

TWINBERROW FOUNDATION
(Registered Charity No 301524)

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of the MEETING of the TWINBERROW FOUNDATION held at Dursley Community Centre at 20:00 on Tuesday the 5th October 2021.

PRESENT

Trustees: N Grecian, D Cornell, S Ackroyd, W Thomas, A Stennett (Vice Chair), S Creswick, M Stennett, J Rubin, T White, D Savvidou, A Whitwell and A Rowston.

Also present: John Kay, Clerk for the Foundation and Leah Wellings, Deputy Clerk to the Foundation.

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair presided over the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trustees: M Woodward, L Patrick, J Ball, P Hayes and D Horn.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 6th April 2021

The Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 6th April 2021, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Vice Chair as a correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.

4. Woodland Manager's Update

The Woodland Manager's email update was shared with the Trustees.

It was noted that further to the report dated 6th April, the only works that had been carried out related to opening up the viewpoint from the northern fence line and strimming brambles from the footpath; the broken beech from the northern boundary had yet to be cleared; there was now a dying multi-stemmed Wych Elm coppice adjacent the reservoir entrance which H Cowle could fell, if willing to do so for the wood; the broken beech from the northern boundary has yet to be cleared by H Cowles.

An invoice for £678.79 from Acorn Tree & Woodland Services for woodland management works had been issued to the Foundation for payment for the period 03/Apr/2019 to 05/Oct/2021.

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the invoice and instruct the Woodland Manager to proceed with arrangements to fell the Wych Elm as advised.

5. Sculpture and Play Trail Update

Trustees noted the Vale Vision update on the Sculpture and Play Trail and the following points:

- There are currently 26 exhibits as part of the sculpture trail.
- Recent additions included a sculpture by Stroud Transition Group
- A sculpture is expected shortly from Cam and Dursley creatives project
- Those away for repair or replacement included - Circles of Friendship (World Jungle), Bottle Top Pictures and the Tree of Life Mosaics (work provide free of charge by Tomato Jack of Berkeley).
- A working party meets monthly to undertake minor repairs.
- The trail has two new signs inviting people to suggest a sculpture. This is on the loop as the main part of the trail is quite full now.
- Vale Vision has sufficient funds for small scale repairs. The philosophy is that sculptures are made as part of a community project so the cost is small and borne by that community group.

6. Application for a Dursley Town Council Revenue Grant

It was noted that a grant application had not been submitted to Dursley Town Council within the usual timeframe/deadlines due to the cancellation of the Foundation's July 2021 meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to make arrangements to submit a revenue grant application to Dursley Town Council for £3,000 as soon as possible, as in previous years.

7. Suitability of Twinberrow for the Planting of Oak Tree/s to Commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2022.

The Clerk reported that the Woodland Manager's advice had been sought following a suggestion that Twinberrow could be a suitable location to plant one or two oak trees to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2022.

The advice given was that the thin lime-rich soils of Twinberrow were not the best location for a specimen Oak; any gap would be rather too shady to encourage vigorous growth and either of the other two locations (Union Street Green and Long Street Green) would be more appropriate.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept that Twinberrow was not the most suitable location to plant the Oak trees and to suggest that Dursley Town Council investigate use of the Union Street Green and Long Street Green with the relevant landowners.

8. Any Other Urgent Business

Trustees were made aware that Stroud District Council would be reviewing it's Asset Strategy; the review process would include green assets as well as buildings and take place before May 2022.

Trustees were open to the suggestion that the Cam, Dursley and Uley Joint Woodlands Management Committee could be brought under the Foundation's umbrella in the future, so that all the local woodland areas could be managed under the same scheme. It would need to be investigated.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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Chairman

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Date