

S W A N P O O L 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

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2 M	linutes of Last Meeting (16.02.2006) & Matters Arising	
•	Garden Waste Flyer - now distributed by MB. One continuing offender. MB to liaise. MW to investigate enforcement procedures and relevant bylaws. Need	MB
	for formal warning as prerequisite to further action and possible prosecution.	MW
•	Enhancement Works - 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.	
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•	Knotweed Treatment - no further updates available.	
•	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.	PL
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•	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	
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	 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. Fishing on the Lagoon - 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. People's Places Scheme - now finalised. PL still awaiting keys for the new noticeboards. Events - see later section of minutes. Web site - MW reported that minutes and garden waste leaflet have now been uploaded onto the site. 	PL AB & PL
3	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.	MW
4	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.	GD
5	 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: Malcolm Brain Jason Birt Allan Lester Gary Thomson Andrew Bates The first meeting of the Sub Committee will take place at the building on Thursday 18 th 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.	MB, JB, AL, GT, AB
6	 Works Programme 2006-2007 Japanese Knotweed Treatment Programme - no further update available. 	

	•	<u>Timber Edging to Southern End of the Lagoon</u> - MW reported an update following a response from Clive Pearson. The funding is in place and the extent of the works is currently being investigated so as to collate a schedule of works and the invitation of tenders. CP will be liaising with BT in relation to the extent of works and the methodology to be employed, as there is likely to be a direct impact on the protected species. BT is awaiting contact. CP has assured the Forum that works will only commence outside the main season and as to be agreed with EN.	вт
	•	<u>Roost Rails</u> - the use of the recycled plastic material will be investigated. This was used for the deck at the northern quay end. This would seem to be a candidate for a future funding initiative.	
	•	It was noted that the works programme within the Management Plan will need to be reviewed and updated as a focus for future projects etc.	
7	Ev •	ents Programme 2006-2007 Annual Fun Day Summer 2006- Various ideas of activities were discussed. MR: pond dipping (using the lagoon plus samples of water from other environments for comparison). JB: rockpool investigations. PL: collection of old photographs of Swanpool - exhibition and purchase copies. Painting mural	
		- part rear of new building? Audrey Jackson to be approached again as per last year. Guided walks etc as per last year. Date agreed as Saturday 15th July 2006. (low water will be at 3.30pm). Next meeting will finalise arrangements and programme for publicity etc.	ALL
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8		y Other Business The web site should be updated to include links to other related Nature Reserve sites and groups. Link to the Cornwall Local Nature Reserve web site will be crucial. Further advice should be sought from Sarah Byham.	MW
	•	 Concern over new housing developments at Goldenbank. MW reported that a further subsequent application has been received for 82 dwellings plus a shop. The Forum discussed the main issues and agreed that a letter should be submitted to the Case Planning Officer highlighting the following concerns: Are there footpath links between the new development and the lagoon to promote sustainable access to the reserve and associated open space? No vehicular access between the site and Swanpool should be permitted though. Are there any ongoing surface water drainage issues with this further phase of development. SUDS will be crucial to ensure that there is no additional run off and patential pollution threats to the lagoon (LNP and Case). 	MW
	•	additional run off and potential pollution threats to the lagoon (LNR and SSSI). This has previously been the subject of much debate.AB has been contacted by a Contemporary Art and Craft student about designing and making a sculpture for Swanpool. She has been directed to the Swanpool website for information. PL updated the Forum on his public art	
		project for the beach, which is currently at the formative discussion stage with PASW and Carrick Development Management.	
	•	BT confirmed that a copy of the report produced by Michelle (research student) will be forwarded to MW to place in the site records/archive.	BT MW

	 A complaint has been passed on to the Forum from a local resident about the rubbish bin at the northern end of the lagoon. It is not being emptied regularly and is causing local concerns and the accumulation of rubbish. Wind blown rubbish is a real problem. MW agreed to liaise with Waste Management over this issue. Could a collection or donations box be sited alongside the car park building to encourage contributions to future projects and improvements. This will need to be progressed after the AGM when a Treasurer has been appointed and an account set up. 	MW
	 Race for Life - Sunday 14th May 2006 - PL confirmed that as a business he supports the charity event with both sponsorship and donations to Cancer Charity. Furthermore, the car parking fee entitles the person to a free hot drink from the café as well. A notice will be placed on the site during the event to explain this. 	PL
9	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 6 th June @ 10.00am Venue: The Meeting Room at Swanpool	ALL

Minutes update - 10th May 2006 meeting:

<u>Item 2</u> - Garden Waste Flyer - as far as the tipping of garden waste is concerned, I have now contacted Andrew Stott at the County Council (Enforcement Team) to ascertain the process of taking formal action against repeated offenders. A response is unlikely to be available for this Forum meeting but I will ensure that the information gets reported on in due course.

<u>Item 3</u> - I am awaiting copies of the new Swanpool Leaflet for display in the Carrick reception areas. I believe that Beth would like some copies as well.

<u>Item 8</u> - I have contacted Sarah Byham about additional links for our web site. She has recommended the following:

• <u>www.cornwallnr.org.uk</u>

Sarah has also offered to include any of the Fun Day activities on general posters advertising the Local Nature Reserve Week (15th-30th July). Someone will need to contact her with details if you wish to pursue this method of publicising Swanpool events.

<u>Item 8</u> - As far as recent new planning applications for Goldenbank are concerned, I have forwarded the comments raised by the Forum at the last meeting to the Case Officer in Carrick Development Management - Tim Marsh.

<u>Item 8</u> - I have contacted Darren Collins in Waste Management about the frequency of rubbish bin emptying at Swanpool. The problem should now be resolved.

Martin 2.June.2006