



# SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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## Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 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  
**PH:** Peter Hartley, Falmouth model Boat Club  
**GT:** Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden  
**BE:** Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

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

**2. Minutes of last meeting (18<sup>th</sup> May, 2011)**

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

**3. Treasurer's report & funding update**

Funds in bank account stand at £1650.21

The Forum funds will continue to benefit from the collection boxes on site and in the Café.  
Recently, a collection box containing in the order of £30 to £40 was stolen from the café counter.

**4. Project identification and progress (£10,000 Wainhomes funding)**

Work on the Wainhomes development has commenced, it is anticipated that the Forum will receive the £10000 funding 12-18 months from now.

A meeting with Phillipa Hoskin confirmed the Forum's wish to use the money to build a walkway and viewing platform at the north-western end of the lake. However, Phillipa advised that the costs in developing a new area of the lake could be prohibitively high, particularly with respect to environmental impact and other surveys.

It was agreed that the original spend proposal would remain the Forum's first choice but that other proposals would be considered if necessary. The list of projects, in priority order was agreed as follows:

- i) Viewing platform with woodland walkway at north-western end of the lake
- ii) Platform at the already developed north end of the lake
- iii) Tree/shrub planting and other landscaping to improve the aesthetics at entry to the nature reserve

**PL** will contact Phillipa to discuss further.

## 5. Projects

### (i) Coppicing :

All outstanding work has been completed. **MR** is requested to consider what work may be necessary over the next year and to table a proposal at the next meeting.

### (ii) Capping works:

Nothing to report but item to be kept on agenda.

### (iii) Highway works:

Monitoring to continue of the the/"anti-parking" posts along the western edge of the lake.

## 6. Any Other Business

- (i) An e-mail from Rob Follett, originator and manager of the nature reserve website, had been received which raised questions concerning ongoing maintenance and management of the website. **PL** explained that his responses to Rob's queries had been slow owing to other commitments at the height of the holiday season. All present agreed that they were very satisfied with the website services offered by Rob and wished the arrangement to continue. **PL** will contact Rob to provide the requested information and to invite him to the next Forum meeting so that we can all gain a better appreciation of how the website services operate and how they may be developed in the future.
- (ii) A course manager at Falmouth Marine School, Angela Webster, has been in touch concerning a possible student project which could be of interest to the nature reserve. **MB** will follow this up.

- (iii) New laminated sheets are required on the information boards. The approximate cost to update will be approx. £150. **PL** to investigate
- (iv) The original northern end pen and cob were forced off the lake and had taken to the land to the north of the lake. Unfortunately the pen was attacked by a fox and subsequently died. The cob is unsettled and may be looking for a new mate. This story to be continued...

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland  
Secretary