



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 18th July, 2012
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
MR: Martin Rule, environmental consultant
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin (**BT**),

2. Minutes of last meeting (2nd May, 2012)

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 £1070.59 having paid out £300 for coppicing and a little over £200 for signs on the periphery posts asking people not to encroach on the nature reserve. £56 has recently been added to funds from the collection boxes. There is a possibility of holding another end-of season firework display, in partnership with Indaba, with proceeds being donated to the nature reserve. This could raise up to £500

4. Green Flag award/presentation

The nature reserve was successful in its bid for Green Flag status. A flag raising ceremony took place immediately prior to the meeting involving members of the public, pupils from Marlborough School, members of Swanpool Forum and representatives from the local press. The Green Flag award will raise the profile of the nature reserve and could be of help in seeking future funding.

5. Viewing platform update (Wainhomes £10000 funding project)

Further to meetings with Phillipa Hoskin and Beth Tonkin, **PL** asked Martin Thomas to prepare sketches of the ideas resulting from these discussions. These sketches were tabled at the meeting and were considered by everyone to represent an excellent proposal for the spend of the £10000 funding. The plans comprise a development at the existing viewing area at the north end of the lake to include landscaping, walled terracing and a fenced viewing platform with information boards.

PL will copy the plans to Beth and Phillipa for approval and will then seek quotations for the work. It is proposed to allocate £2500 of the £10000 grant to an ongoing coppicing programme leaving £7500 for the viewing area development.

6. Projects

(i) Coppicing :

MR will send a copy of the coppicing programme, detailed in 5. above to Phillipa Hoskin and Beth Tonkin for approval. It was reported that there is excellent re-growth from the previous coppicing work.

(ii) Capping works:

Nothing to report but item to be kept on agenda.

(iii) Highway works:

Nothing new to report, item to be deleted from next agenda

6. Any Other Business

(i) Of the seven cygnets hatched to the cob and pen only one remains. Five were taken at two days old, possibly by seagulls, and a further one taken by a fox sometime later. The one remaining cygnet is providing a focus for the cob and pen to retain order on the lake.

(ii) The Forum's 2012 AGM will be held immediately prior to the next meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting, incorporating the 2012 AGM, will be held on Wednesday 26th September 2012, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary