The LLIMEYS

Friends of Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area

Meeting Minutes

Date: 26 November 2022

Time: 14:00hrs

Venue: Stables Education Block, Llanymynech Limeworks

1. Members Present:

Tony Beardsell (TB) Bob Cotter (BC) Joan Zorn (JZ) Martyn Young (MY)

2. Apologies:

Nick Thursfield (NT)

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

a. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings

4. Matters Arising.

- a. Carl Pickup was contacted for access to the Shropshire Wildlife area to work on the Brake House, but did not respond at all.
- b. Notices were sent to local newspapers informing them of the visit of Helen Morgan MP for Shropshire North.
- c. Birmingham University have now paid their bill.

5. Treasurers Report

- a. The current account stands at £4,206.24. A printout of income and expenses for the year to date was shown to those present at the meeting.
- b. The bank mandate has now been completed and all banking is now via the Treasurer (BC).
- c. Signatories for the cheques and account are BC, TB and MY.
- d. Online banking has been arranged and the Treasurer has access to the account via the NatWest mobile app.

6. Heritage Area Report.

- a. TB reports that there has been general maintenance carried out including clearing of ivy from the embankment by the Hoffmann kiln and to the rear of the Tally House.
- b. The water chamber by Black Bridge had become blocked and work was carried out to remove the large build-up of sediment, sticks and general rubbish that had accumulated over many months.
- c. The boardwalk has recently been replaced by a pathway and a channel has been dug to allow any overflow to be diverted into the canal.

7. Constitution – Revised for 2022

a. The revised constitution as amended on 1st October 2022 was reviewed by those present and proposed that it be accepted. A copy of the revised constitution is attached with these minutes.

Proposer: Tony Beardsell Seconder: Joan Zorn Passed unanimously

8. Funding for Limeworks Improvements

- a. Now that the canal restoration has reached Crickheath, there is a 3km stretch to be completed before reaching Llanymynech. Schoolhouse bridge is due to be started in early 2023, which means that we may see the canal reopened here in the next 12 to 18 months.
- b. A private consortium is planning to build a 100-berth marina at Queens Head, bringing up to 150 jobs and potentially revitalising the whole area.
- c. CRT plan to build a new visitor centre and car park in the area of their storage depot. This will bring lots more visitors to Llanymynech and the Limeworks.
- d. The Limeworks will benefit from a facelift as it has now been nearly 15 years since the last restoration effort and there are plenty of areas now in need of some TLC as well as some potentially large restoration projects.
- e. The previous funding was instigated by Pant Parish Council in partnership with Llanymynech and Carreghofa Parish Council and Shropshire Council. All of those responsible for the running of the bid and subsequent control of the work and funds have since moved on. This funding bid will therefore be instigated by the current members of the LLIMEYS.
- f. In order to ensure that we can proceed with the funding process, Shropshire Council will be approached to seek their approval and possibly participation. (BC to contact Shaun Burkey)
- g. The community should also be involved in the process and will be approached to see if they are willing to support a funding bid. (JZ to liaise with the Parish Councils)
- h. Once support is in place further work will need to be carried out to bring as many people on board as possible, this should include the local schools and groups with specialist interests that may be affected by work carried out in the Limeworks.
- i. Mention was made of 'Match Funding', which can include such things as logging our volunteer hours, perhaps even including the Wharf Visitor Centre volunteers. The groups supporting the previous bids should also be approached to understand their willingness to be associated with a fresh funding bid.
- j. A list of work to help restore the Limeworks is to be compiled. This needs to be prioritised and costed individually so that any funding can be clearly allocated. (TB, MY and BC to compile list). This list should include any work identified by Shropshire Council and prioritised accordingly.

9. Election of Sub-committee

a. It was decided by those present to delay creating a sub-committee until it is clear that a funding bid will go ahead.

10.AOB

a. No AOB

The meeting closed at 15:00hrs

Attachment:

Revised Constitution