



SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 23rd April, 2014
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

- PL:** Peter Lochrie, (Chair & Treasurer), Swanpool Lessee
DY: David Yelland (Secretary), Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
EL: Esther Lochrie, Swanpool Beach
MB: Malcolm Brain, Resident/Past Chairman
RG: Richard Gambier, Marlborough School
LG: Louise Gall, Marlborough School

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Peter Hartley (**PL**)

The chairman welcomed Richard and Louise to their first Swanpool Forum meeting

2. Minutes of last meeting (4th December, 2013)

Accuracy agreed.

PL will progress the two replacement interpretation boards, as discussed and agreed at the last meeting

All other matters arising covered by items on the agenda of this meeting.

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Bank account funds stand at £595 after payments of approximately £700 in total to Martin Rule and Chris Danks for coppicing and clearance worked carried out in February.

4. Viewing area/terracing update (Wainhomes £10000 funding project)

On-site meetings have been held with Beth Tonkin and Melissa Ralph to finalise project details and to progress the issuing of the required licences from Natural England. Work on both the terracing and capping projects will begin towards the end of the year during the trembling sea-mat dormant period.

5. Coppicing

A major coppicing programme was carried out at the end of February in accordance with the agreed management plan. Some concerns at the extent of the work were raised by a few local residents; these were answered with an explanation of the positive impact such operations have on the conservation of the Swanpool LNR/SSSI.

6. Children's play area

EL updated the Forum on the background to this project and outlined the process involved in seeking the funding necessary to bring the project to fruition.

Swanpool Beach Ltd. will provide funds for an experienced bid writer to seek a grant from Awards for All to prepare a comprehensive feasibility study for the project. This will then form the basis for a full application for European funding. All official grant applications will be made in the name of the Forum with funding provided by Swanpool Beach Ltd.

To ensure that there were no perceived conflicts of interest between the two parties it was agreed that **PL** should relinquish his role as Swanpool Forum treasurer. **MB** kindly offered to take on this position until such time as the project has been delivered.

It is anticipated that any funding award will be conditional on the applicant having control of the land on which the funded project will be situated. This will require Swanpool Beach Ltd. to sub-let the land in question to Swanpool Forum, a process which will require a sign off by Cornwall Council.

EL is considering establishing a Forum sub-group to progress the project. **RM** outlined the Learning to Lead initiative at Marlborough School and suggested that students engaged in this programme could play a role on the sub-committee and will liaise with **EL** on this possibility.

7. Any other business

The old information board at the north end of the pool warning of algae is outdated and will be replaced with a new board in conjunction with the new terraced viewing area.

The resident pen is now nesting; hatching of approx. eight cygnets is expected around 7th/8th May.

Seven fishing permits were renewed in April. One further permit will be issued to a keen new angler but that will be the last. All eight permit holders will be informed that the annual fee will be increased to £25 next year.. The basic rules applicable to fishing on the lake will be displayed on appropriate notice boards.

As advised by Beth Tonkin, PL has been contacted by Greg Wills who wishes to carry out a nesting bird survey at Swanpool as part of the BTO survey.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July, 2014 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
