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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 18th May, 2011
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

PL: Peter Lochrie, (Chair & Treasurer), Swanpool Lessee
DY: David Yelland (Secretary), Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
MB: Malcolm Brain, Past Chairman/Local Resident
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin (**BT**) , Martin Rule (**MR**), Peter Hartley (**PH**)

2. Minutes of last meeting (23 March 2011)

Accuracy agreed. Matters arising taken under today's agenda headings.

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Funds in bank account stand at £1826.

The anticipated £10,000 from the Wainhomes "106 agreement" relating to the Swan Vale development is still awaiting confirmation. Once this has been agreed a meeting will be arranged with Phillipa Hoskin of Cornwall Council to discuss the release and spend of the money together with the associated conditions and constraints. (Note: it has now been confirmed that the agreement has been signed).

4. Projects:

(i) Coppicing :

All outstanding work has been completed.

(ii) Capping works:

Nothing to report but item to be kept on agenda.

(iii) Highway works:

The boundary/"anti-parking" posts along the western edge of the lakes have been placed in position. The Forum considers the project was well worthwhile. However, the posts have been positioned without a concrete base and a number have become loose. The situation will be monitored and reported to Cornwall Council if deemed to be necessary. **Action PL**

(iv) Platforms (£10,000 funding)

As reported earlier, confirmation of the £10,000 grant is expected shortly. (Note: confirmation received subsequent to meeting). The design brief for the platform was recorded in the minutes of the last meeting and is repeated below.

*"With input from **BE** it was proposed that the platform should have an extensive fenced walkway and viewing area large enough for a school group of 30. A seating/picnic area is desirable together with a lectern, interpretation boards, etc. Bird feeders and other wildlife features should also be considered. A more detailed specification, with cost estimates, will be developed once the funding time scale has been confirmed"*

5. Constitution & responsibilities

A review of this item has concluded that the Forum is properly constituted and acting in accordance with the relevant legislation concerning the management of SSSIs'. There are no further issues of concern but it was agreed that the subject should be aired again with Beth Tonkin when she next attends a Forum meeting.

6. Any Other Business

(i) **PL** confirmed that he has issued three fishing permits (£10 each) . The recipients welcomed this initiative and will help police the "permit only" regime. Three signs will be erected detailing the new policy. **Action PL.**

(ii) A guided nature tour, organised and run by **MR** as part of the Falmouth Spring Festival on Sunday 27th March, was well attended (approx. 15 people). Forum members expressed their thanks to Martin for organising this event.

(iii) A request has been made by **PL** to Cornwall Council for additional dog litter bins along the back (western) road. No response has been received to date. To be chased. **Action PL**

(iv) The Cornwall Today magazine article, discussed at the last meeting and circulated to members for comment and input, is likely to be published in the July issue.

(v) Six cygnets now remain on the lake and these are all being tended, at present, by the “southern” pair . The story of this year’s breeding programme and subsequent events is very intriguing; local press will be informed

7. Date of Next Meeting

Subsequent to this meeting it was agreed to hold a special meeting at 3.45 p.m. on 29th June, attended by Phillipa Hoskin, to discuss the arrangements concerning the £10,000 grant.

D Yelland
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