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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 3.30pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
Esther Richmond, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
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: Malcolm Brain, (Chair); Nick Marriott, Cornwall Wildlife Trust (received via e-mail)

2	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	Action
	The minutes from the 24 th September meeting were formally accepted.	
	Matters Arising	
	Habitat Creation	
	A grill has been purchased and temporarily fitted; it still needs further modification (carried forward from last meeting minutes).	PL/GT
	Monitoring	
	A further sample has been taken (September 2008). An MSc student has confirmed that their dissertation will be based around the samples taken from the results. Details of monitoring to be discussed with Natural England.	NH
	Contact was made with a local bird watcher volunteer who monitors Swanpool on a monthly basis. This data is regularly sent to the British Trust for Ornithology. It was suggested that further contact be made with the volunteer to explore the possibilities of keeping a local record of the information and displaying it to local visitors to Swanpool.	MR
	Public Liability Insurance	
	Swanpool Management Forum has public liability insurance through BTCV, details of cover for young people working on the site to be confirmed with BTCV.	PL
	Cornwall Today Article	

	Due to copyright issues, Swanpool Management Forum are unable to have a copy of the article on their website. Eco Islands Photos of the swan nesting sites showed the lack of growth of vegetation and were sent to Eco-Islands. An e-mail apology was received from Eco-Islands and promise of replanting work to be carried out in Spring 2009 and a water sample to be taken from the site. Confirmation of a replanting date is needed from Eco-Islands with species details of original plants and planned future plants for the islands.	PL
3	Final Revised Management Plan A copy of the final revised management plan was distributed to members prior to the meeting. A final document was shown with the inclusion of the final comments. It was agreed that the Annual Action Plan would act as a working document to support the 5 year plan (instead of being a section within the main document) and would be reviewed at the end of each year. The Annual update is to be a separate agenda item at the next meeting. The Swanpool Management Forum endorsed the 5 year plan. The Forum also thanked Martin Rule for all of his work in producing a comprehensive document.	ER
4	Remaining Funding Prioritisation & Allocation Awards for All (A4A) contacted the Forum requesting a funding breakdown of expenditure. The Chairman sent this to A4A and is still awaiting confirmation of receipt. It was agreed that the remaining funding would be linked to the Annual Action Plan programme. Once costs for the Annual Action Plan have been identified, then the funding group could meet to discuss possible grant sources.	
5	School Activities MR & BE have identified a number of opportunities to involve the After School Science and Environment Club. The Club were very enthusiastic about taking part in activities at Swanpool. Opportunities for development include: • Looking at water quality (non scientific) and promoting issues of waste water pollution using creative and persuasive writing (1.1 & 1.2) • Photographic monitoring of the site on a regular basis (1.6) • Look at Japanese Knotweed and garden plant issues on the site and monitoring them (1.9) • Produce articles raising awareness of Swanpool and it's wildlife (3.1) It is also envisaged that the School Parliament (Environment Group) will become more involved in the site.	
6	Repairs to Timber Capping Cornwall County Council (CCC) has now taken over responsibility from Carrick District Council regarding the maintenance and future timber capping work at Swanpool. BT has already had a site visit with an Officer from CCC who will	

	outline their work proposals and discuss further with Natural England.	
7	Any Other Business - Naomi Holmes advised the Forum that she is leaving in January 2009 to start a new project in Dublin. NH is to discuss with BT proposed MSc student studies that can continue on the site in the future and possible short term involvement in the Forum. Contact is to be made with a Professor Chris Caseldine who is based in Exeter to ensure that connections are maintained with the University of Exeter. The Forum expressed thanks to Naomi and best wishes in her new post in Dublin. - A draft Willow Coppicing plan has been produced as a result of discussions between BT and MR. It is now anticipated that this work will begin this winter (2008/09).	BT/NH ER
	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Wednesday 28th January at 3.45pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool	