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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2008 at 10.00am at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
 Esther Richmond, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
 Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club
 Malcolm Brain, (Chair)
 Martin Rule, Management Plan Consultant
 Naomi Holmes, Dept of Geography, University of Exeter in Cornwall
 Nick Marriott, Cornwall Wildlife Trust
 Beth Tonkin, Natural England
 David Yelland, Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association
 Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden

1. Apologies: None

2	<p>Welcome The Swanpool Management Forum welcomed Naomi and Nick to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of Last Meeting & AGM (23rd April 2008) Matters Arising Minutes of the formal AGM, 23rd April 2008 were formally accepted.</p> <p>Minutes from 23rd April 2008 Meeting Pg 2 (paragraph 2) should have read "A synopsis of future planning policies and the wider scope of the LNR is to be included in the Management Plan." The remaining minutes from the above meeting were formally accepted.</p>	Action
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Habitat Creation PL to e-mail BT with a drawing/plan of how the grill should be fitted for confirmation with Natural England and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Monitoring PL has been assured by the installers of the islands that it will take time for them to become established as a site for the swans.</p> <p>NH detailed the proposed project regarding the palaeoenvironmental history of Swanpool. The aim of the project is to assess the impact of recent human activity on the ecology of Swanpool through the production of</p>	PL

	<p>palaeoenvironmental/palaeoecological reconstructions. A student at the University will be using Swanpool to form part of their dissertation.</p> <p>The work will involve access to Swanpool to take a sediment core and once analysed will provide baseline historical ecological information including changes in salinity, lake level, nutrient status and pollutant levels. It may also be possible to identify changes in climate.</p> <p>NH to seek permission to obtain the core sample on 11th June 2008 from the landowner (Carrick DC), Swanpool lessee (Peter Lochrie and Natural England).</p> <p>Training PL and GT attended the 2 day Swan identification course. Further assistance has been sought from the organisers to assist with ringing the swans, so their movements can be monitored</p> <p>5th July 2008 Fun Day Mural painters; Falmouth Green Centre; Waste Action promoting recycling; Pond dipping; Guided walks are the confirmed activities being run on the day. A further meeting is on 5th June 2008 to discuss further elements that need to be planned</p> <p>New Management Forum Member The Forum membership needs expanding. Bob Eldridge is to be invited to sit on the Forum as the main contact with the local schools</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>PL</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Revised Swanpool Management Plan</p> <p>It was agreed that a full 5 year Swanpool Management Plan would be updated with a focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of previous 5 year actions 2. New 5 year plan 3. Update of technical issues and ecological table 4. Presentation will be altered in new 5 year Action Plan 5. Yearly Easy to Read Action Plan <p>Carrick District Council will provide some support in the printing of new copies of the Management Plan, however funds should also be used from the existing Swanpool Awards for All funding.</p> <p>Detailed breakdown of agreed changes Objectives remain as documented in 2001-2006 hard copy Management Plan</p> <p>All Members to forward other specific comments to Martin Rule for inclusion in updated draft revised management plan. The following agreement was made regarding certain details within the action plan:</p> <p>Objective 1: Conserve the brackish lagoon and associated habitats</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Needs to state that Carrick DC check & clear drains and culverts as well as having a regular monitoring schedule. 1.2 Information on who has the key to the culvert and other useful contact numbers need to be listed. 1.3 Access to the historical data to be provided to NH with a view to working with Dept of Geography, University of Exeter in Cornwall on establishing an annual monitoring programme for students. 1.4 Create section on publicity to include points 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6. EA to be contacted to ascertain frequency of pollution monitoring and programme of leaflet/publicity on pollution control, these to be listed in action plan. 	<p>PL/ER</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>BT</p> <p>MR</p>

All incidents of pollution/waste to be reported to Natural England.	ALL
Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association newsletter to include an article on good management of Swanpool and effects of pollution for September 2008 issue.	MR
Information on impacts of alien species to be obtained from Cornwall CC and fed into the action plan.	BT
1.5 As above.	
1.6 As above.	
1.7 NH is keen to establish a training module for students relating to monitoring techniques. Potential to be explored re: involving other educational establishments on monitoring Swanpool.	NH
1.8 1.1, 1.2 (see above) and 1.8 to be included in 'Site Infrastructure and Maintenance' in summary of information and removed from actions.	MR
1.9 Work in partnership with University of Exeter on potential of establishing annual monitoring programme.	NH/MR
1.10 Swanpool as a SSSI forms part of Natural England's condition assessment monitoring objectives. Swanpool is due to be monitored (dates need to be included in action plan).	R
1.11 Information to be gained from Cornwall CC on past Natural England (NE) monitoring of conservation objectives.	BT
To assist in photographic monitoring of the site, a camera is to be purchased from any remaining Awards for All lottery funding for use by local volunteers/students.	PL
1.12 NE monitoring information and background context on SSSI to be forwarded to MR to include in Swanpool Revised Management Plan.	BT
NE will assist in developing a scrub management plan for Swanpool.	BT
1.13 To be included in 'Site Infrastructure and Maintenance' summary.	MR
1.14 To be removed from action plan.	MR
1.15 To be removed from action plan.	MR
1.16 Information on impacts of alien species to be obtained from Cornwall CC and fed into the action plan.	BT
1.17 Dates of work programme and occurrence need to be included in action plan.	MR
1.18 Raise awareness within local community of problem on non-native plants. Establish monitoring/removal and frequency.	MR
Objective 2 – Maintain and enhance the population of the trembling sea-mat and other important species	
2.1 Information relating to past studies e.g. Swanpool Ecological Study 2003 to be made available to NH.	BT
2.2 Research and monitoring methods to be established in partnership with local education establishments including background SSSI requirements.	MR
2.3 Remove action from plan and explain in '2001-2006 Work Summary'.	MR
2.4 Contact to be made with Botanical Cornwall Group to provide a table of rare plants in plan and ascertain if they would like to continue monitoring. Generic statement of involvement of volunteers and education establishments.	NM
2.5 Template to be developed and research of background information on site to be included in '2001-2006 Work Summary'.	MR
2.6 & 2.7 information to be amalgamated into 2.5.	
Objective 3 – Promote the educational and recreational use for the Reserve, ensuring compatibility with nature conservation	
3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 Include in the 'Site Infrastructure and Maintenance' summary.	MR
3.4 To be removed from action plan.	MR
3.5 Maintain 'Local Nature Reserve' signs at Swanpool. This to be included in 'Site Infrastructure and Maintenance' summary.	MR

	<p>3.6 – 3.10 and 3.12 & 3.14 To be included in Objective 1 ‘Promotion and publicity’ section as bullet points.</p> <p>3.11 Establish a programme and provide training form volunteer warden(s) as project to be developed in action plan.</p> <p>3.12 Liaise with primary and secondary schools and include target of how many schools should visit the site each year. Guidance on what schools can do on site is also to be developed.</p> <p>3.13 Include in 3.12.</p> <p>3.14 See above.</p> <p>3.15 This is specific objective of NE and should be proactively developed with clear targets.</p> <p>3.16 Proactive establishment of new volunteer programme, encouraging new wardens to monitor the site.</p> <p>3.17 Include in the ‘Site Infrastructure and Maintenance’ summary and detail who has been involved in the past e.g. Cornwall Waste Action.</p> <p>3.18 To be removed from action plan.</p> <p>3.19 Include frequency and detail in the ‘Site Infrastructure and Maintenance’ summary.</p> <p>Objective 4 – Manage the Reserve effectively through the aegis of the Swanpool LNR Management Forum and the Swanpool Management Plan</p> <p>4.1 Update to include frequency of meetings (6x a year) and also summary information on what the Forum is and that AGM and review is on an annual basis.</p> <p>4.2 To be removed from action plan.</p> <p>4.3 Continue to seek funding based on the annual action plan requirements.</p> <p>4.4 Combine this with 4.5 and include an annual summary list.</p> <p>4.5 See above</p> <p>All other detailed comments to be e-mailed/sent to MR asap. MR to circulate electronic copy of his version of ‘Management Plan Review’, so alterations can be sent (where applicable electronically).</p> <p>Estimate costings are to be detailed next to Objectives e.g. approx £0 - £500; £500 - £1,000, etc</p> <p>A copy of the Revised Management Plan is to be sent to the Forum before the next meeting (17th July 2008) to enable people to read and make comments.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Update on Funding</p> <p>Complete budget update is to be distributed for comment before the next Swanpool Management Forum meeting</p> <p>An application has been submitted to Falmouth Town Council for support in delivering the fun day. Group awaiting decision</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Future Funding</p> <p>Access to Nature Grant criteria appears to compliment the proposed work at Swanpool. Further research into grant possibilities is to be undertaken once Revised Management Plan is completed.</p> <p>Royal Geographical Society are a possible source of funding. Further research on grant to be undertaken.</p>	<p>PL/MB</p> <p>NH</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Date: Thursday 17th July at 10.00am, The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	