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SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum *Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2006 at 10.00am* *at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth*

Present: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
 Dr Allan Lester, Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Assn.
 Andrew Bates, Falmouth Model Boat Club
 Beth Tonkin, English Nature
 Martin Rule, Environment Agency
 Councillor Malcolm Brain, Falmouth Town Council
 Donald Martin, Asset Services - Carrick District Council
 Martin Woodley, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
 Gary Thomson, Local Birdwatcher
 Jason Birt, Falmouth Marine School

1. Apologies: Councillor John Body, Carrick District Ward Member
 Guy Doncaster, Falmouth Green Centre & BTCV
 Tony Hilder, Community Volunteer Officer

		Action
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (16.02.2006) & Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Garden Waste Flyer</u> - now distributed by MB. One continuing offender. MB to liaise. MW to investigate enforcement procedures and relevant bylaws. Need for formal warning as prerequisite to further action and possible prosecution. • <u>Enhancement Works</u> - new car park building/information centre now constructed and operational. Tree planting along southern boundary now completed and 2 granite planters constructed in car park. • <u>Sale of Land at Swanvale</u> - BT has heard nothing further on this issue. • <u>Knotweed Treatment</u> - no further updates available. • <u>Traffic Calming</u> - ongoing concerns over threat to wildlife and visitors to the site. Previous requests for calming measures have been resisted by the Divisional Surveyor on the grounds that there are insufficient traffic flows for calming measures. The existing chicane is considered ineffective and poorly policed with inconsiderate parking of vehicles. Forum members discussed additional warning signs and the organisation of a local residents and visitors petition for calming measures. PL agreed to organise a petition book at the café/ticket office. • <u>Constitution</u> - see later section of minutes. • <u>Swan raft</u> - further advice has been sought from the Abbotsbury Swanherd on encouraging use of the raft by the swans. PL has tried placing false eggs on the raft and also a new feeder/hopper. Eventually the feed encouraged the breeding pair and the pen has nested on the raft and 4 cygnets have been hatched. AB has contacted Radio Cornwall with an item on this. PL will 	<p>MB</p> <p>MW</p> <p>PL</p>

	<p>contact the West Briton & Falmouth Packet as well. Photos are needed for an article. AB reported that the raft will need a refit later this year (ramp treads, bedding, renew moorings, use non-floating mooring rope). BT reported an article describing how recycled plastic had been used for such installations as well as roost rails etc. This will need to be investigated further as a longer-term solution, subject to funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fishing on the Lagoon</u> - PL reported that he has now spoken with a number of the local fishermen and the concerns over lethal litter were well received. Concerns will be passed on to other fishermen so as to avoid future incidents. • <u>People's Places Scheme</u> - now finalised. PL still awaiting keys for the new noticeboards. • <u>Events</u> - see later section of minutes. • <u>Web site</u> - MW reported that minutes and garden waste leaflet have now been uploaded onto the site. 	<p>PL AB & PL GD</p>
3	<p>New Swanpool Leaflet update: PL reported that a 2-year supply of the new leaflet has now been printed and bundles are being distributed. MW requested a number for Carrick reception areas.</p>	MW
4	<p>Constitution Update: No further update as GD is reviewing the form of the constitution in relation to documents produced by other similar bodies. Forum stressed that the Constitution needs to be in place in order for funding bids to be progressed. A funding strategy will need to be agreed at the future AGM.</p>	GD
5	<p>Enhancement Works update: PL presented a verbal report to the forum on the progress of works around the car park. The ticket/information building is now in place and operating, 2 granite planters have been constructed and trees have been planted. The Forum now needs to explore the value of the building and how it can be used to progress the site promotion and interpretation. JB suggested that the room to the rear of the kiosk could be used as a field centre in connection with his students and work experience. Issues of display materials, point of contact, security and general ideas for interpretation were discussed. It was agreed to form a Sub Committee to investigate the potential use of the site and a lead to manage it. Membership of the Sub Committee was agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm Brain • Jason Birt • Allan Lester • Gary Thomson • Andrew Bates <p>The first meeting of the Sub Committee will take place at the building on Thursday 18th May 2006 @ 11.00am. AL reported that an ASBO has been served at Gyllyngvase in relation to car racing. The police has suggested that the Swanpool area could be considered as on the periphery of the affected area and any concerns or incidences could be reported directly to the police. Carrick DC has now appointed Environmental Enforcement Officers who will patrol between the hours of 9.00pm -5.00am. This measure was welcomed by members as a crackdown on antisocial behaviour and racing cars.</p>	<p>MB, JB, AL, GT, AB</p>
6	<p>Works Programme 2006-2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Japanese Knotweed Treatment Programme</u> - no further update available. 	

