



SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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

Wednesday 20th January, 2016
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

EL: Esther Lochrie, Swanpool Beach Ltd. (Acting Chairman)
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
LG: Louise Gall, Marlborough School
DY: David Yelland, Falmouth Bay Residents' Association, (Secretary)

1) AGM

1.1 Apologies for absence

Peter Lochrie (**PL**), John Body (**JB**), Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Malcolm Brain (**MB**).

Note: Those present offered best wishes to Forum Chairman Pete Lochrie, for a speedy recovery from a recent knee operation. In his absence, **EL** took the Chair

1.2 Chairman's report

EL reported on behalf of **PL** that the nature reserve was in a healthy state and being managed well. The long awaited capping and landing area works at the southern end of the lake were completed in early spring. The effectiveness and quality of the work was commendable. The coppicing programme continued at various times throughout the year and was very effective in promoting reed growth and generally improving the appearance and health of the nature reserve. It is hoped that the terracing area project at the northern end of the lake will be undertaken during 2016 and that progress will be made towards the establishment of a themed, children's playground in an area of the car park. Eight cygnets

hatched in May were all still alive and thriving at the end of the year. This is the best survival rate anyone can remember.

It was concluded 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 £1955 and that there were no outstanding financial liabilities. (Balance at last AGM = £1822)

1.4 Election of Officers

Peter Lochrie (**PL**) was re-elected to serve as Chairman, Malcolm Brain (**MB**) was re-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

As item 1.1 above

2.2 Minutes of last meeting (21st October, 2015)

Accuracy agreed

Damaged nature reserve signs have been replaced. **PL** will liaise with **JB** on funding of fishing permit signs.

2.3 Treasurers report - As AGM report, see 1.3 above

2.4 Terracing project (Section 106 £10K funding)

A planning application for the proposed work has now been submitted. Once approved the quotes to carry out the work will be updated and submitted to Cornwall Council with a request to release the allocated funds.

2.5 Coppicing

It was confirmed that the current five year coppicing plan covers the period 2012 to 2017. Martin Rule will continue to work to this plan which is proving to be very effective.

2.6 Charity status update.

EL explained the background to this initiative. Progress on establishing charity status for the Forum has slowed following personnel changes at CRCC (Cornwall Rural Community Charity), the organisation which first recommended the charity status initiative. EL has requested clarification on a number of points, including confirmation that CRCC still supports the original recommendation to register Swanpool Forum as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation).

2.7 Any other business

None

2.8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th April, 2016 , 3.45 p.m. , Swanpool Business Centre
