

Minutes of a Meeting of the Millennium Green Trust held at The United Services Club, Leek Street, Wem on Wednesday 18th August 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Present:- Philip Moyse (Chairman), Paul Tutchener, Mark & Jude Freeman, Roger Drummond.

Apologies- Jacinta Walmesley.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

Matters Arising

- Mark Freeman reported that he had received no follow up from police to his reports of loitering on the Millennium Green, possibly drug dealing and other antisocial behaviour. The Chairman offered to raise this matter with the Town Clerk who has contact with the local police.
- Mark also drew attention to the need to clear bottom branches of overhanging shrubbery through Josh Higgins. This raised issues over attracting more volunteers and need for improved management of litter and cleared vegetation disposal which were debated later.

Treasurer's Report

- Paul Tutchener reported the transfer of Millenium Green Trust funds from Nat West to Co-op which had included a £1250 incentive from NatWest to move. The audited balance at 27 April 2021 stood at £3136-58. The current working balance is approximately £3000.
- The need to promote and encourage participants towards the Plant & Craft Fair and increase the stall fee above the current £10 was discussed, but no firm decision was made.

Any Other Business

Appointment of Secretary. New Trustee, Roger Drummond was nominated "Minutes Secretary". He will also become a "signatory".

Recruitment of Trustees. Recently retiring Wem Town Councillors and members of "Blossoming Wem" were mentioned. "Feelers" will be put out by existing MG Trustees.

Management of refuse bins. Mark Freeman offered to liase with Shropshire Councillor Edward Towers and P.G. Skips regarding appropriate bins/skips being available and collected.

Anti-social behaviour. Further approaches would be made to Police.

Asbestos Report-- outside pipework flaking. Paul Tutchener offered to seek clarification of responsibilities relative to repairian lease with SC Edward Towers. Possibly, Jacinta Walmesley could give legal guidance.

Voluntary help with gardening. Paul Tutchener suggested publicity of Millennium Green through renewed publication of The Wemian on-line and physically could create awareness

of this amenity space and hopefully attract interest and support from local community groups. This could also be route towards maintaining pathways rather than expensive commercial resurfacing.

Use of Chapel. Greater awareness locally of opportunities available on MG following publicity campaign could attract more joint action with Churches and neighbouring Amdrams. However, it was recognised that there was a need to find alternative storage space for tools and items currently kept in Chapel.

New signage and gate. The campaign to promote the MG could be further developed by new signage. Roger Drummond offered to make enquiries with Methodist Church colleague who had arranged new sign board for church from signwriter in Ellesmere.

Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be during October/ November subject to Trustee availability.

Chairman

Philip Moyse