



# SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015  
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

**Present:**

**PL:** Peter Lochrie (Chairman), Swanpool Lessee  
**DY:** David Yelland (Secretary), Falmouth Bay Residents' Association  
**JB:** John Body, Falmouth Town Council  
**GT:** Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden  
**LG:** Louise Gall, Marlborough School  
**EL:** Esther Lochrie, Swanpool Beach

### 1. Introductions and apologies for absence:

Town Councillor John Body, Mayor of Falmouth was welcomed to his first meeting of the Forum.

Apologies for absence were received from: Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Peter Hartley (**PH**) and Malcolm Brain (**MB**)

### 2. Minutes of last meeting (8<sup>th</sup> July. 2015)

Accuracy agreed.

**PL** informed the meeting that Surfers Against Sewage are organising a litter-pick on the nature reserve and beach on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, commencing 11.30 a.m.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

Bank account funds stand at £2212 with a further £114 from collection box donations to be deposited.

### **4. Capital Projects - Terracing**

**PL** outlined the long history of the terracing project at the north end of the lake and the ongoing efforts to obtain the release of the scheduled £10000 S106 funding. It is now proposed to submit detailed proposals for planning permission within the next four weeks and hope that this will remove any final barrier to the allocation of the funding.

### **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**

An application has now been lodged to register Swanpool Forum as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) This status will give the Forum a more professional standing and enable it to participate in various legal and fund raising activities to help achieve its ambitions, particularly with regard to the proposed children's play area. It is expected that the registration will be confirmed sometime in November. Guidance and assistance with registration was provided by Cornwall Rural Community Charity; **EL** confirmed that CRCC's invoice for this work, totalling £260, has been settled.

As recorded at the last meeting, **MB** will request Nalders solicitors to provide an opinion on the responsibilities and liabilities of trustees of the CIO. **JB** will consider if he wishes to become a Trustee of the Swanpool Forum CIO. (It was explained that here is no requirement for current members of the Forum to become Trustees as they can continue to attend meetings as usual in the capacity of an Advisory Panel Member.)

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

Progress on applications for funding of the proposed play area is awaiting the registration of the CIO; this will enable the Forum to obtain a sub-lease on the land allocated for the project which, in turn, will provide it with the necessary status to make funding applications to various national and international bodies.

### **8. Any other business**

Many of the nature reserve signs on the wooden posts around the perimeter of the lake have been vandalised. These will be replaced and will include an additional message warning against the dumping of garden waste. **PL** will agree wording with Beth Tonkin.

New fishing permit signs will also be sourced. **PL** will liaise with **JB** who may have access to a competitive supply source.

The Swanpool Forum website will be updated, following which, **DY** will upload agendas, minutes, etc. direct.

Eight cygnets hatched in May are still all alive and thriving. This is the best survival rate anyone can remember.

### **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre. This meeting will incorporate the AGM.

D Yelland  
Secretary

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