
Minutes

Time	19:00 – 19:30
Date	11 December 2024
Location	Parc View, Llanfair Caereinion, SY21 0HR (Ken's house)
Attendees	FoDW: Adrian Bickers, Ken Burton, Nick Burton (Chair) , Becky Badger, Sonia Gibson-Harmer, Jim Inkster, Rob Still. LCTC: Rob Astley, Sam Webster. MWT: Alison Alexander.
Documents	Minutes of 2023 AGM Treasurer's report

Friends of Deri Woods annual general meeting

- 1 Apologies for absence received from: Rebecca Still and Kelvin Laidlaw.
- 2 The minutes of the 2023 AGM were reviewed and the motion to accept them was passed.
- 3 All actions from the 2023 AGM had been completed except for routing all orders exceeding £100 via Rob Astley. Ken
There were no other matters raised.
- 4 Nick presented the annual report:
 - a **Storm damage.**
This has been extensive - the majority of Deri Woods is closed to the public and to us on our December workday.
 - b **Restoration Plan.**
We would like to see continuation of the thinning as advised in the Restoration Plan. However, we need to take stock after LCTC has cleared the recent damage; we would like a site meeting once this has happened to review the impact and consider how it might affect the Restoration Plan. LCTC
 - c **Thinning work.**
The current round of works had been completed.
In compartment 1b the beech trunks have been left

standing but should have been felled. Nick to email Rob A with details.

Nick

d Funding from PCC (Local Places for Nature grant) £3347.

Funded LCTC's recent thinning work in Compartments 1b, 5a, 5b. Plus some interpretation signs.

Removing branches from beech trees overhanging Gorsedd stones to let more light and moisture in to the driest part of the meadow.

We have planted species and sown seeds that are more suitable for the drier parts which had not fared as well as those previously planted in the wetter parts.

Anti-slip strips are being fixed to the sleeper step risers

Tree planting: we have 13 oaks intended to plant (4 replacements and 9 new) on 16 Dec. We will postpone until Jan workday when, hopefully, Severn Rivers Trust will also donate some other suitable species for us to plant.

The funding is being underwritten by LCTC, who will claim the funding back from PCC.

Nick to confirm with Robert R.

Nick

e Training.

Rebecca, Rob S and Nick did a First Aid Forestry+ course in November. Rob S and Jon completed a chainsaw course just over a week ago and successfully passed their assessment. Jon has just joined as a member and both now join our emergency response team for chainsaw work. Both lots of training were funded by Llais y Goedwig with a £200 contribution for the chainsaw course from our small reserves (held by MWT).

Jon needs to complete and return the MWT volunteer enrolment form.

Jon

f Other funding.

Nick did another questionnaire and telephone survey with Llais y Goedwig and they have contributed another £200 to our reserve - which puts it back to £300.

- g We need to update our annual workplan to include 2025.

Nick

The motion to accept the report was passed.

- 5 Alison presented the Treasurer's report.
The motion to accept the report was accepted.
- 6 Nick, Ken, Sonia and Adrian have completed three years as committee members. Each put themselves forward for re-election and were re-elected for another three years - Nick, Ken and Adrian remaining as Chair, QM and Secretary respectively.
- 7 There was no other business.