



# The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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Newsletter

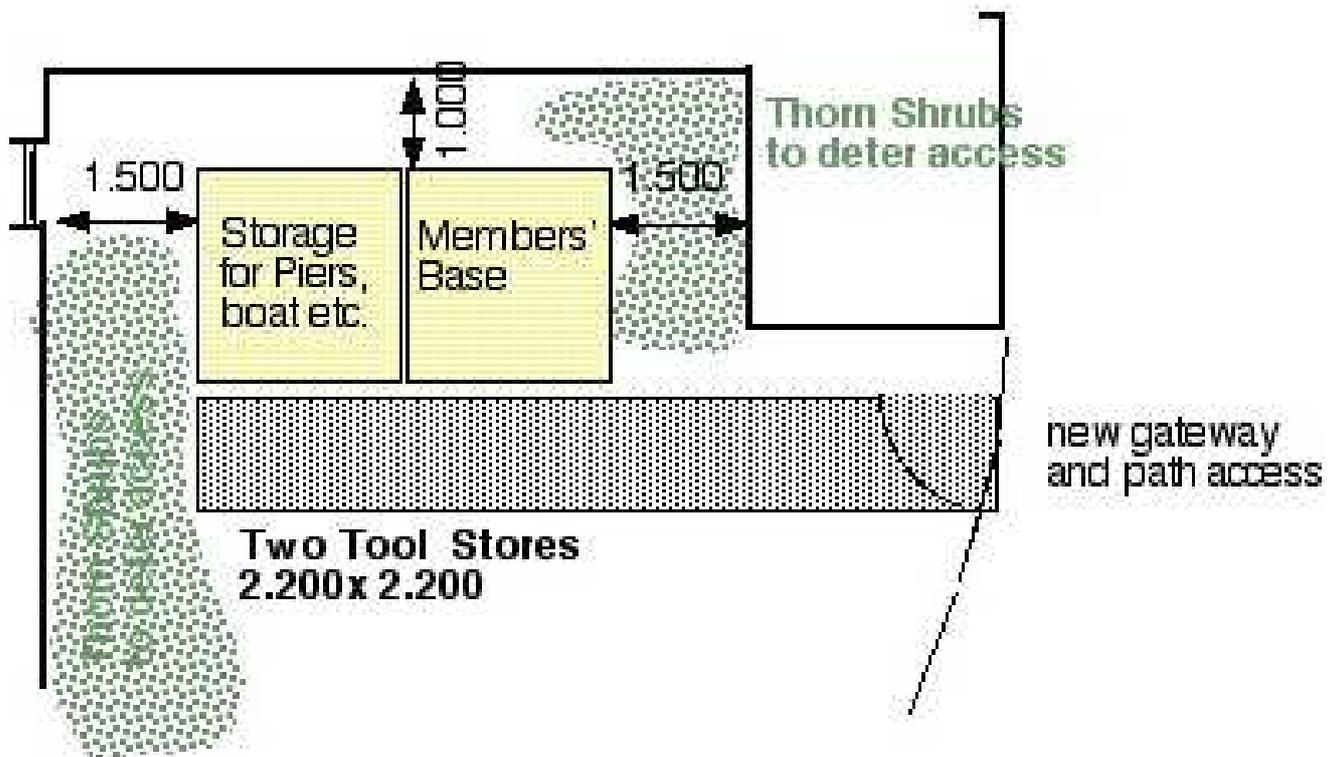
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## The Solution is in sight!

The Committee is pleased to report that following a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. with the Council we have agreed a solution to provide the Club with it's own accommodation at Rouken Glen Park.

The solution we have arrived at is not ideal, but we consider that it is the best that could be achieved with the space and cost limitations forced on us.

## Ranger's Office and Public Toilets



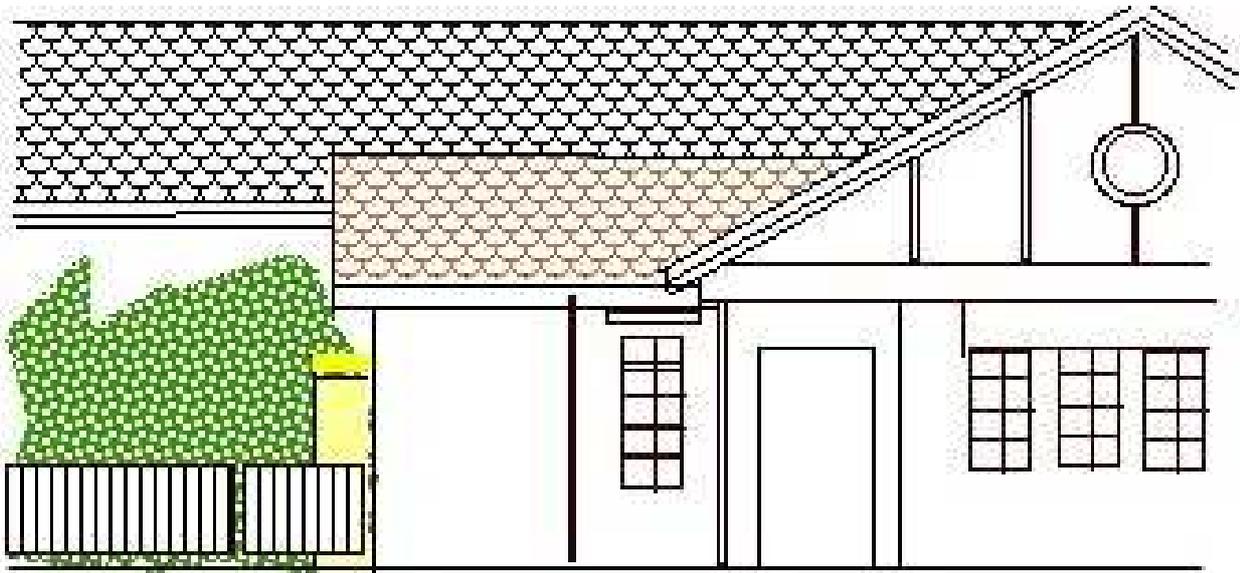
## Location of Units

While Members and public felt that because of our long presence in the Park the Council had an obligation to allow us a

space for accommodation, the Council have never discussed or accepted this. Many East Renfrewshire Councillors and it's MPs have shown a continued interest and support for our predicament. We are sure that this support has helped us in getting an agreement.

While we were able to agree a location and space with the Council, funding was a major problem. The Club was given a £2000 Community Grant from the Council, but was unsuccessful in obtaining other grants.

The type of accommodation has had to be altered to suit the funding and also allow phasing while awaiting the outcome of further grant applications.



## **Elevation to Davieland Rd.**

We were able to agree the following:-

a) We can erect two Steel Storage units in the recess as they make a minimal visual impact on the Park and from Davieland Road.

b) We will immediately submit a Planning Application for the erection of these units.

c) The Parks Dept will prepare the site for us and form a gate-way and access path.

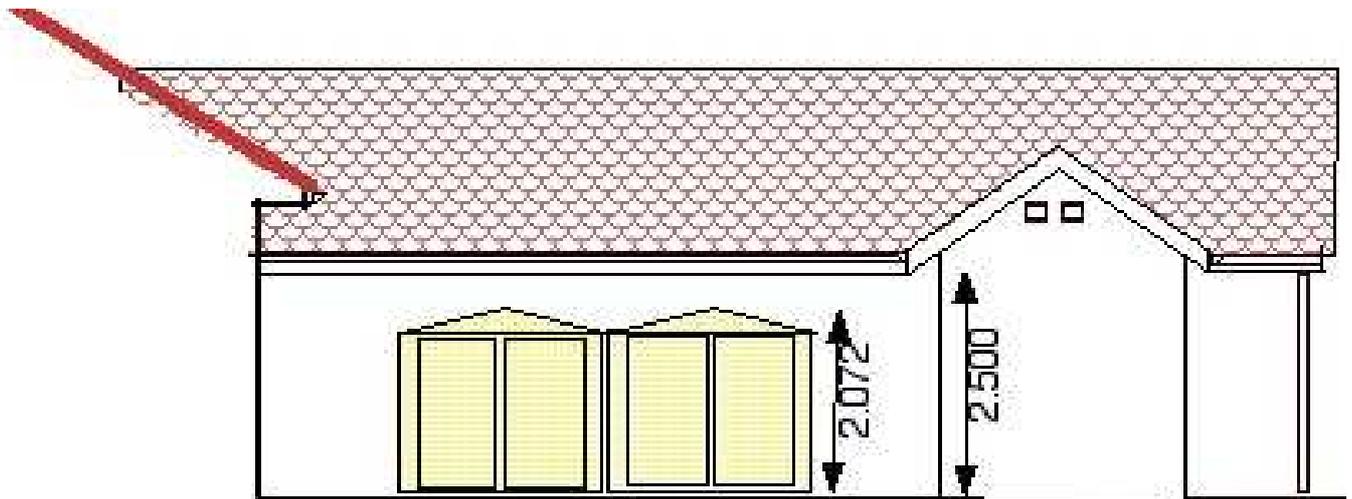
d) To meet the Grant conditions we will purchase one unit

immediately, and the Parks Dept will store it in their depot until we get Planning Permission. We anticipate that this will take until May.

e) We will purchase the second unit when a further grant is approved.

f) The Council will consider an alternative contribution ( e.g. Club Displays ) for the £200 annual Ground Rental payment.

Each Store is 2.2M x 2.2M and will provide a similar total area to the original proposed Expandakabin, providing us with separate secure storage for the Piers; Jetties; Rescue Boat and Gazebos and a Members' base.



**Elevation of Units**

We hope that with the re-establishment of a base in the Park, that we will soon be able to rebuild our Club sailing at Rouken Glen. The Council consider that their weed cutting will be more successful this year, and we should remember that the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant work, when implemented, will remove the major causes of the weed.

### **Subscriptions**

We would remind those members who have not yet paid their Subscriptions that these are long over-due and early payment is required as we have a £319 fee for the Planning Application and the Public Liability Insurance fee is due in May.

## **A reminder for “Ship Ahoy”**

The West Highland Steamer Club are holding a special Maritime Heritage exhibition in the Hall of Renfield St. Stephens Church, 260 Bath Street. Glasgow, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We are mounting a static display as part of the meeting. The West Highland Steamer Club, the Clyde River Steamer Club, Coastal Cruising Association, Cmal and possibly Calmac, PSPS, Waverley Excursions and MacBraynes Bus Circle will be represented.

## **The Falkirk Wheel**

The Falkirk Wheel are planning a three day Event in July and have approached various types of model clubs for interest in attending. There seems to be a great deal of interest, and when we have more details, the Committee will make a decision on the issue, but it would seem to be a good chance to prove that despite all the problems we have had in the last year that the Club is still able to make a good showing.

## **Club Shows**

The Committee will consider when we will be in a position to arrange our first Show, and will also be liaising with the Parks Events officials

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