



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 28th November, 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
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

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

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 £1372.68 having paid out £60 for site plans in relation to the terracing project and receiving £135 from Swanpool Beach collection boxes.

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

The plans for the terraced viewing area, after receiving approval from BT, were submitted to Cornwall Council in the hope that confirmation would be given that a formal planning application

would not be required. Unfortunately, the planning officer, John Salmon, indicated that the terracing could constitute “engineering works” requiring planning approval. However, Mr Salmon also considered that the works could be classified as replacement of existing facilities, negating the need for planning approval. If no further clear advice is received, **PL** will write to Mr Salmon confirming that the work will proceed; if a planning application is required then a waiving of the fee will be requested on the basis that the work is enhancing Council facilities and community amenities.

Phillipa Hoskin has confirmed that the money to fund the project has been released and is available when required.

5. Projects

(i) Coppicing :

As previously agreed, £2500 of the £10000 Wainhomes grant will be allocated to an ongoing coppicing programme over the next three years. The next phase of coppicing work is scheduled for 4th February, 2013

(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

PL informed the committee of a Plymouth University nature initiative to involve schools in nature and conservation activities. Involvement in the programme may provide funding to help with conservation of the nature reserve. The documentation was passed to **BE** who will review and forward to **MR** to determine how best to proceed.

A pair of visiting Swans were chased off the lake by our resident Cob and Pen. Unfortunately, during the altercation one of the visiting Swans was injured. In spite of the best efforts of **PL**, Elemental staff and Rosemullion vets the injured Swan had to be destroyed.

GT reported that he had seen three Waxwings in a local garden; a very rare sighting as these birds are normally only seen in eastern regions of the country

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2013, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
