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SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2005, 10.00am at The Green Centre, Falmouth

Present: Dr Allan Lester - Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Association
Guy Doncaster - BTCV
Councillor Malcolm Brain - Falmouth Town Council
Tony Hilder - Community Volunteer Officer
Martin Woodley - Carrick District Council
David Turner - Carrick Regeneration Officer

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin - English Nature

2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (16th June 2005) & Matters Arising: The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting with the only correction being reference to Adam Chell not Adam Cheald</p>	ACTION
3.	<p>People's Places Funding update: GD confirmed that funding from People's Places had been used to support the successful Fun Day back in July. In recent weeks volunteers had undertaken a litter pick around Swanpool and the removal of alien species and dumped garden waste. Additional 'No Dumping Garden Waste' signs have been erected. Agreed that a letter would be dropped to all local residents explaining the implications of dumping garden waste, contravention of the appropriate legislation, threat to the conservation value of the site etc. The letter would also refer to the recent useful document delivered to all households in Carrick explaining the policy on recycling and giving guidance on composting.</p> <p>GD & TH have met with the Graphic Designer about the new leaflet. The identity and branding will reflect the new information boards with information being condensed and images reused. The final draft may be available at the next meeting. When printed and available all existing old leaflets will need to be recycled.</p> <p>GD is currently awaiting invoices to be paid from the fund as additional money will need to be drawn down or else it may be withdrawn. The Graphic Designer will need payment at the outset plus instalments as the project continues.</p> <p>The Forum then discussed potential items to clear the residual funding of the project. Ideas included:</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>AL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bench seats</u> along the lower level path at the southern end. GD to investigate various designs and costings. • <u>Litter pickers</u> plus disposable gloves (health & safety issues) • <u>Bins/dog waste bins</u> (on going costs to cover emptying etc) • <u>Notice board(s)</u> - possibly one at either end of the lagoon. Boards would need to be anti-vandal standard and covered. GD to investigate costs for manufacture and installation. MW to investigate planning requirements and guidance from English Nature on siting etc. • <u>Bamboo Clearance</u>: large stand of bamboo at the northern end needs to be removed. Will require mechanical digger and trailer etc. Need cost implication and advice from BT. Site is not within an area with Japanese Knotweed. • <u>Bird Raft</u>: is there a possibility of siting a further raft on the lagoon for birds other than the swans. Could enhance birdwatching opportunities. Concerns over this being a longer project with English Nature liaison. 	<p>GD</p> <p>GD MW</p> <p>GD/TH</p>
4.	<p>Events Programme update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forum discussed and reviewed the Events Programme listed on the Swanpool Website. A concern was raised that the schedule was over-ambitious in terms of the number of items planned. As not all groups were represented at the meeting it was agreed that this subject would appear as an item on the next meeting agenda. • The Fun Day on 30th July ran successfully with events including painting with Audrey Jackson, pond dipping with Martin Rule, a guided walk around the lagoon with Beth Tonkin and sessions building bird boxes and making dragonfly models. • September 'Clean up & BBQ' event - this had been cancelled as a litter pick and clean up had already taken place recently and it was considered unlikely that the event would be well attended as publicity had not been arranged. 	<p>ALL</p>
5.	<p>Potential Enhancement Works update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW introduced Dave Turner from the Council's Regeneration Team to the meeting and then explained the situation so far with reference to a potential enhancement scheme focussing on environmental and interpretation improvements for the car park and immediate environs. The scheme may include a visitor centre combined with a new ticket office, landscaping and planting in and around the car park and general signage improvements. • At the last meeting PL was in the process of obtaining some sketch plans for a potential scheme. It is hoped that these can be presented at the next meeting. • DT outlined the position concerning grant sources and a 'Grantfinder' enquiry undertaken and fed back to PL. • The Forum then discussed the need to be a formal constituted body in order to apply for and access funds. The body may either have charitable status or, if larger funds were being applied for, be a Company limited by guarantee. It was agreed that as the 	<p>PL</p>

circulated to members. It provides generic guidance on the management of the habitats found at Swanpool and should be considered alongside the existing management Plan and the Schedule attached to the SSSI citation sheets. Following a brief discussion members raised concerns over the final paragraph which states.... "...invasive introductions such as Japanese Knotweed should be removed". This statement is far too simplistic as attempts to pursue this goal have proved time consuming and difficult to achieve. Members also requested that an item relating to Knotweed eradication be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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7. Date, Time and venue of next meeting(s)

Special Meeting to discuss the Constitution for the Forum. It is requested that all representatives attend so that this matter can be assessed and a final draft agreed.

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Wednesday 2nd November 2005 @ 10.00am, Falmouth Green Centre

Next regular Forum Meeting

Thursday 15th December 2005 @10.00am, Falmouth Green Centre

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