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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum

Meeting held on Wednesday 25th August 2009 at 3.45pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present: **M:** Malcolm (Chair)
DY: David Yelland, Gyllyngvase & Swanpool Residents Association
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
DM: David Morgan, Paleoclimatologist

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin

2	Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising	Action
2	<p>The minutes from the 03rd June 2009 meeting were formally approved.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Eco Islands PL: Emailed details of the Eco-Island work and contact information to BT felt Natural England carry wait to liaise directly with Eco Islands to co-ordinate any remediation obligations and to consult in advance of any future works. Suggestion that formal letter should be submitted to Natural England as there had been no progress</p> <p>Continued Cornwall Council Commitment DMC aimed to identify suitable Countryside officer to attend meetings and continue support for the forum.</p> <p>Monitoring DM Report has been completed agreed to raise invoice to PL for payment</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</p>	

	objectives.	
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>	
	<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 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 for £500</p>	

5	<p>Site Update</p> <p>Timber Capping</p> <p>Again expressed concern and frustration that the capping works had not yet been completed. As per previous comments suggestion that formal response to Natural England be submitted to get clarification and assistance on completing the works.</p> <p>Additional comment was to get local members involved</p>	
6	<p>Annual Action Plan</p> <p>No further actions were brought forward</p> <p>Decided to discuss the Action Plan at the next year</p>	
7	<p>PL informed the forum that of the 8 cygnets 7 were left with two currently showing signs of ill health. One had been taken from the pool to the RSPCA suffering from a fish hook lodged in its neck. Question of fishing from the pool raised, PL felt that site had a long history of fishing though would undertake an investigation into Byelaws.</p>	PL
	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 3.45pm, The Meeting Room at Swanpool</p>	