

Meeting of the LLIMEYS – Friends of the Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area held at 12 noon on **Monday, 13 May 2019** in the Limeworks Stables, Llanymynech

MINUTES

1. Present: Joan Zorn, Glyn Gaskill, Dilys Gaskill, Tony Beardsell, Bob Cotter. Apologies: Martyn Young, Gareth Egarr, Paddy Martin
2. Minutes from the last meeting held on 20 March 2019 were read and accepted
3. Matters arising: GE by email: Gareth has taken photographs of Severn Trent's botched work across the Welsh incline and has sent to Bill Klemperer of English Heritage
4. Finance Statement GG: Balance in bank £3895.30
5. Heritage Area update: TB said that strimming, spraying etc had gone ahead. Some trees had come down in recent gales.
6. Recent vandalism: BC reported that fire brigade had been called after youths had lit fire that was getting out of control. He called the Fire Brigade and the Police (Powys ref number: 20190424-221). This has now been passed to West Mercia Police force (Ref No: 22/36863/19) who are classing the incident as arson. The Fire Brigade put the fire out completely and BC cleared up the rubbish they left and put it into the bin. West Mercia Police say they are going to involve the local Police and investigate.

Vandalism recorded by BC since Oct 2018

1. Wooden gate removed and stolen.
2. Information panel in English Drum House pulled off the wall.
3. Metal gates on English and Welsh inclines removed and thrown into the undergrowth.
4. Sheep gone missing (thought to be stolen).
5. Bricks in the wicket gate of the Hoffmann kiln knocked down and scattered everywhere.
6. Fires lit in the Hoffmann Kiln, with rubbish left including broken glass.
7. Stones thrown on top of the cover over the Hoffmann kiln.
8. Large stones thrown from the top of the two draw kilns onto the metal walkway.
9. Fence next to the stile on the Welsh incline knocked down by rolling a large tree stump down the hill.
10. Bricks knocked out of the wall in the Tally House.
11. Earth and stones pulled out from the roots of a tree on the bank near the Stables Block. (This is potentially dangerous as the tree has been undermined and could fall causing injury).
12. Fire lit near the Office building.

7. Car Park resurfacing...supposed to be done by end of April !! JZ had an email from Mike Friend that states a contractor has now been appointed and can start in the very near future.
8. Tirgwynt funding - £188 left to be spent by 30 May. TB will buy any items needed asap.
9. Website: BC said that since its launch in February the site had had over 1800 hits
10. AGM to be held on 26 June at 7.30 in conjunction with Wharf Visitor Centre AGM
11. Newsletter: JZ asked for items for newsletter to be in by 19 June
12. Events

Wildflower walk led by Paddy on 12 May attracted about 12 participants. Unfortunately no-one appeared for the Limeworks walk led by Tony and Martyn
13. Any other business
 - Filming on 18 May by BBC One Wales. Sir Gareth Edwards will be taken on a guided walk around the kilns by MY. GG will demonstrate limeslaking and produce smoke in the demo kiln
 - DG said that the Parish Council now had a Facebook page
14. Date and venue of next meeting. AGM on 26 June at 7.30 in the Stables