



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 8th October, 2014
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
PH: Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club
LG: Louise Gall, Marlborough School

1. Apologies for absence: Esther Lochrie (**EL**), Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**),
Richard Gambier (**RG**)

2. Minutes of last meeting (23rd April, 2014)

It was noted that the minutes should have recorded that the treasurer is now Malcolm Brain not Peter Lochrie. With that one correction the minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings

PL is progressing the two replacement interpretation boards, as discussed and agreed at a previous 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 £1653. The fund was boosted by a payment of £200 for the provision of parking facilities over the past two years.

4. Capital Projects - Terracing/Capping

It has been confirmed that landing area/capping works project at the south end of the lake will commence in November/December.

Further to the report contained in the minutes of the special meeting held on 26th August, Don Martin of Cornwall Council, in an e-mail of 17th September, was proposing three options to progress the terracing/viewing area project at the north end of the lake, summarised as follows:

- (i) An execution of the original proposal, costing less than £10,000 but subject to the submission of more detailed drawings, a Bill of Qualities and an update of the original consent from Natural England.
- (ii) As above, but if the cost exceeds £10,000 the project would need to be split into two phases and require additional funding.
- (iii) An extension of the existing lease to include repair/maintenance and liability of the section of land in question, enabling the project to be implemented under the management of the leaseholder and/or the Forum.

The Forum agreed it would like to pursue option three and related this to Don Martin by telephone during the meeting. Don stated that quotes would need to be updated together with the Natural England consent. He undertook to consult with others on any other conditions necessary to proceed with this proposal and to report back shortly.

5. Coppicing

Major coppicing work was carried out at the end of February in accordance with the agreed management plan. It was considered that the plan was working well and that the regrowth of reed was particularly successful.

6. Children's play area

EL is continuing her work on this project and is progressing the necessary funding arrangements. A fuller progress report will be presented at the next meeting.

7. Any other business

Another cygnet has fallen prey to foxes since the last meeting. The remaining three are already flying and going off on jaunts with the cob and pen.

It was noted that the Forum AGM will be held immediately prior to the next scheduled meeting.

It was agreed that the Forum would be willing to become a 25% joint sponsor of a defibrillator to be kept at Swanpool. The Forum would contribute £300 of the £1200 total cost. The other proposed sponsors were Elemental UK, Falmouth Bay Residents' Association and Falmouth Town Council. **DY** will progress this proposal.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd December, 2014 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
