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SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum *Meeting held on Thursday 14th September 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
Guy Doncaster, Falmouth Green Centre & BTCV
Councillor Malcolm Brain, Falmouth Town Council
Paul Webber, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
Gary Thomson, Local Birdwatcher
David Salmon, West Cornwall Reserves Officer, CWT

1. Apologies: Councillor John Body, Carrick District Ward Member
Beth Tonkin, English Nature
Martin Rule, Environment Agency
Jason Birt, Falmouth Marine School

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2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (09.05.2006) & Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no minutes from the previous meeting however those who attended confirmed that the meeting consisted entirely of a discussion of the constitution and that all those points raised by those present and not present were discussed. The result was the final constitution that was sent out by GD prior to this meeting. 	
3	<p>Constitution: Having discussed this at the previous meeting it was proposed by AL and seconded by GD that the constitution be formally adopted, this motion was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>A copy of the signed Constitution is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>The following Officers were elected to the Forum: Chairman: Malcolm Brain Treasurers: Guy Doncaster & Peter Locherie Secretary: Paul Webber</p> <p>PL to open a bank account under the name of the Swanpool Forum.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PL</p>

4	<p>General Update:</p> <p>Traffic Problems: There has been concern for a while over the speed of traffic passing Swanpool, therefore a petition was started in May, which has proved to be very popular. PL aims to involve the local County Councillor and submit the petition to the County Council at the end of the season asking for both a flashing and ordinary signs to be erected and a reduction in the speed limit.</p> <p>Fun Day: Despite the weather AL reported that the day had been very successful and should be an ongoing annual event. BT sent the following message: Please also convey my thanks to all those who assisted with the LNR Funday. The group probably already have it in hand, but if there are any funds it would be nice to provide T & S and a letter of thanks from the LNR Forum for those non-LNR group people who contributed their time and materials so generously. In particular Kate with her seashore plaster casts and Audrey's Swanpool painting which were hugely enjoyed, as were all the other activities including the bug box, pond dipping and microscope, trembling sea-mat model display & video and Swanpool photograph exhibition.</p> <p>Japanese Knotweed: BT reported that she had recently met with CCC and agreed a phased programme of treatment of Japanese knotweed at Swanpool to begin this Sept/Oct. DS confirmed that this work has now commenced using various methods, spraying the knotweed that is situated on land and injecting those situated over the water. This problem will take years to eradicate.</p> <p>Action Plan and Funding: GD stated that the Forum need to prioritise what needs to be required before we look for funding. By formulating an Action Plan we can target funding from the grants available. Could look at the Management Plan as a starting point for priorities, although this needs to be reviewed because much has already been completed. AB suggested that the Forum investigate whether the Harbour Commissioners give out small grants. GD highlighted that another source of funding could be the lottery, where there is a current under spend in grants under £10,000.</p> <p>Timber Edging to Southern End of the Lagoon: AB confirmed that the boards have now been measured, and that the type of replacement materials needs to be agreed through BT.</p> <p>Breathing Spaces: GD informed that the BTCV applied because the Forum had no constitution at the time of bidding, and that we should know in October whether we have got funding.</p> <p>Community Involvement/Education: AL suggested we look at having exhibitions in the Information Centre that are manned by volunteers. PL/DS informed the Forum that this had been tried in the past but they hadn't managed to find enough volunteers. GD highlighted the need to look at how we engage the wider community, particularly schools. DS suggested that the Forum speak to local schools to see</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>AB</p> <p>BT</p> <p>GD</p>
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	<p>how they currently use the nature reserve, this would help in deciding whether more information such as leaflets or newsletters would be useful to promote use. PL admitted that the current use of the nature reserve by schools seemed to be very much on an ad hoc basis.</p>	
	<p>It was noted that bi-monthly meetings could be useful while the Forum starts to take shape and is able to bid for funding.</p>	
5	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 8th November @ 10.00am</p> <p>Venue: The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	ALL