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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum ***Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 3.45pm*** ***at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth***

Present: Malcolm Brain, (Chair)
Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
Esther Richmond, Community Planning - Carrick District Council
David Yelland, Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association
Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club
Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

1. Apologies: Martin Rule, Management Plan Consultant; Beth Tonkin, Natural England

2	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	Action
	The minutes from the 27th January 2009 meeting were formally approved. Matters Arising Eco Islands Eco-Islands visited the site in March and did not bring any vegetation to transplant onto the islands. The Eco-island representatives removed some Flag iris and Wrack from the north west corner of Swanpool and transplanted it onto the islands. Two concerns were expressed by the Forum: a) The planted species will not provided the necessary cover for the Swans during the nesting period b) The total amount paid to Eco-Islands included the installation of live plants c) Natural England was not contacted to request that existing vegetation at Swanpool can be transposed onto the matting. The Forum agreed to wait to see if the vegetation on the islands has taken and report to the next meeting. Continued Cornwall Council Commitment Due to the reorganisation of Cornwall Council structures, it is no longer possible for Esther Richmond to continue providing resources and technical support. The commitment to Swanpool Management Forum was given in January 1997 and the Forum wishes to seek clarification of continued support from Cornwall Council. Litter Pick The litter pick was very successful with over 20 people involved in clearing up Swanpool. There was good publicity and photos can be viewed on the Swanpool	BT ER

	website. Dog Litter Bins Waste Management Services confirmed the schedule for bin emptying is once a week, however depending on where they are it can be up to 3 times. If there are concerns regarding the bins, contact Cornwall Council customer services on 01872 224400 with details of the bins location and they will take action. All other matters arising are discussed in the meeting.	
2	Site Update & Annual Action Plan Monitoring David Morgan, the MSc student from University of Exeter at Tremough is working on analysis of the sediment cores which he and Naomi Holmes took from Swanpool. This study into climate change is designed to identify past storminess by studying brackish pool sediments from Swanpool. David is seeking some funding to get carbon dating analysis of the cores carried out, this would provide a start date (core base date) which would enable him to produce an accurate chronology. Natural England may be able to contribute towards the costs, however financial support has been requested from the Management Forum (see item under Finances/funding). Confirmation is needed on the total cost, however carbon dates cost around £250 each. Chintan Purohit, a student from Plymouth University is carrying out some further research for a Masters in Research, Marine Biology dissertation into the environmental conditions (salinity and temperature) that trigger germination of the over wintering 'resting bodies' (hibernacula) of Trembling sea mat. Timber Capping Following a site meeting with CCC Engineers mid Nov. 2008, CCC engaged Spaldings Associates (Environmental) Ltd to assist them with the Schedule 5 licence application and the methodology. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, in addition to the legal requirement for SSSI owners/occupiers to obtain an 'Assent' under Section 28H from Natural England the proposed work also requires a Licence as Trembling sea mat is listed on Schedule 5 of the 1981 Act. A draft method statement produced mid Jan 2009. However Natural England had concerns about water contamination and the potential adverse effects on Trembling sea mat in respect of the proposed use of asphalt for the repairs to the pathway immediately adjacent to the pool. CCC decided to postpone the works further to investigation of alternative materials. Contacts at Cornwall Council are Charles Endeen, Simon Lowry and John Haskins. Willow Coppicing All the allotted willow coppicing along the western shoreline was completed in March 2009. The school group attended the day and photos will be uploaded to the website. 2 information signs were installed, describing the work and highlighting the website, with Martin Rules mobile number as a contact. The collection of the cut willow coppice was discussed by the Forum and it was agreed that as the willow Carr is a UK BAP habitat, local people should not be encouraged to remove the stems from the site. It should be promoted as a wildlife conservation area detailing the value of the wood as a habitat pile.	BT

	to the day. Future Funding The financial statement is to be updated and an application is to be submitted to Falmouth Town Council for a contribution towards the Nature Reserve Awareness day. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are to be invited to bring a display to the Nature Reserve Awareness day. The invite letter will include detailed costs of the event and a request for a contribution. It was agreed that Awards for All funding would be looked at in the future in line with the 2010 Annual Action Plan.	MB/PL MB/PL
7	Any Other Business • Ian Bennallick from Botanical Cornwall Group has fixed a date to visit the area to look for the rare plants listed previously, and to create new plant records. Date is Sunday August 16th at 9.30am. • The Chair and Beth Tonkin (via e-mail) thanked Esther for all the help she has given the LNR group. Beth's e-mail said "we'll be sad to lose her and I hope that she will be able to stay on until her successor is in place. Also to wish her well in the new Cornwall Council.	
	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd June 2009 at 3.45pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool	