



# SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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## Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 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  
**PH:** Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club  
**LG:** Louise Gall, Marlborough School

### Note:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, those present were shown video highlights of a nature film by freelance filmmaker Bob Mahoney who had filmed wildlife activities at the nature reserve commencing in September of last year. Bob will complete filming in November and then edit the film for release in Spring next year. It is hoped that the film will be broadcast by a TV company or released in DVD format. Bob was thanked for his very interesting presentation and wished good luck in completing and marketing his film.

### Forum meeting:

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

## **2. Minutes of last meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014)**

Accuracy agreed.

**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 £1376. The fund was boosted by a donation of £425 from a collection taken at the funeral of Mrs Vera Healey a local resident and regular visitor to the nature reserve. **PL** has expressed the sincere gratitude of the Forum to the family of the late Mrs Healey.

## **4. Funded Projects (Wainhomes S106) Terracing/Capping**

An e-mail had been received from Melissa Ralph giving an update on the two projects and announcing that she was leaving Cornwall Council and that her responsibilities for these projects would be passed to Don Martin. The contents of the e-mail raised concerns that costs for the projects were now estimated to be significantly in excess of available funding. It was originally planned that the cost for the capping works would be fully funded by Cornwall Council and that the viewing area/terracing would be completed within the allocated £10000 S106 fund. **DY** will e-mail Don Martin to seek clarification.

## **5. Coppicing**

Major coppicing work was carried out at the end of February in accordance with the agreed management plan. It was agreed that the plan was working well and should continue until a further review is conducted towards the end of next year.

## **6. Children's play area**

**EL** is continuing her work on this project and is currently considering the arrangements for the play area land to be leased to the Forum. **PL** will contact the Treasurer, **MB** to discuss various strategies.

## **7. Any other business**

Eight cygnets were hatched in early May; four were subsequently taken by foxes but it is thought that the remaining four are now safe from this danger.

It was agreed not to continue as a community network member of the TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) as the annual fee of £38 could not be justified.

The small nesting raft has been repaired and re-commissioned. A discussion will be held later in the year on how the rafts may be improved and put to better use in the future. **MR** will be asked to contribute to this discussion.

**8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland  
Secretary

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