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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2009 at 3.45pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
Esther Richmond, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
Martin Rule, Management Plan Consultant
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); Chris Caseldine, University of Exeter in Cornwall;
Beth Tonkin, Natural England

2	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	Action
	The minutes from the 26 th November 2008 meeting were formally approved.	
	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.	BT	
Public Liability Insurance		
PL confirmed that the Forum is covered to undertake practical conservation work with adults and young people as stated under BTCV insurance details (via Zurich). All leaders of practical tasks to read the insurance details before work commences.	MR	
Eco Islands		
Eco-Islands have confirmed that they will provide new growing medium coir matting (March 2009) and transpose existing site plants onto the matting. This will ensure there is sufficient vegetation for the Swans to nest in May 2009.		
Natural England to be contacted to request that existing vegetation at Swanpool can be transposed onto the matting.	PL	
3	Financial Report	
It was agreed that a summary report of income and expenditure would be produced for each meeting to assist in decisions and allocation of funding.	PL/MB	

	<p>No response has been received from Awards for All (A4A) regarding the expenditure breakdown that was sent by the Chair.</p> <p>Swanpool Beach Firework Display organisers nominate a charity to donate any funds received from their display. PL is to confirm whether the Swanpool Management Group Forum can be the nominated charity to undertake the Annual Action Plan at Swanpool.</p> <p>It is anticipated that Swanpool will form part of the Countryside Service within the new Cornwall Council in April 2009. Contact is to be made with Cornwall County Council regarding future resource for the maintenance of Swanpool once the Unitary Authority has been established.</p> <p>If additional funding is necessary PL and ER will meet to discuss possible funding to implement the annual action plan.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>ER</p>
4	<p>Site Update</p> <p>Timber Capping</p> <p>Two Officers from Cornwall County Council have visited Swanpool to assess the repairs to the timber capping. It is anticipated that these repairs will be undertaken in the near future once approval has been gained from Natural England.</p> <p>Willow Coppicing</p> <p>Application to be submitted to Natural England detailing the first phase of the willow coppicing. Provisional date of 26th February scheduled to undertake practical work. MR to request additional copies of the site map for Marlborough School Environment Group (MSEG) to monitor management progress.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
5	<p>Annual Action Plan</p> <p>The Annual Action Plan is to be amended to begin from each calendar year i.e. January 2009.</p> <p>The annual action plan was discussed in detail and an amended version will be distributed with these minutes.</p> <p>MSEG are to create an article on water quality for the October edition of the Swanpool Residents Association newsletter (approx 80 words). MR will write an article for the April edition.</p> <p>MR to produce a draft press release relating to the forthcoming practical work and to be circulated to all Forum members.</p> <p>A copy of the Revised Swanpool Management Plan is to be sent to the Environment Agency and a request for Officer time to visit the site with MR.</p> <p>The Fun Day is planned for 6th July 2009, however it is necessary to discuss the planning of the day at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>ER</p> <p>BE MR</p> <p>MR/ ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p>
6	<p>Monitoring Display Boards</p> <p>It was agreed that a board will be located at the southern end of Swanpool. MR & PL are researching the cost of a board. Once the board has been purchased the representative from the British Trust for Ornithology will be contacted requesting that details of sighted birds are included on the board.</p>	<p>PL/MR</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copies of the Revised Management Plan were distributed to Forum members and copies are available in Falmouth Library and at Falmouth Town Council. • There are a number of Swanpool leaflets held at Swanpool Beach Hut. A number were distributed during the meeting for local disbursement (ER to put in Falmouth Library & PH to put in Museum). 	<p>ALL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual litter pick – Saturday 21st February 2009 10.30am to 12.30pm. A press release is to be drafted and sent to media. • Press release to be circulated to the Forum Group and advertised through members publicity channels. • Garden waste from surrounding properties is still being disposed of at Swanpool. • Dog waste bins are not being emptied regularly enough on and in the surrounding area. Contact to be made with Carrick’s Environment Services to ascertain frequency of waste removal. 	<p>PL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ER</p>
<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 3.45pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>		