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Blaireowrie District Community Shed



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Chairmans Report Year September 1st/24 to August 31st/ 25

This past year has seen us finally taking over the building in Candlehouse Lane, namely The Old Granary.

The building was secured for our use on a twenty five year lease with the option to purchase, this being facilitated by the Thermafloor Pension Fund. A short term peppercorn rent was agreed, this has since been extended to allow the drawn out process of funding through the Scottish Land Fund. Since our first application the fund has ceased to take applications until the Scottish government elections in May 2026



This delay has proved a frustration but we have confidence that the our application will come to fruition.

Meanwhile we have taken occupancy and started the process of tailoring it to suit our needs. We cleaned up the Mezzanine floor , installed carpet tiles, moved our furniture over from the High St shed added tub chairs and coffee tables fitted improved LED lighting and cobbled together a tea

making area thus creating a social lounge space. Without any proper heating , it was not the most comfortable over the winter months. To counter this we agreed to apply for funding through the NetZero government scheme to fit Air to Air heat pumps along with solar PV roof panels and a storage battery system. The argument for this was to keep our energy costs as low as



possible and therefor maintaining affordable membership to the Shed. we employed The Natural Energy Company to advise us and to quote for the contract. application through the government agent Cares Organisation was subsequently put in motion.

Meanwhile we turned our attention to the ground floor worksop area, previously a dark, dismal and cold space. Dry lining the largest area with studding and plywood, foam board insulation and rewiring with new LED lights





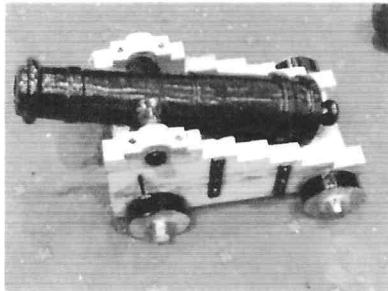
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We unsuccessfully applied for an improvement grant through Perth & Kinross council sponsored by two large construction companies. We should have been successful with the application but for not having the planning permissions that would be needed. We live and learn and apart from a very nice consolation gift of £500 we did receive help and advice from the company architects (BAM construction)

Fundraising has been relatively successful as can be seen in the treasurers report. Once again the Charity/Reuse shop has boosted our income along with the very generous donation from Alice Bowman who donates the proceeds from the craft markets that she organises. Membership fees increased during the year along with other donations.

Activities included a fiery and fearsome demonstration and talk on things that go bang by our resident pyromaniac Joe, who is threatening to fire the canon we renovated.



A great talk on life in a South Atlantic whaling station from Rab Fergusson. A visit to a private vintage car collection which raised funds for Ukraine.



Our Christmas dinner was held at the local Red House Hotel which was enjoyed by all.

Sheddybrek continues to be a popular gathering whenever it is possible to organise.(if you don't know what it is then come along and find out.

Who knows what the future holds!

We are planning to construct a steel extension to our mezzanine along with a lift enabling the less able bodied members to gain easier access to the 1st



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floor and to gain additional storage for materials and equipment. The expansion of our membership and activities which is to be inclusive to all. As ever we are, or should be a member led organisation, so it is up to you to help support the organisation of events and activities.

We look forward to taking ownership of the building which will give us a secure base for the future.

Thanks to you all for your help in making the Blairgowrie District Community Shed what it is and you continuing support and friendship.
Keith Langelan
Chairman