

Minutes of meeting of the LLIMEYS – Friends of the Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 30 May 2018 in the Limeworks Stables, Llanymynech

1. Present: Joan Zorn, Glyn Gaskill, Dilys Gaskill, Tony Beardsell, Gareth Egarr, Paddy Martin. Apologies: Martyn Young, Nick Thursfield
2. Minutes from the last meeting held 28 Mar 2018 were read and accepted
3. Matters arising
 - The project manager for the car park surfacing has been in touch re dates to avoid
 - An application has been made to the Tirgwynt Community Fund for tools
4. Finance Statement: GG reported that we have a balance of £4281
5. Heritage Area update TB. Ballast has been laid in the gateway near Black Bridge and fences repaired. A tree that had come down on the Tally House has been cleared. A strimming programme has been started. The sacking covering the entrance to one of the tunnels needs to be removed to allow air flow through to dry out the mortar. (GG will contact contractor). A drain has been cleared to prevent water flow through the other tunnel.
6. Meadow Management ...SB has contacted the Wildboars re discontinuing sheep grazing. He has a contractor who will take one cut of grass from the meadows. The meadows will be left to see what species colonise naturally
7. Bryn Offa School has been offered the same arrangements as Carreghofa School ie £100 per year for unlimited access. They have been advised to check the calendar so they don't clash with other groups. JZ will be going into the school in June to talk about the Limeworks. Every child in the school has been given one of our leaflets
8. Recent events.
 - Activity afternoon for Roleplay, 29 April 2pm – 4pm. About 16 children and their parents attended. They enjoyed pond dipping, bug hunting and a boat trip.
 - Camera trap training PW...Stuart Edmonds from SWT ran camera trap training on 23 May 5.30 – 7.30 (this was a change of date). Five members of the public attended as well as JZ and PW. SE showed footage from some of his traps, including hedgehogs, foxes, badgers and pine martens. The group then visited camera traps he had set up on site a few days before. These showed rabbits, squirrels, a fox, a mink and a young robin. Otter spraint was found on the tow path under the bridge

9. Future events

- Heritage Open Days, 9 Sept, JZ has obtained copies of Oswestry Heritage Comics which we can project in the Hoffmann. She will also challenge Bryn Offa pupils to produce film of their experiences on site
- Visit of Marches Young Archaeologists Club on June 10. TB will do a guided walk

10. Shropshire Wildlife Trust

GE reported that after a slow start it had been a good season for the butterflies on the hill and promises to be good for the orchids. The sheep will be on the Montgomery side until September. A plan to remove areas of moss is underway.

GE has been working with Year 5 from Bryn Offa

11. Date of AGM set at 4 June, 7.30, in the Stables. This will be a joint AGM with the Visitor Centre. JZ asked for contributions to the newsletter (to be in by 20 June)

12. Any other business...

- DG said that the Llanymynech Heritage Partnership will meet on 4 June.
 - Defibrillator training in Village Hall on 14 June, 7.30
 - The Parish Council will meet in Llanymynech V H in summer and in Pant in the winter.
 - A wildlife area is being developed at the end of Heritage Way
- GG mentioned an email that had been received from someone connected with York Minster looking for a site to produce quicklime from oolite limestone. It was agreed that he should offer the use of our demonstration kiln with a suggested date of 9 Sep (HOD)

13. Next meeting is AGM on 4 July, 7.30 in the Stables