



Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 17th April, 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). Malcolm Brain (MB)

2. Minutes of last meeting (6th February, 2013)

Accuracy agreed.

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

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Funds in bank account stand at £1235.83, having paid **MR** and Chris Danks for Coppicing, clearance and other maintenance work.

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

The application for the allocated funding was submitted to John Mitchell at Cornwall Council shortly after the last meeting. Response to the application has been slow and has been chased on a number of occasions together with the submission of further details and quotations. John Mitchell's head of department, Jonny Alford, was contacted during the the meeting to ask for assistance in expediting the application. It is hoped that the funds will be released shortly so that the project may be completed in time for the summer season.

5. Projects

(i) Coppicing :

Coppicing was carried out on 15th Feb. **MR** reported that he was able to bundle up some of the cuttings and supply them to a company in the Midlands who were carrying out a riverbank repair, and pleased to report that the Reserve has been able to supply sustainable materials in this way.

(ii) Capping works:

Nothing to report

(iii) Highway works:

Nothing to report

6. Any Other Business

The resident Cob and Pen are nesting at the northwest corner of the lake; hatching is expected on 5^{th} or 6^{th} of May.

Surfers against Sewage (SAS) will be conducting their annual clean up of the beach and nature reserve sometime in May.

The Green Flag award, won for the first time last year, has to be applied for annually. A submission has been entered for 2013.

Problems continue with Japanese Knotweed. The main cause is thought to be the continued dumping of garden waste by local residents. A press release has been issued on the subject and Cormac will be taking action.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2013, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland Secretary
