

HIGHLAND WOODTURNING CLUB, Club Premises, Munloch Village Hall

Minutes of COMMITTEE MEETING held online by ZOOM on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 6.30pm

1. WELCOME

Present :- Alec Mutch, Geoff Potter, , Nick Simpson, Mike Day, Errol Levings, David Line, Peter Lawrence, Douglas Stewart, John Ruickbie, Cliff Sim

APOLOGIES: Jim Kelman, Richard Comfort

Geoff Potter (GP) welcomed everyone to the online meeting. The Zoom meeting was hosted by GP with prior e-mail invitations sent to all the Committee. GP informed the Committee that the Zoom meeting was limited in time to 40 minutes with a new meeting started immediately after if needed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of meeting held 2/4/21 were proposed by Peter Lawrence and seconded by Mike Day. Approved by all.

3. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

GP confirmed he had invited all 10 people on the Waiting List and the 2 recent people who had enquired. He had sent everyone the details of the Club's activities and a copy of the recent Hints and Tips issue.

Replies were received from 3 of these contacts - who have already paid the subscription. They were sent a few back issues of the Hints and Tips and have been added to the Membership list. We now have a total of 48 paid up Members.

It is likely that once we move to new premises that the Club's membership capacity may effectively be unlimited.

4. MARYBURGH

AM reported on Maryburgh progress. Main points were....

PLANNING - A full Planning Approval (PA) – (Change of Use mainly but also alterations to toilets and partitions) had been applied for by AM on behalf of the Maryburgh Mens Shed (MMS) on the 15th April 2021. As the Community Council were acting as Agents a reduced fee had been paid. It had been confirmed that an advert for the PA was not required so a refund of £147 was expected.

The Highland Council had advised that neighbour notices with a 28 day notice period would be issued soon and it was expected that a decision would be confirmed in about 6 weeks time. (EL commented that he thought this period may be prolonged). The proposed alterations to the toilets would be more than satisfactory for the size and extent of the anticipated building use.

EQUIPMENT - AM would be checking a local offer of the donation of a mortising and planer/thicknesser to the MMS. A welding machine has been offered. In addition the MMS would have two lathes, a circular saw and a router table.

BUILDING SERVICES - MMS had obtained the free services of a plumber and a joiner. The Boiler had been inspected and it would need servicing but appeared to be in good condition. The oil storage tank may need cleaning due to the disuse.

An electrician had been contacted and may be able to supply materials at cost price and he may possibly work alongside the MMS.

DONATIONS - The MMS has a Facebook page which would accept donations. EL would forward a list of potential sources of funding for the MMS Treasurer's attention, (Andy Barnett).

MOVING PREMISES – AM would consult Gordon Leitch about the requirements for removal from Munloch.

HVAC and EXTRACTION -

EL would send AM a summary report on the HVAC and Extraction project before the next MMS Zoom meeting of 5 May 2021. Two companies had been consulted so far. AM confirmed that September 2021 was a target date. EL requested a full list of any large equipment which was proposed by MMS as this would affect any design. EL expected that the HVAC and the extraction would be separate systems.

GP would forward details of an HVAC consultant he knew direct to EL.

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5. AOCB

GP confirmed he had cancelled the paid ZOOM membership.

AM stated that the Munloch Hall Committee had been very accommodating and the HWC were under no pressure to move out of Munloch.

A vote of thanks was given by the whole Committee to AM.

6. NEXT MEETING

13th May 6.30pm