

# Hayling Island Men's Shed Association

AGM

February 22nd 2018

Minutes

The meeting opened at 14:07 and all members and guests were welcomed to the AGM including new member Dave Williams. Apologies, where received from the following members and guests. Alan Ball, Dave Clark, Pat Coleman, Jack Easson, Dave Gillians, Gerry Turner, Cllr. Lance Quantrill, Cllr. Michael Cheshire, Judy Clark, Melanie FitzGerald.

## **2017 AGM Minutes – Tony George**

The minutes from the 2017 were presented. There were no matters arising and David Jones proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Gordon McCormack. Carried unanimously.

## **Chairman's Report – Gerry Johnson**

When I began to draft up my report about a week ago, I thought I better look back at what I said last time, so I didn't repeat myself. Unfortunately there is certainly one repetition in my report and that is sadly we are still without a Shed.

Most of you here know we have discussed the progress or lack of it most Thursdays when we have met, so I will not bore you with that.

Instead I would like to highlight what we have done this last year, where we are now and a look to the future for our Shed.

Financially we have continued to build up our bank balance by being involved in activities within the community and socially and I will leave Tony and Roy to explain how we have done that in their reports in a minute.

We have maintained, albeit on and off, our dialogue with the Wessex Synod Trust and we continue to receive the support and encouragement from the members of the Church here. I'll come back to that in a minute. Some of you here also cleared the piece land again at the rear of the Church for a second time.

Towards the end of 2017 we received an offer from the Trustees of the Northney Village Hall to lease an area of land in their garden. This comes with complications which must be overcome although a meeting with HBC planning representative was quite positive.

In January I wrote a pleading letter to the leader of HBC for consideration to be given to finding a location on Council owned land for us, naming 2 possible sites.

So where are we now?

As I have already mentioned we continue to receive the support here at the URC with Heather and Judy Clark communicating with the Synod Trust. Judy has advised them of a 7-point plan we need to progress through to completion. The first was for us to decide on the type of building we want, provide drawings and specifications, get acceptance from members of the Church and a formal letter to that effect sent to the Synod.

We have decided, plans have been obtained and passed to Judy and an EGM has been called for this coming Sunday after their service.

Stage 3 is a face to face meeting with Synod to agree the scheme, discuss lease and rental. This will be followed by submission of plans to HBC.

In respect of the other 2 possibilities; The Northney site progressed any further and HBC has acknowledged the letter and considering the request.

This brings me to the future

From your continued attendance and support each week, I am convinced you want a Men's Shed here on Hayling Island as much as I do. So us up here on this table will be doing all we can to make it happen.

As you all know, the main purpose of a Men's Shed is to bring companionship, learning, wellbeing and satisfaction to its members working together 'shoulder to shoulder'. A quote from the Men's Shed Movement by a Barry Golding, "It is about having fun, making stuff, fixing stuff, talking about stuff, or doing nothing, together." However there is another purpose and that is its part that it plays in the community.

So I have been giving some thought to what happens once we have our Shed.

Thoughts as to the success and longevity of our Shed.

I believe Shed success equals Shed autonomy. Activities determined by choices. Choice's made by yourselves. Choices of personal projects and choices of community projects.

For our Shed to be successful, certain factors, both human and organisational are, in my opinion, a MUST: - here are some and not in any order of importance;

- A working committee that is able and responsive. (and I don't just mean the Trustees although it may contain a couple of them)
- Attention is given to Men's health and wellbeing.
- Safe working.

- Active local involvement. (We'll hear more about that in a moment).
- Sharing responsibility.
- Good attendance and Shed utilisation.
- Regular social events.
- Sharing project work in the pursuance of the "twin purpose" personal v community.
- Effective day to day stewarding.
- Shedders as partners sharing their skills they bring to the Shed.
- Succession planning.

You can probably think of other factors for success and you the members must have your say. Ideas need to be explored and decisions made; - on how the Shed is run - the sort of activities we do - financial governance.

How can we achieve this?

With members likely to attend the Shed on different days of the week I believe we need to set aside a day each month to hold an open forum. A properly facilitated day of open discussion. (Explain your facilitative background).

On these days there is no set agenda. You decide what needs to be discussed. New ideas, community events and projects, what you, personally are working on and what help you may need, social events, anything you feel needs airing. These kinds of sessions can be very productive in so many ways and it's about all of us being part of and involved in the Shed. That is the beating heart of a Shed Tony wrote about in our December 2016 newsletter.

I must end my report with some heartfelt thank you.

Firstly to Heather, Judy and the members of South Hayling URC

Next to my fellow trustees; Tony, Roy, Tim and Ron. For the support they have given me and the work they put in for the Shed.

Finally to you the Members/Shedders for continuing to attend each week.

Bringing in raffle prizes, buying tickets and taking something home you didn't really need.

For your support, suggestions, ideas, work that some of you do out in the community that brings the Shed to notice.

But most of all for your continuing belief and hope that one day, hopefully not too soon, we shall have a Man's Shed.

Thank you.

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John Younghusband asked if Northney had been rejected.

GJ replied that the answer was no but there were still the same issues (as at the URC) to be overcome. Heather Cadoux gave her point of view regarding the status quo. HIMS had added to the problems by changing its mind and targets. Charity Commission rules would be the same for either URC or Northney. She reiterated that the URC would like HIMS to be settled.

David Jones explained the changes in the 2011 Charily Law.

GJ explained that all options need to be kept open. Experience had shown that losing touch with a possible site was detrimental to progress.

Dave Turvey asked if a HIMS member's presence would help at Church meetings.

HC replied that 6 HIMS members were in fact Church members.

DT asked if planning would need to be sought.

GJ answered that, yes, both Planning and Building Control regulations need to be followed. We have already had an informal meeting with HBC and an official, paid for, meeting at Northney.

JY asked if the building type had been chosen.

GJ replied that a wooden construction had been selected. Drawings had been supplied and costs included construction. Barry Saddington commented that this was good as insurance for self assembly may not be available due to members' ages.

## **Secretaries Report – Tony George**

Throughout 2017 membership remained steady. Some have fallen away as others have joined and become fully involved.

Since our inception we have had:-

- 84 men attended at least one meeting
- 44 became paid up members in 2017
- 19 Average weekly turnout
- 43.2% of membership weekly turnout
- 27 have so far renewed for 2018

Apart from helping to run the regular meetings the past year saw my time taken up with maintaining the necessities of the organisation i.e. insurance and membership of other organisations which help to allow us to participate in external events. We had a stand at the Lions Donkey Derby, the Havant Older Persons Information Fair, the Community Centre Table Top sale and I did a couple of car boot sales all of which helped raise awareness of our existence and intentions and added to our funds.

I again registered a project with the Aviva Trust competition for funding. Titled "the Gateway" we failed to earn enough points for a prize but have been awarded £100 for taking part. Thanks to all of you that did support us in this.

Along with the other trustees I have continued to support the UK Men's Shed Association and the Southern Men's Shed Network.

It has actually been a fun year despite the absence of a shed and I personally have enjoyed helping with our social events and having our weekly get together.

I will just confirm that I am happy to continue in the role if elected.

## Treasurers Report – Roy Cadoux

Roy reported there was a change in the way that funding had been received in 2016 and 2017. 2016 had seen large amounts from outside organisations whereas 2017 was predominantly from the activities of the members. Currently HIMS is in a good financial state.

HAYLING ISLAND MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2017							
RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE				
		2017	2016		2017	2016	
Grants	Aviva	1000.00	8900.00	UK Mens Sheds Association subscription:	15.00	15.00	
Donations	Hayling Lions: Santa's sleigh 2016	308.00		South Hayling URC: room hire	506.00	334.00	
	Hayling Lions: Santa's sleigh 2017	300.01		Insurance	66.00	65.70	
	Coastguard Café	400.00		Printing & postage	5.00	28.21	
	Hayling Island Choir	20.00		Roller banner	25.00	31.29	
	Djikhsha Court residents	60.00	51.00	Havant BC Planning visit	95.00		
	'Red van' collecting box	34.88	69.15	A Ball: wood for gate	140.09		
	Membership donations Gift Aided	330.00	315.00				
	Membership donations non Gift Aided	310.00	360.00				
	Donations from members	2004.93					
	Donations from members' activities	774.68	423.31				
	Tea box & other cash donations	196.99	469.70				
	Weekly Raffle	603.01	512.10				
Events	Gandhi Restaurant	320.00		Gandhi Restaurant	640.00		
	Curry evening tickets	640.00					
	Curry evening raffle	53.00					
	Donkey Derby: tombola	119.00	147.50	Tombola prizes	27.75		
	Donkey Derby: donations	54.00		Lions: Donkey Derby stall fee	5.00		
	Quiz tickets	371.00		Seacourt Tennis Club for Quiz evening	275.00		
	Raffle at Quiz	85.00		Quiz prizes	24.00		
	BBQ tickets	271.00		BBQ food	96.00		
	Disco tickets	660.00	672.00	Disco catering	386.87	111.85	
	Disco raffle & tombola	193.40	224.00				
	Three Churches' Fete (fee refund)	10.00	138.55	Three Churches' Fete fee	10.00	10.00	
	HMRC	Gift Aid tax refund	98.75	78.75			
	TOTAL INCOME		<u>9217.66</u>	<u>12461.06</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2316.71</u>	<u>596.05</u>
Balance brought forward 1 Jan 2017		11865.01	0.00	Balance 31 Dec 2017	18765.96	11865.01	
		<u>21082.67</u>	<u>12461.06</u>		<u>21082.67</u>	<u>12461.06</u>	
				Barclays Bank balance 31 Dec 2017	19106.96	11865.01	
				Less Unpaid cheque	341.00		
					<u>18765.96</u>	<u>11865.01</u>	

Prepared by  
  
 Roy Cadoux

Examined by  
 30/1/18  
 Jacky Hopton

Roy Slyfield asked if we would remain with Barclays after they closed the local branch.

RC replied that we would.

Gordon McCormack asked if we might consider an account that had a level of interest.

RC replied that it would be looked into.

David Jones proposed the presented and checked accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Don Bates and was carried unanimously.

## **Election of Trustees**

The Existing Board stood down.

Heather Cadoux volunteered to act as temporary Chair.

Prior nominations had been received for:-

### **Chairman**

Gerry Johnson                      Nominated by Don Bates, Tony George, Richard Ross, John Younghusband, Jack Easson, Len Garner.

Tim Norgate                          Nominated by John Moore

TN stood down from the nomination. GJ accepted. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders. Carried unanimously.

### **Vice Chairman**

Tim Norgate                          Nominated by Tony George, Len Garner.

Gerry Johnson                      Nominated by John Moore.

GJ was eliminated due to being elected Chair. TN accepted the nomination. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders. Carried unanimously.

### **Secretary**

Tony George                          Nominated by Don Bates, John Moore, Jack Easson, John Younghusband, Richard Ross, Len Garner.

TG accepted the nomination. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders. Carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer**

Roy Cadoux                          Nominated by Don Bates, Tony George, John Moore, Jack Easson, Richard Ross, John Younghusband, Len Garner.

RC accepted the nomination. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders. Carried unanimously.

### **Publicity Officer**

Tom Deans                              Nominated by Tony George.

TD accepted the nomination. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders. Carried unanimously.

### **Webmaster**

No nominations received.

Position left vacant.

### **Funding Coordinator**

No Nominations received.

Position left vacant.

### **Project Manager**

Ron Harman                      Nominated by Don Bates, Tony George, John Moore, Richard Ross,  
John Younghusband, Jack Easson, Len Garner.

RH accepted the nomination. The nominations were accepted as proposers and seconders.  
Carried unanimously.

### **Independent Examiner**

Don Bates proposed we approach Jacky Hopton once again. David Jones seconded and this  
was carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **HIMS van**

Gerry Johnson presented the following.

#### **HIMS VAN**

You will all have seen our beautiful HIMS van parked outside most Thursdays.

What some of may not know is that Len Garner and his partner Jean bought it to carry their  
model boats about and thought it could also be put to good use by us. So Len paid out of  
his own money to have it sign written in our name.

That was not the end of Len and Jeans generosity for at the end of last year's AGM they  
were donating £2000 to help our funds.

Len has continued to pay, from his own pocket, the insurance, tax, MOT and servicing of the  
van and has just the other week spent £200 on 4 new tyres.

He told us he and Jean would donate the van to us when the time was right.

The other week Len came to me and asked if I felt the Shed could take over the running of  
the van. He no longer needed it for his model boats but would like to see go to a good  
home, namely us.

I mentioned it to Ron briefly at the time who came up with a brilliant idea. Could we find someone to sponsor the running costs?

In my report earlier I went on about you all being involved and feeling part of the decision making of the running of the Shed. So in order for you to make an informed decision about the van I have this week spent some time putting together the annual cost of running the van and visiting some business on the Island seeking sponsorship.

Hayling Autos: -

Will service and MOT each year - Design and supply own advertising sticker.

Hayling Hardware: -

Considering. Felt insurance was high and would if it was in region of £500pa

Bentley Walker: -

They do support local charities. Passed to MD for consideration.

Before I ask you for a proposal on whether we should or should not take on the van costs, are there any questions?

Beach Road Garage had also been approached. GJ estimated annual running costs to be around £1000.

Barry Saddington asked about drivers. Would multiple drivers add to costs? GJ replied that currently he had only requested single driver quotes. It was pointed out that Robin Britnell was a named driver on Len's insurance.

Proposal by GJ: - What are the views of the membership in taking on the running of the van?

Gordon McCormack thought it a good idea. Robin Britnell pointed out the Hire & Reward difficulty. Brian Passingham asked if we still have the trailer. GJ replied yes but the van did not actually have a tow bar. LG said there was an option in that he could sell the van and donate the proceeds. However he felt that this route would not realise the proper value to HIMS. Several people asked where we might keep it. John Moore said it is probably the best advert for HIMS we could have. Mike Harris said insurers could have a list of named drivers. GJ pointed out individual drivers would be cover 3<sup>rd</sup> party on their own (comprehensive) insurance but extra care would need to be taken. Tom Deans said about ?????? JM pointed out we could need a parking permit (to complete bench project). Dave Williams asked about registered keeper. (Could be anyone, not necessary to be owner as with company cars). Dave Turvey asked if it could be kept at Hayling Hardware. (Thought unlikely). RB pointed out it would be very useful for moving our collection of tools. (As a slight aside but in reference to publicity Roy Slyfield asked if any consideration had been made in getting T-shirts. GJ replied he had been looking into it. DT has contacts.)

Tony George, Tom Deans, Barry Saddington, Geoff Scott, Brian Passingham seconded the proposal. *Roy Cadoux added proviso in tools?*

A vote was taken and was passed by majority.

Don Bates was against as he has some reservations. Wrong timing, no parking.

Ron Harman offered parking on his drive. TD pointed out the van could be sold if it didn't work out. GJ put forward a vote of thanks for Len. This was unanimous (applause).

DT asked if the handover could be covered in the Hayling Islander. RH wondered if we could use it to help distribute the Islander to its deliverers.

### **Hayling Public Bench Project**

Tony George presented the case for accepting a proposal from Cllr. Lance Quantrill to take on the care of the public benches in Hayling. Funding would be made available. This was agreed in principle and TG was tasked to pursue with LQ.

John Moore asked if it might be possible to get a parking permit for the van to complete the task. TG would ask the question.

### **Planter Project**

TG presented the case for maintaining the planters in Mengham. The floor felt this better for the Horticultural Society to take on.

Havant Community Lottery

Roy Cadoux described how this new lottery would work and what we would get out of it if we joined. The members felt more inclined to donate direct to HIMS. So rejected for the time being.

### **Website**

GJ pointed out the despite several attempts the website was still not transferred to a fully workable platform. He apologised and the current Webmaster was not in attendance at the meeting to put forward his view.

JM has an offer from a local web designer and can follow up if required.

The floor gave to go ahead to JM to follow up.

This was the last of the planned items. The floor was asked if any other points needed to be raised.

TD had not been able to contact Mr & Mrs Tomlinson. He was concerned for their wellbeing as we have some money for them. (This was in connection to the model railway we were selling on their behalf). He will keep trying

BP asked about Alan Ball. GJ replied he was ok under the circumstances and had wanted to attend the meeting but had not made it. Our thoughts were with him.

RS announced the Lions were once again offering free blood tests for Prostate Cancer.

Peter Dawes proposed a vote of thanks for the Trustees. **Accepted.**

The meeting ended at 14:50.