



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

**Wednesday 6th February, 2013
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth**

Present:

PL: Peter Lochrie, (Chair & Treasurer), Swanpool Lessee
DY: David Yelland (Secretary), Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
PH: Peter Hartley, Falmouth Model Boat Club
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

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

2. Minutes of last meeting (28th November, 2012)

Accuracy agreed, other than in 5(i) where it was incorrectly stated that coppicing was scheduled for 4th Feb; it should have read, "before the end of February".

All matters arising covered by items on the agenda of this meeting.

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Funds in bank account stand at £1406.68 having paid in £124 from Swanpool Beach collection boxes.

4. Viewing area/terracing update (Wainhomes £10000 funding project)

Following submissions of photographs and other information of the old seating area to Cornwall Council it has been confirmed that formal planning permission will not be required for the new terraced viewing area at the north end of the lake.

The project funds, via the 106 agreement, are available for release but it is first necessary to submit a formal application in accordance with a published 106 funding protocol. **PL** has reviewed the protocol guidelines, completed the application forms and submitted them to John Mitchell at Cornwall Council with copies to **BT** and Phillipa Hoskin.

PL and **BT** met with Chris Danks at the project site at the north end of the lake to review the terracing/viewing area proposals in detail, following which **BT** prepared and circulated a revised Natural England consent notice.

The next stage of the process will be to receive the response to the funding application and follow up on any requests to submit formal quotations for the planned works.

5. Projects

(i) Coppicing :

As previously stated, the next scheduled coppicing work will be conducted during February.

(ii) Capping works:

PL will contact Don Martin to determine if there are any plans to address this issue in the near future as concerns are being raised on grounds of health and safety.

6. Any Other Business

When it is certain that the viewing area project will be completed, **PL** will contact local schools to inform them of the opportunities available for nature visits to the new facility. A learning programme could be put together to include guided/themed tours conducted by **MR**. A suitable fee would be charged with any profits going to the nature reserve.

BE informed the Forum that he was resigning from his full time teaching post at Marlborough School but would be retaining links with the School and remain a member of the Forum.

The resident Cob and Pen are showing signs of shooing their only cygnet of the lake; the first act of the annual mating ritual.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2013, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary