

Minutes of the Bright Shedd's AGM on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025
at Brightlingsea Museum

Present: Trustees: Gary Peck (Chair), Gunter Teichler, (Treasurer), Chris Bailey (Secretary) Mary Burridge, Pauline Smith, Mark Spearman, Sheena McCartney, Jackie Edmunds (minutes secretary)

Attendees: Stephen Boulter, Sam Jackson, Nick Rose, Andrew Challis, Adrian Espin, Mark Willatt

1. **Welcome and apologies:** Gary welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave apologies for Ricky Long. The **register of attendees** was noted.

2. **Constitution:** Gunter made the point that the Constitution was fixed by the Trustees and all decisions were made by them but no new Trustees were needed at the moment. Pauline said that there was nothing to report from the Charity Commission at present. All policy documents are either complete or in the process of being completed.

3. **Minutes and Matters Arising:** The minutes were taken as read and their acceptance was proposed by Chris Bailey and seconded by Gunter. The Trustees introduced themselves to those present.

4. **Chair's report:** Gary read his report which can be viewed in the Secretary's files. Gary said that there was already one lifetime member of the Shed and that the **Trustees would like to give life-time membership to Steve Burton**, who has given huge amounts of time to the building of the Shed, using his carpentry skills.

5. **Treasurer's report:** Gunter resigned from his position as Treasurer, **handing over the mantle to Sheena**. He said the Shed had a healthy bank balance at present, particularly because of the generous donations from bodies such as **the £700 from the Rotary**. **Sheena took over at this point saying that the balance at present was about £4,500**; there were anonymous donations; a Sum-up machine has been purchased. She said that the accounts were available if anyone would like to see them. **Sheena's full report can be viewed in the Secretary's file.**

6. **Membership:** Gunter spoke about how the membership would work. Chris asked **when the Shed would open** for new members. Gunter said that there is **still some building work to be finished off, such as the thresholds and then there would need to be a Buildings Regulation visit to sign off the work, ensuring that we have complied with all requirements**. Annual membership would be **£15 and there would be a £2 charge per session, with coffee, tea and biscuits included**. There would be concessions for people in receipt of various benefits. The timings of the sessions have not been finalised yet. **The Shed may, in time, become a Community Shed**, rather than a Men's Shed, with opportunities, perhaps, for women to attend certain sessions, but much still to be thought about and opinions sought.

7. Gary asked for **any questions from the floor**.

"Would there be specific sessions to teach skills?" Gunter said there were already quite a number of skilled people who could help with **wood-turning, carpentry, electronics, pyrography etc**. He added that the fundamental premise of the Shed was for companionship,

promotion of well-being as well as learning skills. A member of the audience said his disabled son had visited, tried out the new ramp and had been moved at how friendly and helpful the members present had been.

"Would members be taught how to use the machines?" Gary said there would be availability for this and also, that sets of basic hand tools would be made available for members to borrow for use at home. Many tools had been given to the Shed and, if there were too many, they may be sold to create a small amount of revenue or donated to Tools with a Mission in Ipswich.

A member of the audience was **very complimentary about all aspects of the Bright Shedd's and commented on the importance of passing skills to younger people**, setting examples and inspiring them.

8. **Date of next AGM** will be in May 2026, exact date to be decided nearer the time.

9. **Date of next Trustees' meeting – June 17th in the Shed.**

Treasurers Report

We started the year with a balance of £4099.67 and after many generous donations of both time and money we completed the year with a surplus of £454.58 which leave us with a new balance for the start of April of £4554.25.

We had a lot of anonymous donations as well as support from local companies who supplied us with materials and time, which are extremely grateful for. These companies have been thanked and again we thank you all. Without this support we would not be where we are today.

Since our year end we have received some more amazing donations especially from The Rotary Club (Round Table), which I'm sure will be put to good use.

I have a copy of the accounts should anyone wish to see them and am prepared to answer any questions from you.

We have purchased a Sum Up machine so we will be able to take payments by card in the future which will also make things easier for you and for us.

Thanks again for all your support



Bright Shedders

BRIGHT SHEDDERS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Income

Donations	1025.00
Commissions	420.00
Other Cash donations	2846.95
Membership Fees	
Session Fees	
Recycling	62.86

4354.81

Expenditure

Materials	735.2
Stationery	29.88
Tools	443.44
Building	2094.73
Sundries	112.79
Insurance	484.19

3900.23

Accumulated funds as at 31st March 2025

Lloyds Balance b/fwd	4099.67
Surplus/Deficit for year	454.58
	<u>4554.25</u>

Lloyds Balance	4499.55
Cash in hand	54.70
	<u>0</u>
	<u>4554.25</u>

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Signed by Treasurer

Agreed by Chairman

Good evening and welcome to the third A G M of Bright Shedders CIO.

I would like to introduce you to our Trustees and the roles they undertake.

I'm Gary Peck, Chairman.

Sheena McCartney, our Treasurer.

Chris Bailey, our Secretary.

Gunter Teichler is our Membership Secretary.

Pauline Smith who deals with the Charity Commission.

Jackie Edmonds who is our Minutes Secretary.

Mark Spearman who handles Social Media.

Ricky Long, who is unable to be with us, oversees our Health and Safety procedures.

And Mary Baker, who has been a steadfast trustee since we began.

Our second year has seen us complete the main structure of our shed. The ramp for disabled access is 99% complete. The solar panels have been fitted and are producing electricity. However, we still need to have the building, ramp, and electrical wiring signed off. A fire safety check will also be required, but we are on the brink of being able to open for membership.

Our aims are to provide opportunities for friendship, social interaction and skill sharing in a safe and enjoyable environment. We will be a valuable resource for our Members, local groups and the town.

In the future we will be looking to add ladies days/ sessions when and if the demand is shown. We currently have local authority permission, for six, two hour sessions. As membership increases, these will need to be pre-booked for use of the workshop.

Membership. This will have a set fee of £15 per annum which may be waived at our discretion. There will also be a fee of £2 for a 2 hour session.

We are looking for people who would be willing to assist us with event organisation and manning. Also we need someone willing to find and apply for sources of Grants. This year we have again been very fortunate with donations from individuals, businesses and other local charities and associations. Hopefully this will continue as we will have ongoing running costs and would like to keep the cost to members minimal. We will continue to accept donations of tools which we will use to expand, upgrade and replace what we have. Additional tools not required by us will be re-gifted or donated to other local sheds, charities, worthy individuals or where more applicable sold to raise money for our shed's finances.

Finally, those of you here last year will be aware that for his tireless work and commitment, Mr. Dave Murdoch was given Life Membership. We have decided that he should be joined by someone else who has also given generously of his time, tools and immeasurable experience to the project. Mr. Steve Burton