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SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2005, 10.00am at The Green Centre, Falmouth

Present: Dr Allan Lester - Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Association
Guy Doncaster - BTCV
Dave Salmon - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Peter Lochrie - Swanpool Lessee
Andy Bates - Falmouth Model Boat Club
Martin Woodley - Carrick District Council

1. Apologies: Martin Rule - Environment Agency
Toby Field - Falmouth Marine School

2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (8th March 2005) & Matters Arising: The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Whilst an acknowledgement from the Enforcement Section of Carrick Development Services has been received in respect of the situation at Golden Bank and the progressing development, no further update was available. MW to action.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>MW</p>
3.	<p>People's Places Funding update: Nothing further to report. Rob Follett gave the Forum a demonstration of the new Swanpool web site that has now gone live, at the end of the meeting. A tour of the site was observed together with a demonstration of how to upload reports and items on to the site.</p>	
4.	<p>Launch Event Report: It was agreed that overall the event was a success with involvement from the Mayor, local school children and local press (Falmouth Packet & West Briton plus 2 interviews). Prior to any future involvement of school groups or similar it would be helpful to send through an information briefing pack beforehand (information on the pool, history, statistics etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new information boards seem clear and colourful as well as a big improvement on the previous panels. • The raft launch went according to plan and many thanks to all those who assisted. The swans have nested on the reedbeds closer to the pool edge. The raft currently has no cover. Perhaps next year the nest mound should be moved onto the raft to encourage its use. PL agreed to contact Abbotsbury Swannery for 	<p>PL</p>

	<p>further advice on nesting and measures to promote use of the raft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst an oily discharge from the inlet pipe at the northern end was noted during the launch event, it seems likely that this was the result of heavy rain washing off surface build up on the nearby road surfaces. 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Events Programme Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>April 2nd 2005 - Walk</u> around Swanpool. No feedback available so far. <u>March 2005 - Composting</u> event. Low turn out. Event did not run fully as less than 8 people attended. A brief session did take place and a representative from the press was there. <u>May 15th 2005 - Dawn Chorus</u> event at 6.30 am with Martin Rule. Advertising will be crucial. GD to liase with Francis to produce posters. PL confirmed that the café could be open at 9.30-10.00am. <u>National Local Nature Reserve Celebrations Week - 16th-31st July 2005.</u> MW reported information received from Sarah Byham via MR at Environment Agency. Forum discussed a potential special event during the period. Information pack included details of potential funding available from EN together with guidance on getting the event advertised on the EN web site etc. Information was passed to GD for Francis to work up information for the forms. Ideas for event included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A history based event with historic photographs and a walk with local historian Peter Gilson. Focus on mining history of the site and how this relates to the LNR/SSSI status (a new angle to promote the site with the local and wider community). Possible additional items could include bird box construction (kit assembly), Swanpool as a subject for painting/Art, fun run. Link to refreshments from café (special offer for those attending?) Overall focus needs to be on health aspects and promoting the site to a wider audience. Further information and progress report to be brought to next meeting. 	<p>MR</p> <p>MR GD</p> <p>GD & FK</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob Follett briefed the Forum on progress in establishing the new Swanpool Web Site. The site is now live and members were given a demonstration of its content, what could be viewed, important links and the process of uploading new reports and information. It was agreed that Forum minutes from January 2005 onwards would be placed on the site for information and update purposes. MW to arrange this process with RF. Knotweed invasion was discussed. DS confirmed that he had met on site with BT and Adam Cheld from CCC. The extent of the areas of the weed had now been plotted and methods for control had been discussed for each specific site (spray, injection). Concerns over spray drift and translocation through roots towards the watercourse and pool. National research is still ongoing into these issues. PL concerned over areas alongside the carpark that 	<p>MW</p>

