



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum AGM & Meeting held on:

Wednesday 3rd December, 2014
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

PL: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee ,(Chairman)
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
BE: Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club
LG: Louise Gall, Marlborough School
DY: David Yelland, Falmouth Bay Residents' Association, (Secretary)

1) AGM

1.1 Apologies for absence

Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Malcolm Brain (**MB**), Esther Lochrie (**EL**), Richard Gambier (**RG**).

1.2 Chairman's report

PL reported that the nature reserve was being managed well and had benefited from a successful coppicing programme which, in turn, had promoted a healthy re-growth of reeds. Also, the long awaited capping and landing area works at the southern end of the lake were scheduled to be undertaken in January 2015. It is also anticipated that the terracing area project at the northern end of the lake will be undertaken during 2015 and that the feasibility and funding arrangements for the children's play area project will also be established during the coming year.

In conclusion the Chairman reported that the Forum had successfully performed its role and duties throughout the past year, remained financially solvent and was well placed to continue to manage effectively its responsibilities with respect to the Swanpool nature reserve.

1.3 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer (**MB**) was unable to attend the meeting but had made available reports to show that the Forum's bank balance currently stood at £1822 and that there were no outstanding financial liabilities. (Balance at last AGM = £1626)

1.4 Election of Officers

Peter Lochrie (**PL**) was re-elected to serve as Chairman, Malcolm Brain (**MB**) was elected to serve as Treasurer and David Yelland (**DY**) was re-elected to serve as Secretary.

1.5 Any other business

No items of A.O.B were raised. AGM closed and Forum management meeting commenced.

2. Management Meeting

2.1 Apologies for absence

Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Malcolm Brain (**MB**), Esther Lochrie (**EL**), Richard Gambier (**RG**).

2.2 Minutes of last meeting (8th October, 2014)

Accuracy agreed

In response to a query from **PH** it was confirmed that **PL** will be progressing the two replacement interpretation boards, as discussed and agreed at a previous meeting.

All other matters arising taken under today's agenda headings.

2.3 Treasurers report - As AGM report, see 1.3 above

2.4 Capital projects – Terracing/Capping

A project team from Cornwall Council visited the nature reserve recently to review and agree final details for the landing area renovation (capping works) project at the southern end of the lake. A positive outcome was reported and it is expected that work will commence in January (2015).

A review of Swanpool Beach Ltd.'s lease is likely to be finalised in Spring of next year and will include clauses on the status of the proposed viewing area which should enable the Forum to implement the original project plans.

2.5 Coppicing

As reported at the AGM, the coppicing of Alders and Willows earlier in the year had resulted in a very strong re-growth of reeds. A coppicing programme for 2015 has now to be established and it was requested, via these minutes, that **MR** considers this matter and advises his recommendations to **PL** for consideration at the next Forum meeting.

2.6 Children's play area

EL is continuing her work on this project and is progressing the necessary funding arrangements. A meeting will be held with the funding adviser, Kate McKavanna, and other interested parties on Monday 15th December . **EL** will be joined at this meeting by Forum members **MB** and **PL**.

2.7 Any other business

DY is progressing the provision of a defibrillator to be sited at Swanpool and has received positive responses from Elemental UK and Falmouth Town Council to join with the Forum and Falmouth Bay Residents' Association to share the estimated total cost of c£1200. The cost will escalate considerably if the unit has to be housed in a vandal proof case; consequently, it will be recommended that the unit be kept in Elemental UK offices and only be available for use during their opening hours. Further funding may be sought in the future for an external, vandal proof casing to provide "24/7" year-round cover.

It is proposed that the Forum and Falmouth Bay Residents' Association organise a nature reserve litterpick and clean-up as part of the Falmouth Spring Festival to be held in March 2015. **DY** to progress.

2.8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th February, 2015 , 3.45 p.m. , Swanpool Business Centre