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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum *Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2007 at 10.00am* *at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth*

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

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin, Natural England
Jason Birt, Falmouth Marine School
Gary Thomson, Volunteer Warden

		Action
2	<p>Constitution:</p> <p>MB proposed an amendment to the Forum's Constitution.</p> <p>That the Forum's membership should be limited in numbers – given the outcome of all research that demonstrates a group of between 6 to 10 is much more effective than a larger group. Proposed a Forum membership no larger than 10.</p> <p>Following from was the proposal: That any new group applying to join the Forum will have to demonstrate it has had a history showing its commitment to the wellbeing of the site. An individual who can demonstrate they too can show such a commitment may be invited to join the Forum.</p> <p>AL raised his concerns about the change in the constitution, however the changes were formally approved by a majority of the Forum.</p> <p>MB to write to Lady Lester.</p>	MB
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (08.08.2007) & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were signed off as being a true and accurate record with the following amendments:</p>	

	<p>Correction to item 4: Natural England has not yet consented the proposed works on the timber edging to the southern edge of the lagoon. In order to obtain Natural England formal SSSI Consent (under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981) Carrick District Council will need to submit a formal Notice detailing the proposed works to the timber edging and replacement of the grille over the culvert, impact assessment and Method Statement. The works will also require a Licence because Trembling sea-mat is protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. Beth Tonkin has spoken to Mike Kulpa at CDC and understands that these matters are being progressed.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Habitat Creation: The forum agreed that there needs to be a fully detailed planting scheme for the swan raft and that this needs to be agreed through liasing with Natural England. It was felt that this could be progressed without a new action plan. MB will work with BT on working up a proposal.</p> <p>BT reported that Natural England would not agree to the recommendations for the proposed management of wet willow Carr and reedbeds being carried out at present - any habitat management needs to be planned and prioritised as part of a structured programme of management within the revision to the LNR Management Plan.</p> <p>5 Fun Day: It was agreed that a sub group is set up to push forward with planning for next year's event. It was agreed that PL and GD would lead on this task and report back to the rest of the forum at future meetings, where appropriate. Once again the funday will try to be programmed in to coincide with Local Nature Reserve week as it was last year. AL suggested that gazebo's could be purchased to be used at the funday.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>General Update:</p> <p>Grants: MB has yet to submit an application to Falmouth Town Council to help fund next year's funday.</p> <p>Litter: A litterpick took place on 16th September as part of Clean Cornwall Week. It was very successful in involving local people, and it was thought that the radio played a big part in promoting the event. Lots of rubbish was cleared and the forum felt that it should become a regular event.</p> <p>PL spoke to John James at CDC about the rubbish and dog bins at Swanpool not being emptied often enough and he agreed to deal with this, but this will need to be monitored.</p> <p>Training: DS looked into courses that are available, these included chainsaw, brush cutting and first aid courses.</p>	<p>MB</p>

	<p>BTCV are putting together training for volunteers around the county, these could be based at Swanpool and courses offered to the Forum first before being rolled out to other volunteers.</p> <p>GD reported that Cornwall Waste Action is doing courses on Project Management and first aid and that space maybe available if anyone was interested.</p> <p>In light of this offer it was suggested that GT attend the first aid course.</p> <p>PL spoke to Dave Wheeler at Abbotsbury Swannery in Dorset about training and he suggested that members spend a couple of days learning from them. This they would be happy to provide for a donation to their charity.</p> <p>The Forum agreed that this would be useful and it was agreed that PL and GT attend the training. PL to agree dates, donation and supply costing.</p> <p>Action Plan: Suggested that the Forum investigate appointing someone to produce an Action Plan. BT will supply a list of suitable consultants and DS will find out how much it would cost to employ them.</p> <p>Website: GD spoke to Rob Follett about updating the website. The Forum agreed that this should be done regularly and that he should be paid a retainer to undertake this work.</p> <p>Traffic Calming: There is currently public consultation underway on setting a speed limit of 20mph and a series of traffic calming. MB will respond on behalf of the Forum.</p> <p>Falmouth Town Council: Councillor Starrack is now the member of the Town Council. MB will forward his details onto PW in order that he receives the minutes and agendas of the Forum.</p> <p>Mr Andy Bates: This being his last meeting the Forum thanked Andy for his attendance and input into making the Forum a success.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>BT, DS</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 28th November @ 10.00am Venue: The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	<p>ALL</p>