

TWINBERROW FOUNDATION
(Registered Charity No 301524)

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of the MEETING of the TWINBERROW FOUNDATION held in the Community Meeting Room at Dursley Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Dursley at 7:55pm on Tuesday the 5th July 2022.

PRESENT

Trustees: A Stennett (Chair), S Ackroyd, M Woodward, S Creswick, M Nicholson, J Rubin, P Hayes, D Horn, T White, D Cornell, D Savvidou and N Grecian

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trustees: L Patrick, T Kinnison, M Stennett and W Thomas.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 5th October 2021

The Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 5th October 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. Matter relating to the Land to the South of Whiteway Reservoir

The Clerk reported that communication had been received from Severn Trent Water (STW) regarding the potential need to remove some trees as a result of work being undertaken to the Whiteway Reservoir, within the STW boundary.

It was noted that the trees overhang the tank and their root systems would be damaged during the works creating a health and safety risk, one of the big trees identified is within Twinberrow Wood and thought by STW to be in a dangerous condition.

The Twinberrow Woodland Manager inspected the tree on 6th July 2022 and found the tree to be healthy, apart from a small amount of squirrel damage, and acting as a 'safety net tree' in this area; photographic evidence had been taken and work was noted as taking place close to its root system.



Trustees discussed possible removal of the tree and it was suggested that, if it was decided that there was no other option, STW should pay for the works to do this and include the removal of several Ash tree close by at the same time.

IT WAS RESOLVED to contact Severn Trent Water to confirm that the tree had been assessed as healthy by the Twinberrow Woodland Manager and that given this the Foundation would like to retain it; should it be damaged/become dangerous in the future as a result of the works, then the Foundation would expect STW to pay for its removal and a suitable replacement tree.

5. Update on the Recent Request Relating to the Scattering of Ashes in Woodland

It was noted that the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had dealt with a request relating to the scattering of ashes in Twinberrow woods.

In this case the arrangements had been considered acceptable, and it had been permitted with conditions (i.e., that the ashes are scattered thinly, not in a discernible pile and not near to any of the ground based sculptures or in an area which is an obvious pathway).

In addition, the link to the Woodland Trust website, which had advice and information on the scattering of ashes, had also been provided

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/in-memory/ashes-scattering/> .

6. Woodland Manager's Update

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

The following points were noted:

- There had been some storm damage in February, fallen trees and limbs blocking some paths.
- A priority list of tree works had been given to H Cowles, with works on and around the Sculpture Trail completed to a good standard.
- An inspection on 9/6/22 had resulted in H Cowles felling two rapidly declining Ash trees which had become dangerous, a dead Oak and small Beech.
- Work to clear storm damage and fell a dead Elm on the northern boundary had yet to be completed.
- Work to remove several dead branches from the Beeches overhanging the top road had been completed.
- Ash trees continue to decline in the area, several in Twinberrow are being closely monitored. While H Cowles might be able to fell some, it was anticipated that tree surgeons would be required to fell an Ash above the main road in the future.

7. Sculpture and Play Trail Update

An update from Councillor Kinnison, on behalf of Vale Vision, on the Sculpture and Play Trail was shared with Trustees.



The following points were noted:

- Volunteers meet once a month or so (not including in July) to do repairs on the pieces that were damaged during the pandemic and the early spring storms.
- The Abacus sculpture had taken some time and expense to repair, it would last another couple of years before having to be replaced with a new piece.
- A good, fairly local new source had been found to produce the signage required, as new sculptures are installed.
- GL11, Kingshill House and The Peak Academy would be producing new sculptures and meetings were ongoing.
- Some enquiries regarding funding for accessibility had not progressed very far. A tension had been recognised between keeping the woods a wild place versus enabling more use as a therapeutic space, and also between having high value artistic pieces which would draw in new users, versus retaining the local, informal feel of the space.
- The facebook group had steady engagement, with 672 likes and 706 follows as of July 2022.

8. Financial Update from The Clerk

The Clerk gave Trustees a financial update.

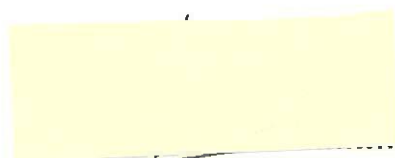
It was noted that the £455 insurance renewal cost had been paid since the last report and expenditure would be required in the near future to fell the Ash tree, noted under the Woodland Manager's report (Minute item 6).

9. Any Other Urgent Business

Trustees were made aware that the Rotary Club of Dursley would like to place a bench at Twinberrow Woods, with a memorial plaque for Rotarian Michael Doughty, who sadly passed away recently. The Rotary Club would also be speaking with Vale Vision on the matter.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with the Rotary Club of Dursley regarding the bench request.

The meeting closed at 20:04.



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Chairman
4th Oct 2022
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Date