

Gallows Bank Trust

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the garden of the Queens Public House, Ludlow, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Dave Davies (DD), Chair, Jane Davies (JD), Membership Secretary and Treasurer, Di Lyle (DL) Secretary, Trice Astill (TA), Graham Hubbard (GH), Heather Price (HP), Brian Smart (BS) and Lesley Smart (LS).

Apologies: James Cooper and Kate Adams.

Minutes of Past Meeting

The Minutes from the past meeting held on 3rd October 2021 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

Litter Pick: Kate Adams' suggestion to do regular litter-picks was supported. DL offered to organise borrowing the equipment. GH will organise a Youth Litter-Pick via the South Shropshire Youth Forum. DD to let everyone know when a litter-pick was needed.

Leaflet Drop: It was agreed to include brief information on the History of Gallows Bank and to combine the leaflet to coincide with a Platinum Jubilee picnic on the Bank, being organised by DL for Sunday 5th June. DL to draft a leaflet for approval which will also be available at the Green Festival.

Website & Facebook: Peta Sams has secured the website hosting for the next three years; Kate Adams has set up a Friends of Gallows Bank Facebook page.

Finance:

JD circulated brief details of income and expenditure up to 31st March 2022. The income had remained static at £810 due to membership fees being suspended. Expenditure for the year totalled £1,081.15, the bulk of which covered maintenance. The total in the bank was £6,562.70.

Membership:

Covered above. With Gallows Bank being accessible to everyone who wanted to use and enjoy it, and with no specific benefits for Friends, suspension of a Friends' membership fee was supported.

It was agreed that DL would send a welcome message to all new members.

Summer Programme:

Maintenance: DD reported this was in-hand. There was not much growing but he would continue to try and keep the Ragwort from spreading if possible.

DD reported it will be necessary to drain the water from the bank by the end of the year.

Wildflower Meadow: DD had purchased a large quantity of mixed seeds; Peta Sams had offered pink campion and DL also had a small quantity of mixed seeds she will donate. DD will harrow the bank prior to planting.

Children will be invited to take part in planting the wildflower meadow.

Events: The idea of a Jubilee Picnic was supported for Sunday 5th June. DL to organise.

Any Other Business:

GH suggested planting up the area to the rear of the seat half way up the Bank.

It was confirmed there will be no firework display.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20th September, 7.30. Venue to be confirmed.