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# SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

## Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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  
 Councillor Malcolm Brain - Falmouth Town Council  
 Martin Rule - Environment Agency  
 Martin Woodley - Carrick District Council

**1. Apologies:** Beth Tonkin - English Nature

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> April 2005) &amp; Matters Arising:</b>            The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.            MB confirmed that a planning appeal on <b>land at Goldenbank</b> is imminent with reference to land adjoining the existing site. It was also noted that incidences of surface water flooding were increasing for adjoining properties.            MW also reported confirmation from the Enforcement Section that conditions on the new development were being complied with - with particular reference to limiting occupancy until a wall had been constructed etc.</p> <p><b>Launch Event</b> - PL reported that he had contacted the Chief Swanherd at Abbotsbury in connection with various swan concerns. PL confirmed that this would be the pair's 4<sup>th</sup> year at Swanpool. The pair have hatched 8 cygnets and 6 weeks ago all were using the new raft for roosting. The Swanherd recommended destroying the current nest next year (January) and rebuilding a nest on the raft (he will give advice on this). Feeding - need to avoid bread. Mix of grass cuttings and corn ok. Cygnets seem to be growing well. There is a good example of a well-used swan raft in Polperro Harbour.</p> <p>MW confirmed that the Forum minutes from January 2005 onwards have now been uploaded onto the web site.</p> <p><b>Knotweed:</b> PL confirmed that he had spoken to Adam Cheld about flailing the peripheral areas of the car park. It was agreed the grassed peripheral areas could continue to be cut but the margins</p>	<p></p> <p>PL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MW</p>

	<p>where the main body of the knotweed exists will be left alone. It was confirmed that only 2 patches of knotweed are to be treated this year (spray in May/June and then August) because of concerns over chemicals leaching into the lagoon and affecting TSM. EN has advised that more research is required into likely impact of treatments in area on TSM. However CWT concerned over lack of more extensive control of knotweed around the pool - particularly in one area where some treatment was undertaken last year. It was agreed that the Chair (AL) would write to EN expressing these concerns as Knotweed could very well become an even greater problem. MR will also contact BT to discuss this issue.</p> <p>MW reported an email from BT updating the Forum on the <b>Water Rail</b> research. Apparently the researcher is having difficulties catching the rails as cats are triggering the traps. He will continue the research after the summer.</p> <p><b>Car Park Enhancement Scheme:</b> MW has contacted the Regeneration Team at Carrick and it is agreed that representatives will attend a future meeting to discuss funding options and submissions etc. PL confirmed that he needs to replace the car park hut as soon as possible. A larger building could incorporate some display space with picnic benches along side. PL has made contact with a Landscaping professional from Kew and an outline scheme should be collated over the forthcoming months. This could include some soil remodelling and planting. PL will also contact John Mitchell at Kerrier District Council who has experience of transforming a similar environment at Tuckingmill Valley Park. EA will need to advise on any remodelling works in relation to the floodplain issues at Swanpool. In her email BT also noted that EN will need formal notice of any operations that could affect the SSSI. GD will liase with Andy Hocken with reference to Community Liaison and the Police.</p>	<p>AL MR</p> <p>MW</p> <p>PL</p> <p>GD</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>People's Places Funding update:</b> Apart from a volunteer litter pick and the removal of invasive species since the last meeting there was nothing further to report. Both Holly and Frances have now moved on to new jobs so GD has not had the same level of support. Consequently, the new leaflet still needs to be progressed together with promotional posters for events etc.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Events Programme update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dawn Chorus event</b> (15<sup>th</sup> May) - very wet and not well attended</li> <li>• <b>Walk around Swanpool</b> (12<sup>th</sup> June) - MW reported email from BT. The walk was also poorly attended so the issue of advertising needs to be addressed. In addition to the web site the following need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items in the Wildlife Trust magazine next year</li> <li>• A blackboard by the car park hut to notify people of the events programme (PL agreed to undertake this straight away)</li> <li>• New noticeboard in the car park using People's Places funding</li> <li>• Contact Radio Cornwall, Pirate and local newspapers with 'Whats On' adverts</li> <li>• The individual organisations running the event should</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>PL</p>

	<p>undertake their own publicity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Model Boat Club event</b> (3<sup>rd</sup> July)</li> <li>• <b>National Local Nature reserves Celebration Week event</b> (30<sup>th</sup> July) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL to contact artist Ted Dyer for potential 'Painters in Action' session or competition</li> <li>• DS to investigate a contact with Kurt Jackson at CWT - idea of 'create a masterpiece in a day'</li> <li>• PL has historic photographs to display in a gazebo</li> <li>• DS offered that CWT may be able to provide a pond dipping session</li> <li>• MR to contact BT for ideas and whether EN has a mobile display or exhibition that can be used.</li> <li>• GD will organise publicity</li> <li>• Special meeting arranged for <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005, 10.00am at Swanpool</b> to finalise events for the day.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Model Boat Club event</b> (14<sup>th</sup> August)</li> <li>• <b>Cornwall Bat Group event</b> (18<sup>th</sup> August)</li> <li>• <b>National Maritime Week event</b> (19th August) - Rock Pool Ramble</li> <li>• <b>September 'Clean up &amp; BBQ' event</b> - rearranged for Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>DS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>DS</p> <p>MR GD</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forum discussed concerns over speed of traffic coming down Swanpool Hill. Whilst there is a 40 mph speed limit members agreed that a reduction to 30 mph and/or traffic calming measures should be implemented. AL agreed to write to CCC on behalf of the Forum to raise these issues.</li> <li>• In response to a question about the volunteer groups who work at Swanpool, GD confirmed that the individuals include long term unemployed, those with special needs and some ex-offenders. There are always 1 or 2 leaders with the groups (BTCV). PL confirmed that a drink from the café would be available on request.</li> <li>• On the subject of the sale of some land at Swanvale, it seems that a map identifying the specific area had not arrived at BT's office. GD had originally sent the map produced by AB showing the land between the stream and Silverdale Road. It was hoped that BT can provide an update at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>AL</p> <p>BT</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Date, Time &amp; Venue of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005, 10.00am at Falmouth Green Centre.</b></p>	<p>ALL</p>