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SWANPOOL

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 2008 at 3.30pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

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

1. Apologies: Nick Marriott, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

2	Welcome & Introductions	Action
	All welcomed Bob to the Forum and introduced themselves.	
	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	
	The remaining minutes from the above meeting were formally accepted.	
	Matters Arising	
	Habitat Creation	
	A grill has been purchased and temporarily fitted; it still needs further modification.	PL/GT
	Monitoring	
	Approval for a core sediment sample to be gained from Swanpool was given from both Natural England and Carrick District Council. The lake was cored in the summer, however only able to obtain 1.5m sediment ('old' lake sediment should be present under the surface as the lake used to extend here), due to weather conditions. An undergraduate from Tremough will analyse the sediments from the lake as a dissertation project this academic year (2008/2009). A post-doctorate research fellow will also be doing some work on both sets of sediments from Swanpool. A further sample is to be taken on Friday 26 th September 2008.	NH
	Marlborough School Environment & Science group would like to expand into community based projects. The possibility of a practical programme at Swanpool will be explored further.	BE

	<p>A copy of the Revised Management Plan to be sent to BE.</p> <p>PL & MR to meet with BE to discuss potential work projects including monitoring Japanese knotweed (Jk) and other alien species. Cornwall County Council has a website for reporting and mapping Jk and may be useful with school projects.</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>An article on Swanpool will be featured in the October edition of the Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association newsletter.</p> <p>Funding and Budget</p> <p>A treasurer's report was distributed to the Forum and detailed the accounts from 1st June 2007 to 23rd September 2008. The remaining underspend was due to the cancellation of the Fun Day. The Forum is still awaiting news from Awards for All that the remaining funding can be carried forward. Forum members are to send through ideas (based on the Revised Management Plan Actions) on how to allocate the remaining £1,465. Ideas will then form an agenda item and be prioritised at the next meeting.</p> <p>Identified potential future grant applications will be carried forward to be discussed at a funding group meeting/when the deadlines approach.</p> <p>Contact to be made with Carrick District Council if individuals feel concerned over the number of rats around Swanpool.</p> <p><i>It was agreed that if no in-kind contributions to produce the hard copies of the Revised Management Plan were identified, some funds will be ring fenced to cover the printing costs.</i></p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR/PL /BE</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ER</p> <p>NH/ER /PL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Forum Member Lead Roles</p> <p>Lead roles are to be defined and volunteers encouraged to join in the long term management of Swanpool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funding Group – NH, ER and PL to meet when necessary to discuss sourcing funding for individual projects. ➤ Volunteer Co-Ordinators – MR and GT. <p>Volunteers are needed to assist with other roles to support the management of the reserve. A poster and press release is to be produced advertising Swanpool and the benefits of being a volunteer. Further publicity and approach for volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Geography Society at Tremough - Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association newsletter - put up posters on both notice boards at Swanpool <p>Health and safety for all future events needs to be strengthened.</p> <p>All members of the Marlborough School Environment & Science group will be encouraged to get actively involved in publicity designs and possible t-shirt printing in the future.</p>	<p>PL/MR</p> <p>NH DY PL</p> <p>BE</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Revised Swanpool Management Plan</p> <p>Subject to minor modifications all Forum members agreed to the Revised Management Plan (RMP).</p>	

	<p>Further modifications to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Photos to be forwarded to MR which can be included throughout the RMP highlighting past, present and future work to be undertaken at Swanpool ➤ 2nd page needs further formatting. <p>Routine maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jon James from Carrick District Council to information relating to 4.1 – 4.6 Action Plan 2008-2013 <p>Action Plan 2008-2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Headings of actions to be included at the top of each page ➤ Remove title when referencing documents, just put persons name and date ➤ Discussions to be continued with CCC regarding linking other LNRs in the County ➤ Due to Tremough Universities Geography have their modules restructured, it is not possible to fit Swanpools monitoring in the curriculum this year 2008/09 (Objective 1, 1.1) ➤ Further discussions are necessary as to the lead of monitoring the population of the trembling sea mat (Objective 2, 2.2) <p>Annual Work Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BE to meet with MR to discuss Marlborough Schools involvement in a future work programme ➤ Above information on publicity to be included in 3.1 actions ➤ Due to other circumstances the baseline monitoring is to be delayed, whilst it is established what information is to be collected. Therefore the action date has been delayed. This to be discussed further. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ER</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>BE/MR</p> <p>NH/BT /MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR/N H</p>
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public liability <p>It is necessary for the Forum to have public liability, especially if working with volunteers. It is understood that insurance was gained through BTCV http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/groupinsurance and they again will be approached for a quote. The benefits of BTCV insurance can include public liability, personal accident and access to reduce cost tools, tools insurance, etc. BE to confirm Marlborough School's public liability for children working off site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornwall Today Article <p>July 2008 article on Swanpool was very good publicity. Cornwall Today is to be contacted to see whether it is possible to add a link to the Swanpool website from the article.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-islands <p>The eco-islands have not vegetated fully. Photographic evidence is to be collected and the suppliers contacted again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow Management/Invasive Species Proposals <p>A summary of actions is to be completed and circulated (including photos) before the next meeting. It is envisaged this will feed into the Action Plan.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>BE</p> <p>PL</p> <p>GT/PL</p> <p>BT/MR</p>
6	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	