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LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum AGM & Meeting held on:

*Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 3.45pm
at The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth*

Present: **MB:** Malcolm Brain (Chair)
DY: David Yelland, Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
PL: Peter Lochrie, Swanpool Lessee
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
DM: Donald Martin, Cornwall Council
BT: Beth Tonkin, Natural England
AB: Andy Bates, Falmouth Model Boat Club

1. Apologies: David Morgan

2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action
3	Site Up-date Action Plan Priorities identified for funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow Coppicing • Volunteer Training • Open Day • School Involvement: In light of Bob Eldridge no longer being a member of the Forum this aspect has not been pursued PL • University involvement: There is currently no on-going link with the University ML • Webiste: Rob Follett is happy to continue though requires £400 to cover a further 2yrs work. It was the agreement of the Forum that Rob should continue and £400 be paid. 	

<p>4</p>	<p>Additional Swanpool Funding</p> <p>New owner of the three mackerels has confirmed that they will support 2 firework displays through 2010 potentially generating an additional £1k</p> <p>The Mayor has suggested he'd be keen to fund projects associated with the swanpool though the forum would be required to match fund up to a quarter of the overall project costs</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Natural England Personal Letter</p> <p>Concerning a letter from Natural England directed toward Peter Lochrie directly.</p> <p>The letter raised strong concern over the removal of vegetation from the pool that could potentially harbour trembling sea mat. Directed toward PL in his capacity as Occupier/Tenant PL raised issue as he had been acting on behalf of the Swanpool Forum and this should be recognised by Natural England i.e. any liability should rest with the group and not himself. BT affirmed that as the legal occupier of the Pool he must give Natural England written notice before carrying out or allowing someone else to carry out an operation listed in the SSSI notification.</p> <p>PL then stated that he had not been involved with the removal and issue should be raised with Eco Islands directly as the responsible party. Again BT affirmed that as the legal occupier, he is responsible under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 for consulting Natural England and obtaining Natural England's written consent before listed operations are carried out. In addition the feedback she had received from Eco Islands and previous Swanpool Forum minutes suggested that PL had been made aware of their proposed operations.</p> <p>BT agreed that there had been significant delay in responding to PL's original request for Natural England's assistance and guidance regarding the Eco Island issue, she also agreed that the letter, in view of this could have been perceived as upsetting.</p> <p>The Forum highlighted that there are obvious process issues that needs to be addressed. The roles of the forum and PL are confused and greater clarity is needed in this matter.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Eco Island</p> <p>The issue regarding the Eco Island continues and there was concern expressed by the forum that the matter has been on-going for almost two years. The consensus of the forum was that Eco Islands had provided something that was not fit for purpose and should be obliged to either replace or reimburse the Forum. MR suggested that the company be contacted as per the above coupled with photographic evidence.</p> <p>Motor Boat Club - raised further concern over the state of the road at the back of the pool, any capital project to re-instate will need to be a combined effort involving both Cornwall Council and Natural England.</p>	

7	Website It was the agreement of the Forum that Rob should continue and £400 be paid. PL to liaise with Rob Follett to direct him to continue with the Swanpool Forum Web Page	
8	Any Other Business MR to review “ Go wild for Wildlife” in respect of potential benefits for the Forum	MR
9	Date of Next Meeting	