

Meeting of the LLIMEYS – Friends of the Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 25 Jan 2017 in the Limeworks Stables, Llanymynech

MINUTES

1. Present: Joan Zorn, Glyn Gaskill, Dilys Gaskill, Tony Beardsell, Martyn Young, Nick Thursfield, Ginny Thurston. Paddy Martin. JZ welcomed new member Chris Knight
Apologies: Gareth Egarr, Peter Dunhill, Dickon Faux-Nightingale.
2. Minutes from the last meeting held on 19 Nov 2016 were read and accepted
3. Matters arising: DG said that the Community Benefit Fund from the wind-farm developers was around £66000 to be shared by communities along the route of the wind farm traffic. Their next meeting is in March. The car park is possibly a contender for funding
4. Finance Statement GG Balance in bank is £3692.81
5. Heritage Area update TB/MY: TB reported that general tidy-up work had been done. Bin lorry is causing potholes in track. Foundations of the original company office are being investigated. The fence, steps and handrail by Black Bridge have been repaired and consolidated. PM recorded her appreciation

PM reported that plants of yellow pimpernel adjacent to the office area were in danger of being swamped by ground ivy and asked if this could be cleared. They are the only plants of this species on the site. Our only snowdrops, behind the Stables, have been covered by brushwood. PM asked that this could be cleared by the brushwood being moved further up the bank.
6. Car park: GG reported that there would be a meeting on 5 Feb at which Sarah Lalieu from CRT, Shaun Burkey, and Amanda ? from CRT would be present. GG expressed the view that CRT's expectations were somewhat excessive. Scalpings were suggested as an interim solution. MY will ask SB about scalpings at Ellesmere
7. Banners: The photos of the Eisteddfod panels are of insufficient quality for good reproduction. GG suggested a simple banner to be hung on the CRT yard fence pointing the way to the Heritage Area. This was agreed. JZ reported that the original panels are now displayed in the Village Hall
8. Trees. JZ has been in contact with SB. He suggested Acer Rubris, and Guelder Rose. GG suggested Spindle trees. SB has offered to source and fund these. Thanks. SB will be in touch shortly.
9. Welshpool Scouts, together with others from Machynlleth, and Newtown will be bivouacing in the Hoffmann kiln over 28/29 Jan. Other Scout groups have already planned visits.

10. Events:

Steve Evison has been commissioned by CRT to organise some community events. His plans include

- an Easter Egg hunt around the Heritage Area, starting from the Visitor Centre at the Wharf
- A musical event on 4 June to showcase local bands, drama groups etc that will be held at Llanymynech Wharf
- A night walk later in the year taking in moths and bats

JZ had been in contact with Arts Alive re an open air production. They are fully booked for 2017 but will contact us re suitable productions for 2018. LADS will also be asked if they can consider an open air production for 2018. PM will ask Arron Evison about the group that gave an open air play at Chirk.

11. Any other Business

- PM asked if SB could be consulted about the young beech trees that are growing very close to parent tree. Can they be moved?
- DG reported that P & LI parish council are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for defibrillators in the village. This would be around the Heritage area on either 12 or 19 Feb and involve use of Stables. PM and JZ will assist on the day.
- One of the SWT's Hebridean sheep on the hill has been killed by a dog. DG asked that we should all be vigilant and ensure that dog walkers act responsibly in the Heritage Area. PM suggested that the Wildboars put a notice on the gate when they bring their sheep for grazing.

12. Date and venue of next meeting 29 March, 2017, 7.30 in Stables