

Bright Shedders Men's Shed ~ AGM 22/05/2024 ~Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to the second AGM of Bright Shedders. Thank you all for coming tonight, it's good to see so many here.

Firstly an introduction to the Trustees:-

Our first year ended disappointingly with our previously acceptable structure failing to meet new criteria imposed by building control. This resulted in a search for a Structural Engineer to evaluate and redesign the plans where needed. Whilst looking for someone we began dismantling the floor and walls, removing the pallets that we were initially intending to use. This was an emotional and frustrating task as we were unable to get any feedback from Building Control. Fortunately for us we found a Structural Engineer who helped us, free of charge. Thank you Oliver Morgan for your help and patience. His structural drawings and calculations, along with our own drawings and plans, were submitted to Tendring Building Control and after a lot of toing and froing, permission to restart was granted, approximately 12 months from our first beginning.

The main structure is now complete and the integrity and quality of our work has been passed by Building Control and currently we are putting on the roof elements. With good weather and manpower we are optimistic that we will have completed the building by late summer and can begin fitting out the shed and offering Membership to adult men in our catchment area.

The exact details have, as yet, not been finalised, but will follow closely the model adopted by other Men's sheds throughout the UK. A list for names of potential members is available tonight.

Our past and present progress is reliant on the generosity of individuals and local organisations and companies and also some commissions we have undertaken. Our thanks and appreciation goes to all who have contributed.

We still require help with the build process. If anyone has a few hours to spare once or twice a week? We would also be happy to accept donations of tools, building materials or money towards immediate and future costs. Any donations of tools duplicated or unsuitable will be forwarded to other charitable organisations including other Men's Sheds and Tools With A Mission, or occasionally they may be sold to provide much needed funds for us.

We are also looking to add members to our board of Trustees. We are looking for people with secretarial and/or accounting skills to lessen the load on those already carrying out those roles.

At this point I would like to thank Helena Nwaokolo, a founder member, our minutes secretary, and also a powerful voice in our social conscience, who is stepping down from the Trustees for personal reasons. We wish her all the best and hope she will follow our progress with pride that her involvement has been instrumental in the setting up of what will be a valuable community resource.

Chairman: Gary Peck

BRIGHT SHEDDERS

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period

1st April 2023 -31st March 2024

Income		Expenditure	
	2023/2024		2023/2024
Donations	£728.41	Floor Boards	£150.00
Commissions	£980.00	Sawn Timber	£233.28
Essex Community Trust	£3,000.00	Insurance	£177.24
		Benches	£372.00
		Batteries for Solar Panels	£1,055.96
		TDC Planning Fee	£293.00
		Excess of income over expenditure	£2,426.93
	<u>£4,708.41</u>		<u>£4,708.41</u>

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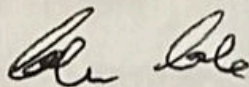
Accumulated fund as at 31st March 2024

Lloyds Balance B/fwd	£1,672.74	Lloyds balance	£4,099.67
Surplus for Year	£2,426.93		
	<u>£4,099.67</u>		<u>£4,099.67</u>

Note: £1,944.04 of the funds are ring fenced to complete the purchase and installation of the Solar panels.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the organisations affairs as at 31st March 2024

Signed


 John Cole