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# SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

## Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005, 10.00am at The Green Centre, Falmouth

**Present:** Dr Allan Lester - Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Assn  
Guy Doncaster - BTCV  
Tony Hilder - Community Volunteer Officer  
Martin Woodley - Carrick District Council  
Peter Lochrie - Swanpool Lessee  
Andrew Bates - Falmouth Model Boat Club  
Councillor Malcolm Brain - Falmouth Town Council

**1. Apologies:** Beth Tonkin - English Nature  
Councillor John Body - Carrick District Council  
Dave Salmon - Cornwall Wildlife Trust

2.	<b><u>Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and matters arising:</u></b>	<b>Action</b>
	3. <u>The Garden Waste Guidance flyer:</u> has now been drafted and assessed by EN. The final copy with Japanese Knotweed images should be available by mid January. Copies will then be distributed to local residents with a copy of the new leaflet.	MW
	4. <u>Events Programme:</u> - for 2006 this will focus on the main fun day.	MB
	5. <u>Enhancement Works:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning application for the new car park ticket office building has now been submitted (ref: PA02/2369/05/G) and should be determined by the end of January.</li> <li>• Phase 1 of the planting/landscaping works will commence before the next season. This will comprise the planting of indigenous broadleaf trees and shrubs along the bank between the WC's and the Swanpool flats. 3 car-sized oval planters will also be constructed across the car park with planting contained by granite edging. These will also contain indigenous tree and shrub species. Planters will break up the car park area and prevent car racing across the site. BTCV may have a source of appropriate trees.</li> <li>• Consent for 4 beach huts has now been granted planning consent with a condition requiring the display of an emergency evacuation leaflet in each unit at the request of the EA.</li> <li>• The issue of manning the section of the new car park building as an information centre was again discussed with concern from organisations being the difficulty in sustaining volunteers in the building. All Forum Members are requested to consider what they would like to see in the building as an information</li> </ul>	ALL

	<p>centre/meeting room and if their organisation could contribute in any way to supporting/manning such a facility at Swanpool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL's historic photos have now been scanned by Andy Campbell in Webber Street and can be viewed on his web site "<a href="http://www.imagedelivery.co.uk">www.imagedelivery.co.uk</a>". It is understood that Peter Gilson's collection is also about to be scanned in this way. PL will be selling photos of 'old Swanpool' from the new building.</li> </ul> <p>6. <u>Any Other Business Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale of land at Swanvale - BT to report update to next meeting.</li> <li>• Knotweed Treatment - now being undertaken but issue of proximity to the watercourse has meant that areas along Swanvale have not been treated as EN have concerns over methodology and potential impact on SSSI. DS to liase with BT over extent of works and update needed at next meeting.</li> <li>• Traffic Calming Issues: CCC currently assessing the section of road down from the cemetery on health and safety grounds as speeds are excessive and there is danger for emerging vehicles. PL has now relocated the granite blocks in the car park to the rear bank fronting onto the rear road. This will prevent unauthorised parking blocking the road during the season.</li> </ul> <p><u>Minutes of the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 and matters arising:</u></p> <p>2. <u>Swanpool Management Forum Constitution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further guidance on insurance cover from Carrick DC is awaited. Particularly the responsibility in relation to current Forum events and general incidents around the land owned by the Council. MW to report to next meeting.</li> <li>• Discussion focussed on liability and funding concerns with the implications of the Forum becoming a limited company by guarantee. MW reported guidance form the Legal Section at Carrick. Acquiring company status would give the Forum legal status and would require the appointment of directors (at least 5) and the company secretary. Need to consider whether each component organisation would be willing for their representative to become a company director. MW agreed to write to each body and pose this question. Matter to be reported back to next meeting. Carrick representative (and possibly EN, EA and CWT) would be unable to be a director but could maintain an Advisor role/status</li> <li>• An alternative option would be to leave the Forum as a Constituted body and then use Accountable Bodies (such as Carrick DC, English Nature etc) for the more expansive projects and funding bids.</li> <li>• MW to seek further advice from Carrick's legal section on this matter, including the position of elected members in relation to a new Company.</li> </ul> <p>3. <u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The swan raft will need to be moved nearer the existing reed beds to assist in it being used by the pair of swans next year. The existing nest will now be destroyed and the new one constructed on the raft in early January.</li> <li>• It was reported that the timber edging to the southern section of</li> </ul>	<p>BT</p> <p>DS &amp; BT</p> <p>MW</p> <p>MW</p> <p>MW</p> <p>PL &amp; AB</p>
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	<p>the pool is now deteriorating rapidly and needs to be repaired as a matter of priority. MW to liase with Clive Pearson over this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The positioning of a bollard at the top of the path leading down to the pool at the southern end was requested to prevent vehicles driving down right up to the pool.</li> <li>• Further advice will be sought from EN on the issue of fishing from the pool and operations contained in the SSSI schedule. Should fishing have consent from EN? BT will be asked to clarify this.</li> </ul>	<p>MW MW</p> <p>MW &amp; BT</p>
3.	<p><b>People's Places Funding Scheme update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TH confirmed that 2 new notice boards have been purchased and will be installed in mid January. Each will take 4xA4 sheets and will be lockable. The volunteer working party are scheduled to install the boards during 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 - one at either end of the pool. MW confirmed that following liaison with the Planning Enquiries Unit of Carrick Development Services, planning permission will not be required for the installation of the boards. GD will organise a press release for the 11<sup>th</sup> January and the Town Mayor will be invited to unveil the boards at 2.00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Press will be invited and the new nest on the Swan Raft will also be constructed to help publicise the activity and issues within the Local Nature Reserve.</li> <li>• The new leaflet is now in its final version and printed copies should be available for the event on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. Copies of leaflet will also be distributed to local residents with the Garden Waste flyer. (MW requested 25 copies of new leaflet). 2,000 copies of new leaflet will be printed.</li> <li>• GD confirmed that the PP funding is now drawing to a close so there will be no funding left for the event programme 2006-2007. The Forum will need to submit a request for a Community Grant (up to £500) from Falmouth Town Council in April 2006. This will help to cover the costs of the fun day and volunteer work.</li> </ul>	<p>GD</p> <p>MW &amp; MB</p>
4.	<p><b>Constitution update:</b> This item was discussed and recorded in the previous minutes section above.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Potential Enhancement Works update:</b> This item was discussed and recorded in the previous minutes section above.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Siting of Roosting Rails:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As no funding is currently available for this important project the works will be put on hold. In the meantime advice will be sought from EN on the principle and detail of such works. MW to contact BT for advice.</li> </ul>	<p>MW &amp; BT</p>
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL has contacted the Falmouth Packet about setting up a monthly diary in the newspaper dedicated to the Swanpool Reserve. The newspaper editor would rather run stories/items on Swanpool on a less formal basis with any items being discussed directly with Emma Goodchild at the Falmouth Packet.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Date, Time &amp; Venue of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006 @ 10.00am</b> <b>Falmouth Green Centre.</b></p>	<p>ALL</p>

