

Aldridge Shed steering committee and trustee meeting, minutes.

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Present. Alan, Ivor, Mark, Ian, Derek, Trevor, Jude and Gail.

Apologies: Barrie

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

- (a) Water Mill, payment for the project completed by Alan has now been received.
- (b) The request for an outside storage shed has been turned down by the residents committee.
- (c) All but one of the benches has been cleared for use.

Membership stands at 53. All new members to be asked how they heard of Aldridge Shed. This will help with advertising targeting.

Open day's feedback. 10 new members joined. £89 raised. For future use a tall 'a' board to be made, visible from the road.

Some machines are still being misused, anyone seen misusing a machine to be shown the correct use of that machine.

Hardwood: A donation should be made by anyone using any hardwood, a sign to be posted on the wood store door to this effect. The bathroom off the wood store is to be used for the storage of hardwood and each piece of wood to be individually priced.

The cnc is to be fitted with a water cooled spindle. This will aid to reduce both noise and heat. The centre manager is to be approached with a view to installing heat ducting to the outside of the building. This will enable us to box-in the dust extractors, further reducing noise.

John Satterthwaite has been fantastic in installing and commissioning the cnc. Whilst he is happy to help people with the operation of the machine, it is not his job and politeness goes a long way.

John is happy to produce items on the cnc which are available for purchase, monies raised from these purchases are to be spent on the cnc (cutters etc). This stops the main shed funds being depleted as parts for this machine can be expensive (cutters £30-130 each), this was approved by the committee.

Saturday morning openings have been unsuccessful and will cease forthwith.

Ian and Trevor have agreed to telephone members who haven't been for a few weeks, to find out why. This comes under the ethos of helping to prevent isolation and loneliness within our members.

Ivor to meet with the lottery grant representatives on the 12th December 2018, regarding our current grant and any future grants.

It has been suggested that we take more pictures of activity and work produced in the shed. These pictures produce a good response when used on social media.

Barrie is to organise a banner to fit around the front of table for use when we have, craft fairs, awareness stalls etc.

In conjunction with and funded by Making connections Walsall, we are to appear on beer mats to be distributed throughout the borough, us on one side, them the other.

Ian is to arrange our Christmas party in January 2019, details to follow from Ian.

All members to be reminded to clean up after themselves and to empty vacuum cleaners and dust extractors as required, don't leave it for someone else.

We are still operating two bank accounts, it is agreed to transfer all funds to the Charity account and then close the old community account, the bank signatories to arrange this once the next MCW payment has been received.

After speaking to various members it is decided that every 3rd-4th committee meeting is to be made available for all members to attend, the first of these is to take place in December 2018.

Alan to speak with Mira regarding the setup of the workshop, as she was unhappy that the large table was moved to the foyer in favour of the new table saw.

Treasurers report:

1st October to 3rd November 2018.

Income	£1241.50
Expenditure	£1712.53
Petty cash	£ 29.72
Bank balance	£5280.69 (inc. £808.59 lottery)

Outstanding invoices:

£10.00 Sjh computing

£560.00 Housing and Care 21

Lotter monies:

Spent £9008.41

Remaining £ 808.59 (£500 allocated to cnc machine)

N.B.

1. This month's expenditure includes £950.38 of lottery expenditure, therefore this month's income exceeded expenditure by £479.35.

2. Special note should be made this month:

(a) £150.00 was raised by Alan from the counter construction.

(b) £89.00 was raised at the open days.

(c) £100.00 raised from the sale of goods donated from the sheds of the deceased relative of Mrs Marilyn Meade-Brown (Burntwood), along with all the tools and fixings that will benefit the shed for some time to come.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December 2018.