



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 5th February, 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

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

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

Accuracy agreed.

PL has received no response from Marlborough School concerning a replacement for Bob Eldridge and will make further contact. (See later)

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

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Funds in bank account stand at £1627 with a further amount of approx. £100 from collecting boxes to be deposited.

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

Both projects are awaiting the issue of licences from Natural England; these were scheduled to be available by the end of January. **PL** will follow this up with Melissa Ralph

5. Coppicing

Any necessary coppicing will need to be conducted over the next few weeks before the nesting season begins. **PL** will contact **MR** to discuss and agree a coppicing schedule.

6. Children's play area

The Forum's support for the play area was confirmed at the previous meeting. A document outlining the rationale for the project has been prepared by **DY** and will be appended as an annex to these minutes.

EL reported that Falmouth Town Council unanimously supported the play area project at its meeting on 3/2/14. Also, a petition form held at the beach café has gained over 300 signatures and a Facebook feature has received very positive support.

EL will establish a Forum sub-committee to progress the project and to focus on sourcing the necessary funding; this may require the engagement of a fundraising professional, with any associated costs being borne by Swanpool Beach Ltd. It was suggested that it may be helpful to have a Falmouth Town or Cornwall councillor as a member of the sub-committee together with a representative from Marlborough School. (Richard Gambier, Head of Marlborough School, was contacted by **PL** during the meeting and agreed to serve on the Forum and sub-committee. Also, Falmouth Town Councillor, John Body, will be added to the contact list. **DY** to forward copies of recent minutes to both.)

7. Any other business

The text and layout of the two interpretation boards which need replacing will be discussed and agreed in consultation with the design company.

The resident cob and pen are both well. A visiting pair of swans settled in the car park a few weeks before Christmas' one left and a little while later the other was attacked by a fox and had to be put down.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd April, 2014 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary

ANNEX 1

SWANPOOL FORUM APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A THEMED CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA ADJACENT TO THE SWANPOOL NATURE RESERVE.

PRINCIPLES:

- The play area will attract more people to the area, resulting in a raised awareness of the nature reserve.
- The themed nature of the play area together with adjacent interpretation boards and educational events will inform visitors of the special ecological and environmental features of the nature reserve.
- The play area will provide opportunities for fundraising to support the nature reserve's environmental management plan.
- The recreational facilities provided will be a welcome additional attraction to the area.
- The establishment of a children's play area is fully compatible with Swanpool Forum's constitution and supports the principles contained therein.
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DETAILS:

- The park will have a name and design theme linking it to the nature reserve
- On site and adjacent interpretation boards will inform users of the special features of the nature reserve.
- The target age range of the park will be pre-school to early teens with seating and refreshment areas for parents and carers.
- The park will feature in educational visits to the nature reserve
- Special environmental and ecological awareness events will be held at the park.
- Collection boxes will be placed at the park with funds raised going to the nature reserve conservation fund
- A fundraising day will be held at the park each year with proceeds going to the nature reserve conservation fund.
- A fundraising target will be set to ensure that the environmental management of the nature reserve may be undertaken on a sustainable basis without recourse to Council or other public body funding.
