

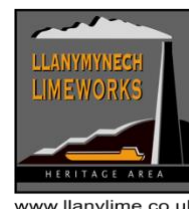
LLIMEYS Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 January 2026

Time: 09:50hrs

Venue: Stables Education Block, Llanymynech Limeworks



Members Present:

Bob Cotter (**BC**)
Martyn Young (**MY**)
Heather Dawson (**HD**)
David Hurst (**DH**)

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting

MY nominated as Chair for the meeting by those attending.

2. Apologies:

Kevin Young, Nick Thursfield

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

Actions outstanding from the minutes of 24 May 2025:

- **HD** to provide a costing for squirrel proof feeders.
- **NY** to provide costs for replacing the car park notice board.

4. Treasurers Report

The statement of accounts for year 01 April 2025 to date was distributed to all present. The balance for our current account is £168.23 and for the Business Reserve account is £5,399.95. Total funds are £5,568.18

The accounts were accepted as a true record by those present.

The treasurer explained that our funds are healthy, with a reduction in the future monies to be paid for our web site as previously explained. It was also noted that income for Bird Food had been received totalling £45.00. **HD** was asked to remind people donating for this item to reference it as Bird Food so that it can be allocated to the correct category in our accounts.

5. Web Site Update

The change to payments for the web site is now completed and an annual payment will be shared between Llanylime and the Armourers' Association, reducing our costs considerably.

HD asked for the Bird Survey to be added to the web site. A page will be dedicated to the bird survey and its associated activities.

6. Heritage Area Report

MY reported that regular maintenance of the area was being carried out, including the following:

- Pathways and Black bridge areas cleared of debris.

- Felling of trees by contractor
- Wood chipping by Shropshire Council
- Gate to Hoffmann kiln repaired and reinstalled
- Fencing placed around the Tally House and Hoffmann kiln as both structures have been declared unsafe by Shropshire Council

The trees left from the felling are being cleared up and the resultant logs left for locals to use as firewood.

Shropshire Council to be asked for a return visit with the wood chipper to clear more of the branches left from the tree felling.

Discussions are ongoing with Shropshire council to move the fencing in closer to the Hoffmann Kiln. This to make it easier for people to walk around the kiln.

BC stated that someone is removing the fence clamps to gain access inside the Hoffmann Kiln. This has now occurred on two separate occasions.

7. Benches

HD informed the meeting that the Parish Council plan to deliver the benches at the end of February. The benches are heavy and they stated that no fixings will be required. After discussions it was agreed that the benches will be assessed for the need of fixings once positioned.

8. Flora Booklet

HD has now updated the spring floral booklet for use by the survey team to help with identification of the plants found in the Heritage Area. In order to allow the team to use them it will cost £28.99 to produce 17 copies for which funding is needed.

A proposal that we provide the funding of £28.99 was put to the committee.

Proposer: Martin Young

Seconder: David Hirst

Passed unanimously

9. Bird Feeders and Trip

HD informed that 7 people would be taking part in the trip to Venus Pools. The purpose is to find out how they manage their bird feeding stations and discuss birds on the amber and red lists.

HD has looked at prices for bird feeders and bird seed and would like to place four feeding stations with different types of seed in the woods near the stables block with a rota set up to fill the feeders. After discussions on the cost of seed and the feeders it was agreed that a budget was needed.

A proposal that we allow a budget of £300.00 for the purchase of seed feeders and an initial stock of seed. The 300.00 to include the funding already received for bird seed.

Proposer: Bob Cotter

Seconder: Martyn Young

Passed unanimously

The large metal box in the hay store, which currently contains old tools is to be investigated as a potential storage option for the seed in order to protect it from attack by rodents.

HD has updated the survey sheets for the Birds Booklet and has questions regarding the amber and red lists for Shropshire birds of concern.

MY stated that wood is available for building bird boxes and agreed to discuss the types needed with **HD** as well as the placement of the boxes.

HD asked if we should use the 23 to 25 February RSPB Big Garden Watch event as a showcase for our activities and it was agreed to hold a bird watch on Saturday 24 February.

10. Family Activities

HD stated that the Family activities would recommence on the first Sunday of each month from February and will organise the events.

11. Notice Board

Covered in item 3: **MY** agreed to provide cost for replacing the wooden part of the notice board.

12. Artefact Stocktake/Exhibition Clean

After discussions, it was agreed by all that we do need tidy up the display area and would begin by cataloguing the artefacts and then look at a better way of displaying them. 7th February was agreed as the date to commence.

13. Meeting with Shropshire Council

Discussion points were agreed as follows for the meeting with Shropshire Council on 13th January 2026.

- Pond revitalisation
- Repairs to tracks
- New Culverts
- Broken pipe in lower meadow
- Wood Chipping
- Management Plan
- New tools
- Risk Assessments
- Birmingham university permissions for lime putty pointing
- Hot water needs to be looked at
- Wood burner corroded collar

14. AOB

None

Date of Next Meeting: 14th February 2026

The meeting closed at 10:50hrs