

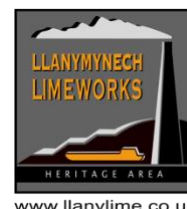
LLIMEYS Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 March 2026

Time: 09:50hrs

Venue: Stables Education Block, Llanymynech Limeworks



Members Present:

Bob Cotter (**BC**)
Martyn Young (**MY**)
Kevin Young (**KY**)
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:

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:

- **MY** to provide costs for replacing the car park notice board.
- **Item 7** the parish council have now said that the benches will arrive by the end of April. **BC** has been nominated as the point of contact to the company delivering the benches and will inform members once contacted by them.
- **Item 12** cataloguing did not take place, further date to be arranged.
- **Item 13** New tools still in the pipeline – Heater inspected, repairs TBA.

4. Treasurers Report

The statement of accounts for year 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 was distributed to all present. The balance for our current account is £70.84 and for the Business Reserve account is £5,358.08. Total funds are £5,428.92.

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

The treasurer explained that our funds are healthy and that barring any donations or expenditure before the end of the month, the accounts as presented would stand for this financial year.

Those present offered a vote of thanks to BC for the continuing management of the accounts.

5. Web Site Update

The web site continues to thrive and attracts many new visitors to the Limeworks. Hacking attempts are still ongoing, but security is tight and there are no signs that any attempts at hacking will be successful.

Those present offered a vote of thanks to BC for the continuing management of the web site.

6. Heritage Area Report

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

- Shrub clearance on the draw kiln embankment.
- Continued clearance of the felled trees.
- Through a council grant, the pathways have been covered with a stone/sand mix to make them all more useable, particularly for wheelchair/buggy users.
- As part of the pathway upgrade, the culverts have had the wooden sleepers removed and replaced with tubing covered with a stone/sand mix.
- The bird feeder stations have all been put up.
- Information panels have been cleaned.
- The fencing around the Hoffmann kiln has been moved closer to the kiln to allow better access around the kiln.
- The Hoffmann Kiln fencing continues to be vandalised.
- A section of dead hedging has been erected opposite the gap in the draw kiln embankment. More is to be done.
- The water heater has been inspected by the council and found to be the wrong type. Replacement TBA.
- A meeting is needed with Shropshire Council (Ed Andrews). See AOB.
- The metal framework on the information panels needs to be painted.

7. Flora and Fauna Update

The booklet showing the early spring flora has been issued and **HD** asked that if anyone has additions, they should let her know.

The flora is now starting to show all around the area, with bluebells already being seen on the path through Llwyn Goch Woods.

8. Tree Planting Update

Our Ranger, Mike Simms, arranged to purchase new trees/bushes for planting around the area where the bird feeding stations are located. Varieties planted: Holly; Pussy Willow; Spindle and Gilder Rose.

The area where they have been planted tends to become overgrown during the growing season and so will need to be kept under control to allow the new additions the freedom to grow. **HD** will ask the Flora/Fauna group if they would assist with keeping the area clear.

9. Manual Handling Training Update

We attended a manual handling course at the Stables Block on 7th March, run by Shropshire Council (Emma Cushing). Certificates were issued to those attending the course.

10. Heritage Area Management Plan Update

HD is in the process of reviewing and updating The Management Plan for the Heritage Area, issued by Shaun Burkey in December of 2020. Once completed, it will be passed to Ed Andrews for comments and action as necessary.

Various discussions centred on the report's contents and our amendments/Changes/Additions to the report.

This update to the report will be used as a basis for discussions on the Heritage Area, at our meetings with the Council.

11. Newsletter

BC showed those present the template for this year's newsletter and asked for inputs from those present. Articles to be included are:

- Shropshire Council (**BC**)
- Hoffman Kiln Fencing (**BC**)
- Tally House Fencing (**BC**)
- Pathways (**BC**)
- Benches (**MY**)
- Dead Hedging (**BC**)
- Flora and Fauna (**HD**)
- Family activities (**HD**)

HD also mentioned that we should ask for a wheelchair user to review the new pathways for us.

Don't forget – The articles will also need some good images to accompany them.

The newsletter will be published on the web site in July in '**flip page**' format and a link will be made available for viewing on a computer/tablet.

12. AOB

BC informed those present that Ed Andrews has asked for a meeting in April. Two dates have been proposed, 7th and 14th April, but as yet no response.

MY proposed that we place memorial plaques on our benches for Joan Zorn and Dilys Gaskill both founding members of the LLIMEYS. Once the new benches are in place we will arrange to cost the plaques.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was decided to wait until the meeting with Ed Andrews in April before organising a date for our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11:05hrs