

# **CULTER & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019**

### **REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

2019 saw significant progress in the development of CDMS with the transfer on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 of the ownership of the site and shed at The Bush, Malcolm Road, Peterculter from Aberdeen City Council to the Trustees.

This new status enabled the Trustees to develop a plan to move the operation of the Shed forward to the benefit of members. This included applying for building warrant to reconfigure the Shed and make provision for disabled access, disabled toilets and a new and improved kitchen area.

Prior to this considerable work had been done by members in refurbishing the Shed – both external and the interior, including the formation of a workshop and expanded social area.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership continues to grow and as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 we had 102 members. Some members have still to visit the premises – something we hope will be rectified in 2020.

Sadly since we were formed 3 members have died.

### **TRUSTEES**

The following were Trustees for the whole or part of 2019

Douglas Anderson

George Arthur

Brian Davidson (resigned 14-10-2019)

James Ewen (appointed 27/6/2019)

William Jamieson

Gilbert Massie (resigned 6-5-2019)

Malcolm Sharp

Erik Stien

Albert Stewart (resigned 22-5-2019)

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2019.

During the year considerable financial support has been received from Aberdeen City Council – particularly the transfer of ownership of the Shed and site at favourable terms.

The status of owning the premises has provided new opportunities to apply to grant giving organisations, trusts and others who share the objectives of members.

The accounts have been independently inspected and approved.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The work necessary to provide a safe, comfortable and friendly environment was scheduled for completion in early spring 2020. Plans are in place to form a number of Interest Groups to join the already well established and popular Electronics and Computing Group.

A member (who wishes to remain anonymous) has kindly agreed to fund new equipment for the Workshop and there are plans to commence wood turning and general joinery work sessions.

For members who wish to participate in a social environment table top games will be organised, with the possibility of photography classes – all supported by teas and other refreshments.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Trustees sincerely acknowledge the invaluable assistance and support received from members, local individuals, local retailers, professional advisors and Local Authorities. The progress to date would not have been possible without this support- both financial and the provision of expertise.

Thank you.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Charity no SCO47990

The Charity is governed by its constitution.

CDMS is a member of the Scottish Men's Shed Association.

## **COVID 19**

At the time of writing this report the Shed is closed in accordance with statutory requirements following the outbreak of Covid 19. As soon as legally possible the Shed will reopen to members.

**George Arthur**

**Chairman**

**3rd July 2020**