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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 8th August 2007 at 10.00am at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
Paul Webber, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
Gary Thomson, Volunteer Warden
Andrew Bates, Falmouth Model Boat Club
Guy Doncaster, Falmouth Green Centre
Dr Allan Lester, Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Assn
Councillor Malcolm Brain, Falmouth Town Council (Chairman)
David Salmon, West Cornwall Reserves Officer, CWT

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin, Natural England
Jason Birt, Falmouth Marine School

		Action
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (01.06.2007) & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were signed off as being a true and accurate record.</p>	
3	<p>Fun Day:</p> <p>It was agreed that this years funday was successful in raising awareness of the Nature Reserve, however the very good weather did mean that many people just stayed on the beach.</p> <p>Lessons have been learned and it is probably best to start thinking about next years fun day early and that it should be put on the next agenda.</p>	PW

<p>4</p>	<p>General Update:</p> <p>Timber Edging to Southern End of the Lagoon: Mike Kulpa (Carrick DC) has informed the Forum that he is waiting for the license to arrive to enable work to commence. Natural England have given their approval and Carrick anticipate that work will commence the last two weeks of October running through to November and will probably take 6 weeks.</p> <p>John James (Carrick DC) has inspected the grill but as yet nothing has happened. PL will chase up.</p> <p>Grants: MB has yet to submit an application form for the Falmouth Town Council grants because there has to be a specific function for the money. After a discussion it was agreed that a bid should be submitted to help fund next years funday.</p> <p>Fishing: There was a brief update for AB on the issues raised while he was away and the decision to place signs setting out good practice for anglers. AB suggested that it may be a good idea to place a sign at the Tackle Shop as well.</p> <p>Litter: It was brought to the groups attention that both the rubbish and dog bins are not being emptied enough. PL agreed to talk to Carrick about both the collection and the design of the bins. GD thought that Clean Cornwall Week would be a good chance to highlight the problem around Swanpool and that we should organise a litter pick for Sunday 16th September as part of this. PL will talk to Paul Armstrong of the Falmouth Packet.</p> <p>Training: DS will look into courses that may be available about training and report back. This could be funded through the awards for all funding. PL also agreed to speak to David Wheeler about training the forum.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>MB</p> <p>PL</p> <p>DS, PL</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Habitat Creation: A decision has yet to be reached on the recommendations that were raised by Ash Girdler on eco-islands and habitat management, as we are awaiting further feedback from Natural England. The group are aware that the funding they have acquired has to be spent by February 2008 and so it was decided to include it a separate item on the next agenda. MB agreed to email BT about both items with a view to her giving Natural England's position at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Concerns raised in Falmouth Packet: The Chairman allowed members to speak briefly on this issue but decided that as issues are not related directly to the Swanpool Forum that any further discussion should take place outside of the Forum.</p>	

7	<p>Any Other Business: Lady Lester attended the meeting and asked to be allowed to join the Forum. It was agreed that the constitution is open to any individual interested in taking an active part in promoting its aims and so the Chairman asked that she put the request in writing and that she would invited to attend the next meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Fun Day Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 26th September @ 10.00am Venue: The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	ALL