



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 15th April, 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

1. Apologies for absence: Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Esther Lochrie (**EL**),
Louise Gall (**LG**), Peter Hartley (**PH**)

2. Minutes of last meeting (4th Feb. 2015)

Accuracy agreed.

PL is progressing the design of new interpretation boards and will finalise shortly.

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

3. Treasurer's report

Bank account funds stand at £2177 with payments for coppicing and clearance to be deducted. Collection box donations have done well over the mild winter.

4. Capital Projects - Terracing/Capping

The landing area/capping works project at the south end of the lake has finally been completed. The workmanship and overall improvement that has resulted was commended by all.

Complications in releasing the Section 106 funding for the terracing/viewing area have still to be resolved. It was hoped that accommodation could be made in leasing arrangements to allow the Forum to implement the original project plan, costing less than the allocated £10,000, but a resolution of this issue has not been reached. **PL** will liaise with Don Martin (Cornwall Council – Open Spaces Officer) to determine a way forward.

5. Coppicing

It is considered that the coppicing programme has now been finalised and that a new five year schedule should be drawn up to ensure the benefits of regular, professional coppicing are maintained. **PL** will request **MR** to prepare a new five-year plan and to present it to the next meeting for discussion.

6. Children's play area

The possibility of the Forum making a funding application for a children's play area is dependent on lease negotiations between Cornwall Council and Swanpool Beach Ltd reaching an agreeable conclusion. Alternatively, funding may be available via Section 106 allocations from the proposed Linden Homes development on the three fields off Swanpool Road or the St Michael's Hotel development. Hopefully the situation will become clearer over the coming weeks when the results of lease negotiations and the Linden Homes application become known.

7. Any other business

Growth and spread of knotweed is again causing concern. **PL** will contact Cornwall Council on the matter.

A local environmentalist, Anna Maxted, has expressed concern at people feeding ducks with stale bread and has highlighted all the problems this may cause. **PL** will invite her to attend the next Forum meeting to present her case and to recommend solutions. The Forum will then decide what action, if any, to take.

PL is in the process of renewing and issuing fishing permits (eight in total).

DY will suggest to FBRA that it organises a litter-pick around the nature reserve in September. Further details and arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting.

The resident pen has now been nesting for seventeen days; there are believed to be between seven and nine eggs. Hatching is expected towards the end of the third week of May. The cob has had a very busy time shooing off many visiting swans.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th July, 2015 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
