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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 03rd June 2009 at 3.45pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: **DY:** David Yelland, Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association (Chair)
PL: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
DMC: Donald Martin, Environment Services - Cornwall Council
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
AB: Andy Bates, Falmouth Model Boat Club
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School
BT: Beth Tonkin, Natural England
DM: David Morgan, Paleoclimatologist

1. Apologies: Peter Heartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club

2	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	Action
	<p>The minutes from the 22nd April 2009 meeting were formally approved.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Eco Islands</p> <p>PL: Re-iterated previous comments relating to Eco-Islands visit in March and associated issues. Concerns were again expressed by the Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>PL agreed to forward details of the Eco-Island work and contact information to BT BT to liaise directly with Eco Islands to co-ordinate any remediation obligations and to consult in advance of any future works.</p> <p>Continued Cornwall Council Commitment</p> <p>Due to the reorganisation of Cornwall Council structures, it is no longer possible for Esther Richmond to continue providing resources and technical support.</p> <p>The commitment to Swanpool Management Forum was given by Carrick District Council in January 1997. DMC explained that the Environment Service for Cornwall Council is currently being reviewed, however, for the moment DMC would continue to provide direct support to the group.</p>	<p></p> <p>BT</p> <p>DMC</p>

2	<p>Site Update & Annual Action Plan</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>DM MSc student from University of Exeter at Tremough is continuing his work on sediment cores analysis. DM requested an additional £130 funding toward carbon dating analysis from the Forum. PL agreed to investigate the available funding, the Forum agreed to continue its support of the project subject to budget constraints.</p> <p>Conservation objectives</p> <p>BT Confirmed that the conservation objectives had been drafted though further work was required to identify the key features and priorities. This year would concentrate on monitoring objectives to enable a “fine tuning” of the final objectives.</p>	PL
3	<p>Swanpool Nature Reserve Awareness Day</p> <p>PL informed that that the Bird of Prey display organisers had been too expensive and was looking into hiring the screech owl sanctuary as an alternative BE commented that the sanctuary were excellent and would be a good addition to the day. PL commented that he required volunteers to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise the volunteers and mural painters 2. Someone to complete the flyers and distribute them 3. Someone to organise the pond dipping <p>DM agreed to design the flyer; PL will arrange printing and DY agreed to organise the distribution.</p> <p>BE agreed to take control of the Mural painting</p> <p>It was suggested that Martin would have a suitable contact for pond dipping at the Cornwall wildlife trust and so should be responsible for this aspect of the day.</p> <p>Beth Tonkin raised the issue of health and safety during the event PL indicated there was not capacity in the budget to cover this, however there were first aid kits on site.</p> <p>Beth Tonkin agreed to contact the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to confirm if they would be interested in bringing a stall to the event.</p>	BT
	<p>Finances/Funding Report</p> <p>PL indicated that there had been no changes to the current budget since the last meeting</p> <p>Approximately £1,408.00 in budget though the majority had already been earmarked with a remainder of some £200 un-allocated funds.</p> <p>Future Funding</p> <p>Options were discussed by the forum. PL highlighted he had received approximately £50 in change donations and that this figure was likely to increase. PL added that the firework display would raise approximately £1000.00 and that volunteers would be required to walk round with buckets on the night to collect further donations from spectators.</p> <p>It was re-iterated that Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are to be invited to bring</p>	

	<p>a display to the Nature Reserve Awareness day. The invite letter will include detailed costs of the event and a request for a contribution. Malcolm is to be assigned the task of investigating contributions from the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners</p> <p>It was agreed that Awards for All funding would be looked at in the future in line with the 2010 Annual Action Plan.</p> <p>Additional opportunities discussed included approaching Falmouth Town Council</p>	ML
5	<p>Site Update</p> <p>Timber Capping</p> <p>AB expressed concern and frustration that the capping works had not yet been completed. BT explained that the matter had been fully discussed in the previous meeting and that an alternative to tarmac was required in view of the potential impact to the Trembling sea mat.</p> <p>AB agreed to write to John Haskins at Cornwall Council asking for an update on the capping works. If the response was not satisfactory then the Chair of the Forum would take up the matter</p>	AB/ CHAIR
6	<p>Annual Action Plan</p> <p>No further actions were brought forward</p> <p>Martin to discuss the Action Plan at the next meeting</p>	ML
7	<p>PL informed the forum that of the 9 eggs 8 cygnets had hatched and that the nature reserve was very healthy, though further work was required on the nature island.</p> <p>DY Explained that the coppicing work would not result in an increased risk of children accessing the waters edge as the marginal areas remained un-passable.</p> <p>The forum raised the issue of a damaged bin along the Swanpool Road DMC agreed to raise this issue with waste services to arrange a suitable replacement.</p>	DMC
	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Wednesday 26th August 2009 at 3.45pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	