Trust and the Parish Council. Unfortunately the lease agreement is taking longer to prepare than expected which is delaying matters. I am absolutely confident that we will get a lease at a peppercorn rent for 21 years renewable. I am in discussions with SNC and Anglian Water over planning permissions and connection to the mains. Meanwhile, we can continue operating from The Barn and The Bungalow.

During this year several projects have been progressed including the mini Golf Sets. The care home staff have recently told me that they are now able to accept them and that the room that was being prepared for the miniature railway is ready – but the room in which it was stored has been flooded and it is not known whether any damage was done – visually it doesn't appear so.

The Telephone Kiosk near the church was converted into a defibrillator point and we built a fantastic Santa's Sleigh for Poringland PC. When I say 'we' – the TK was mainly converted by Peter Samain and the Sleigh was built mainly by John Mallot. Both have been a great success and are great examples of what is being done for our community by our Shed project.

Thanks' must be given to our Trustees, without whom our Shed wouldn't work. A great deal goes on behind the scenes which is perhaps not recognised enough and so thank you to you all, but in particular to Roy Burson, for the way in which he keeps our finances on track, and to Steve Dowell for all he does with our communications and website.

To sum up – our future is bright – we have solid plans to build upon – we are solvent and we can look forward with confidence.

Henry Gowman

Chair of Poringland and District Men's Shed