



SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 8th July, 2015
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

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

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

2. Minutes of last meeting (15th April. 2015)

Accuracy agreed.

PL confirmed that the two new interpretation boards have been completed and installed.

DY stated that the residents' association would not be able to organise a litterpick in September as it clashed with its garden party. Surfers Against Sewage may still arrange an event.

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

3. Treasurer's report

Bank account funds stand at £2172 with payments for coppicing and clearance having been paid. Collection box donations continue to be very positive. Income is also received from angling permits at £20 each per year (6 permits issued this year; with a further 2 available).

4. Capital Projects - Terracing/Capping

As reported at the last meeting, the landing area/capping works project at the south end of the lake has been completed. This item will now be removed from the agenda.

PL is liaising with Don Martin (Cornwall Council – Open Spaces Officer) to progress the terracing project at the north end of the lake. It was agreed that up to £500 could be spent on preparing professional drawings and plans of the proposals in the hope that this would move the project forward.

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.

6. Charity status considerations

Discussions have been held with John Teague of Cornwall Rural Community Charities to pursue the option of Swanpool Forum becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This status would give the Forum a more professional standing and enable it participate in various legal and fund raising activities to help achieve its ambitions, particularly with regard to the proposed children's play area. John Teague will draw up a formal constitution for the CIO and will lead the Forum through the registration process.

Those present at this meeting agreed to become trustees of the CIO and it was agreed that Natural England, Falmouth Town Council and Cornwall Council would be asked to nominate trustees.

MB will request Nalders solicitors to provide an opinion on the responsibilities and liabilities of trustees of the CIO. Subject to this advice and any further responses and considerations, it was agreed to instruct John Teague to proceed to establish Swanpool Forum as a CIO.

7. Children's play area

The possibility of funding for the play area from Section 106 monies related to the Linden Homes development is now less likely as the planning application has been refused. An appeal is likely but will not be determined for many months. Funding applications to various sources can be considered once the Swanpool Forum CIO has been established.

8. Any other business

Swanpool Nature Reserve will be included in Falmouth's presentation and bid for a Britain in Bloom award; judging is being held on Friday 17th July.

There has been no response to an invite to a local environmentalist to submit proposals to remedy an issue she raised in relation to feeding ducks with stale bread. No further action will be taken unless and until any clear proposals are submitted.

Eight cygnets were hatched in May and are all doing well.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October, 2015 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
