

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 8pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

PRESENT

Trustees: A Stennett (Chair), T Kinnison (Vice-Chair), S Ackroyd, S Creswick, M Nicholson, T Stride, P Hayes, T White, D Cornell, W Thomas, N Grecian, D Horn, M Stennett and D Savvidou.

Also present: John Kay, Clerk for the Foundation.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Trustees: M Woodward, J Rubin & L Patrick.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 4th October 2022

The Minutes of the Twinberrow Foundation Meeting held on 4th October 2022, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.

4. Woodland Manager's Update

The written report received from the woodland manager was noted, it included information on several trees which would require to be felled or works done to improve the health of the trees and safety for visitors to the woods.

IT WAS AGREED to instruct the woodland manager to arrange for any works which can be done by Howard Cowles to be arranged and for quotations to be obtained for other trees.

5. Sculpture Trail Update

The Vice-Chair provided a summary of her detailed update on the Sculpture trail (see appendix 1)

6. Financial Update from The Clerk

The Chair provided an update on the bequest to the Foundation, with an expected donation of approximately £100,000 about to be received, with more anticipated in the coming months. It was considered appropriate for the Clerk to consider investment opportunities given the size of the monies to be received.

It was noted that the Foundation currently had a total of £11,728 in the account and the Woodland Manger had submitted an invoice of £630 to cover the period October 2021 to April 2023.

7. Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other urgent business.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Appendix 1 Dursley Sculpture and Play Trail Report for Twinberrow Trustees 6th April 2023

1. Our volunteers have been continuing their maintenance programme with some significant work including many posts secured. The groundsmen have been very helpful both with storage and transportation of materials. We have trialled a new metal backing plate for some of the signs and this will be the recommended, more durable format going forward. There is a spreadsheet record of ongoing work which is available on request. 'No Planet B' was damaged by the winds and has been repaired at height by the creators, who have a tree surgeon on hand. Cotswold wardens have been asked to repair their bench, and this is now on their work list. We are hoping they will also undertake repair to the steps up to the Loop.

2. John and Terri have been looking at possibilities for extending the accessibility of the Trail path to get it right into the heart of the woods overlooking the town (near Mike Doughty's bench) which would make a natural gathering place. If we could do so, this could open up other possibilities for funding, for example from the Barnwood Trust. This may enable us to have a woodland based activity area for occasional events. Depending upon the treatment, path upgrade costs could be around £10k. There is a very handy guide here <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/resource/estimating-price-guide-for-path-projects> (prices from 2020)

We may also want to look at disabled parking spaces on the verge near the entrance, working with the county council.

a. Proposal: we work up a firm estimate if Trustees agree this may be a good project.

3. New sculptures have not actually appeared yet but discussions are ongoing. The first one is likely to be from the Engine, or perhaps from a local artist Jacqui Locatelli. An updated Artists' Agreement has been created.

a. Proposal: that we inaugurate a regular competition, maybe biannual, to create a new sculpture from a local artist, perhaps working with a local group. Funds TBC perhaps £500 to £1000 to come from the (managed) legacy fund. Terri to consult with Abi Nicols.

4. Terri has been working with the Vibe Youth Club to colour some crowns to be placed as a fun trail for the Coronation Week. They won't last long but are inspired by Leahs' successful Halloween Trail, as a one off event.

5. Terri has created a What3Words sequence, as used by the Cotswold Wardens, for most of the Trail, it's a work in progress at DursleySculpture & Play Trail...Entrance at [///hobbit.growl.crackling](http://hobbit.growl.crackling)