

# **Toome Men's Shed AGM Report**

## **In Toome Men's Shed Toome**

### **On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 1.00pm**

The AGM Meeting of Toome Men's Shed was held Men Shed Offices on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

#### **1. Attendance/Apologies**

Present: Peter McAleese, Paul McFall, Terry Agnew, Ben Cudden, Oliver Scullion, Brian Kennedy, Colm Bradley, Malachy Doyle, Gerard McErlain, Martin Toal

Apologies: None

Terry (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He explained that a few members of the group had passed away during the year and that their thoughts and prayers were with their families.

The minutes of previous year AGM was read by Peter. Everyone agreed that they were a true record. They were proposed by Terry and seconded by Colm.

#### **2. Chairman Report**

The object of this report is to inform members and other interested parties about the development and running of Toome Men's Shed. Most of the activities are community based and some of the items that are made by the members are for sale. A special emphasis is making Christmas items e.g. wooden traditional figures such as nativity cribs, and other seasonal figures in the shed.

The community-based activities also have a Christmas predominately theme as the shed is situated on the main street of the village where Christmas lights and decorations have become a much loved and expected event for many years.

A major project completed during 2023 was the replacement of the old wooden train in the village which had become dilapidated over the years. Plans were drawn up by one of the members and in conjunction with local engineering firms a more robust metal train now occupies the place of the wooden model. This project was funded by NIHE.

We are forever thankful to Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council for their support in helping to pay for the rent and overhead costs of Toome Men's Shed. Without this ongoing funding the Men's Shed would not exist. Thank you to Jonny Henderson and Kerry Brady.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer then gave out copies of the accounts for Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. All agreed that the group were still in a healthy financial situation and that they had the potential to go for more grants but they had to remember that this would also mean more work. The group agreed that they would need to get their accounts signed off by an Independent Financial Advisor in keeping with Charity Commission regulations. The accounts were agreed proposed by Terry and seconded by Peter. All agreed that they were a true record of the finances of the group.

### 4. Election of new committee

The Chairman then asked the Committee to stand down. He welcomed Gerry Lynch from CWSAN to the meeting. He thanked him for attending and asked him to conduct the election of the incoming Committee.

Mr Lynch asked if any of the current Committee wished to stand down. There were a few new members proposed to serve on the Committee.

The Committee for 2023-2024 is as follows:

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Terry Agnew	Paul McFall	Colm Bradley
Vice-Chairperson	Brian Kennedy	Terry Agnew	Paul McFall
Secretary	Peter McAleese	Oliver Scullion	Malachy Doyle
Vice-Secretary	Oliver Scullion	Colum Bradley	Peter McAleese
Treasurer	Colum Bradley	Terry Agnew	Paul McFall

### 5. AOB

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

Refreshments were served.