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Trustees of Lloyd Recreation Ground Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 27 July 2025 at 6.45pm.

Present Councillors: N Buckett, J Case, D Hindle, J Leath, M Proctor, K Petty and M Saxby.

In attendance: T Dudley, Parish Clerk, Angela Woodward, Deputy Clerk, RFO.

Election of Chairman 2025-2026

Resolved – Cllr Case be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2025 – 2026.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Mballa, and Shelley.

Resolved – to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Mballa and Shelley.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

Gary Wright attended the meeting to inform Members of the work in the community being carried out by the Marchwood Mens Shed.

Marchwood Men's Shed would like to give an update to the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trustees on their activities as a regular user of the Lloyd Recreation Ground.

Since it was founded less than 3 years ago, Marchwood Men's Shed has achieved a great deal.

The members have a keen interest in giving back to the community which has helped shape the projects undertaken. For example:

- We have worked with the village schools to install bird boxes around the village, which have been used successfully by bluetits and nuthatches.
- We have recently built and installed bat boxes around the village.
- We have built an outdoor mud kitchen for Twiggs Lane Preschool and are currently designing an outdoor wheeled storage unit for them.
- We have built an outdoor food pantry and library for Mulberry preschool, and some planters for the children. The children were delighted to deliver some strawberries to the Men's Shed members that they had grown.
- We have built interlocking wooden roads as a toy for Little Gardens nursery.
- We have built planters and a 'bean bag toss game for Marchwood Infants School.
- We have built wheeled benches, boot scrapers and most recently scenery stands for Marchwood Junior School that they used in their year 6 production.
- We have built storage units for St John's Church, both for gardening equipment and currently under construction is a storage unit for some historic paintings.

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- In partnership with Marchwood Parish Council, we built picnic benches for the Lloyd Recreation Ground, including one with disabled access. We have also built cabinets to enclose the recently installed EV charging unit.
- We have made various signs to support the Marchwood Fete Committee.
- We have built 4 large display boards to support a group of local amateur artists.
- We have helped to repair chairs for Marchwood Village Hall and are planning to replace the ageing planter in the outdoor area soon.
- We have constructed a hedgehog awareness area at the Lloyd Recreation Ground.
- We have made a Tombola Spinner for New Beginnings neonatal charity. They use this to raise money for Princess Anne Hospital.
- We have constructed a 'Human Fruit Machine' for Waterside Foodbank. They use this at events (which included our village fete this year) to raise money for their charity.
- We are currently designing a memorial bench for Ben Pavitt to be installed at Noadwood School. Ben, a Marchwood resident, sadly lost his battle with cancer in 2021 aged 16.
- We have built and sold Hedgehog Homes from reclaimed pallets that raise money both for the Shed and for East Boldre Hedgehog Rescue. Over £200 has been raised for the rescue so far.
- We have built and installed the large 3 tier planter in the village centre, and the planters attached to the Welcome to Marchwood signs.
- At Christmas, we built the fence to surround the Christmas tree, and some wooden decorations.

Where we have completed projects for schools, pre-schools or other charities, we have managed to deliver these without asking for a financial contribution from them by utilising donated materials, and money from our fund-raising activities.

We raise funds through grant applications, membership and session fees, and through selling items at local events. We are very grateful to the Marchwood Community for continuing to support us by purchasing the handmade items that we produce.

In addition to the physical output of the Shed, it is a huge benefit and source of enjoyment to its 25 members. Some of our members have disabilities, or are bereaved, and the Shed provides a space for them to come together, socialise, and be creative for the benefit of the wider community. We have undertaken first aid courses, invited speakers, and have organised various social events.

On behalf of the Trustees of Marchwood Men's Shed and its members, I would like to formally thank Marchwood Parish Council for continuing to support us in achieving our charitable aims. The officers are always on hand to help with our queries; Councillors are always ready to listen to our proposals and the ground staff are very accommodating in sharing their space and in their ongoing support of the village projects undertaken.

The Chairman thanked the Mens Shed for the work they had undertaken within the parish and acknowledged the council had also benefitted from various items made for the community.

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Resolved – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2024 as true and accurate and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Report

The Pavilion: the following activities take place during the year.

- Youth Club sessions on Tuesday evenings.
- Sports & Play in the Park – activities run during school holidays in conjunction with The Handy Trust who also provides outreach provision in the community.
- Aspire, a group that organises activities for young people.
- Some hiring occurred for private events.

The Handy Trust supplies its services via a Service Level Agreement with the Parish Council.

Marchwood Hub

As stated above, the Hub was used for youth purposes and a small number of private events.

Consideration to improve hiring potential should be given; the Hub needs modernisation with improved lighting and furnishing. It is outdated and tiring.

The Council approved solar panels with part funding from NFDC CIL funds (April 2025). In addition, an Air Source Heat Pump was installed, a hot water tank and radiators installed.

Play area

The Play area is inspected yearly by a ROSPA contractor and weekly by the Parish Council staff. This year repairs were made to the ground service due to wear and tear.

All weather courts

We continue to have regular and semi-regular bookings from a number of users of the 3G court. The tennis/netball court is used on a less frequent basis. The life expectancy of the 3G court needs renewing in the very near future. This will require major expenditure.

Football pitch

The football pitch was being used most weekends during the football season, weather permitting, this year with less rainfall there were no cancellations of football matches.

Facilities

A Caretaker is employed by the Parish Council for the football season and works weekends when there are football matches. A cleaner has also been engaged to clean the Marchwood Hub and Pavilion on a fortnightly basis.

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The Parish Council has worked to increase the footfall at the Lloyds with 4 picnic tables being supplied by the Marchwood Mens Shed funded by the Parish Council in addition, vending machines have been purchased to supply hot/cold drinks and snacks. We are happy to report on the facilities being utilised. To allow for additional sales the Pavilion is open to approximately 6pm in the evenings.

We will continue with our endeavors to manage and improve the recreation ground and all of its facilities for future generations of the village.

Councillors also acknowledged that the Lloyds was for the community and not just for sports use, the requirements of the constitution was being fulfilled.

Safety issues were raised with regard to the footpath next to the play park, Members had witnessed children rushing out on to the footpath next to main road; staff were asked to obtain a quote to resurface the path inside the Lloyds and the possibility of a gate.

Income and Expenditure 2024/2025

The income and expenditure report were noted.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.