

Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2005, 10.00am at The Green Centre, Falmouth

Present: Dr Allan Lester - Swanpool & Gyllyngvase Residents Association

Guy Doncaster - BTCV

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> Dave Salmon - Cornwall Wildlife Trust Peter Lochrie - Swanpool Lessee

Andy Bates - Falmouth Model Boat Club Martin Woodley - Carrick District Council

1. Apologies: Martin Rule - Environment Agency

Toby Field - Falmouth Marine School

2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (8 th March 2005) & Matters Arising: The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Whilst an acknowledgement from the Enforcement Section of Carrick Development Services has been received in respect of the situation at Golden Bank and the progressing development, no further update was available. MW to action.	ACTION MW
3.	People's Places Funding update: Nothing further to report. Rob Follett gave the Forum a demonstration of the new Swanpool web site that has now gone live, at the end of the meeting. A tour of the site was observed together with a demonstration of how to upload reports and items on to the site.	
4.	 Launch Event Report: It was agreed that overall the event was a success with involvement from the Mayor, local school children and local press (Falmouth Packet & West Briton plus 2 interviews). Prior to any future involvement of school groups or similar it would be helpful to send through an information briefing pack beforehand (information on the pool, history, statistics etc). The new information boards seem clear and colourful as well as a big improvement on the previous panels. The raft launch went according to plan and many thanks to all those who assisted. The swans have nested on the reedbeds closer to the pool edge. The raft currently has no cover. Perhaps next year the nest mound should be moved onto the raft to encourage its use. PL agreed to contact Abbotsbury Swannery for 	PL

	further advice on poeting and measures to promote use of the reft							
	 further advice on nesting and measures to promote use of the raft. Whilst an oily discharge from the inlet pipe at the northern end was noted during the launch event, it seems likely that this was the result of heavy rain washing off surface build up on the nearby road surfaces. 							
5.	5. Events Programme Update:							
	 April 2nd 2005 - Walk around Swanpool. No feedback available so far. March 2005 - Composting event. Low turn out. Event did not run fully as less than 8 people attended. A brief session did take place and a representative from the press was there. 	MR MR						
	 May 15th 2005 - Dawn Chorus event at 6.30 am with Martin Rule. Advertising will be crucial. GD to liase with Francis to produce posters. PL confirmed that the café could be open at 9.30-10.00am. 	GD						
	 National Local Nature Reserve Celebrations Week - 16th-31st July 2005. MW reported information received from Sarah Byham via MR at Environment Agency. Forum discussed a potential special event during the period. Information pack included details of potential funding available from EN together with guidance on getting the event advertised on the EN web site etc. Information 	GD & FK						
	 was passed to GD for Francis to work up information for the forms. Ideas for event included: A history based event with historic photographs and a walk with local historian Peter Gilson. Focus on mining history of the site and how this relates to the LNR/SSSI status (a new angle to promote the site with the local and wider community). Possible additional items could include bird box construction (kit assembly), Swanpool as a subject for painting/Art, fun run. Link to refreshments from café (special offer for those attending?) Overall focus needs to be on health aspects and promoting the site to a wider audience. Further information and progress report to be brought to next meeting. 	GD &T K						
6.	 Any Other Business: Rob Follett briefed the Forum on progress in establishing the new Swanpool Web Site. The site is now live and members were given a demonstration of its content, what could be viewed, important links and the process of uploading new reports and information. It was agreed that Forum minutes from January 2005 onwards would be placed on the site for information and update purposes. MW to arrange this process with RF. Knotweed invasion was discussed. DS confirmed that he had met on site with BT and Adam Cheld from CCC. The extent of the areas of the weed had now been plotted and methods for control had been discussed for each specific site (spray, injection). Concerns over spray drift and translocation through roots towards the watercourse and pool. National research is still ongoing into these issues. PL concerned over areas alongside the carpark that 	MW						

future management will need to be discussed with AC. GD confirmed that the BTCV volunteers will be working on the reserve later this week focussing on the removal of invasive species and the placing of bat and bird boxes. MW reported that a licence has been issued by EN for the capture and ringing of water rails as part of a 12-month University of Exeter study to monitor seasonal residency and movements. The new traps will be set on a twice a month basis. Enhancement Works to the Car Park area. A brief discussion was followed by a site visit to assess the area and collate issues and ideas for potential enhancement works. The existing car park hut is in a deteriorating condition. Could a replacement structure incorporate a information facility together with shelter etc? A permanent exhibition could be provided together with an outlet for leaflets and other guidance. Seating/picnic benches along the top of the grassed bank at the edge of the car park. Provides and elevated viewpoint of the lagoon. Provision of duck boards and a viewing hide/screen to observe wildlife. Issue of vandalism and misuse of any structure so platform with open screen may be a preferred option. All works need to be robust and designed to fit in with character of the site and its important status. Any scheme should promote information on and interaction with the reserve, enhance community safety, be sustainable and promote community ownership of the site and support local tourism. Issue of inappropriate use of car park by vehicles during evenings and over winter causing disturbance to local residents and damage to surface and existing structures. Need to maintain some parking over these guieter periods so could the parking area be subdivided with access prohibited to the larger area? Need for more community policing and surveillance of the area. Planting and landscaping works could greatly enhance the environs of the car park in terms of the peripheral areas and breaking up the large expanse of hard surfacing. Issue of sustainable planting as threats exist in form of vandalism, weather/climate. Forum requested that the Community Liaison/Neighbourhood Beat Manager should be invited to a future meeting when any scheme is discussed so that the local views and ideas can be GD considered. GD agreed to contact Andy Hocken. MW agreed to liase with the Regeneration Team at Carrick with a view to an officer attending a future meeting to advise the Forum on the principles of any scheme being developed MW any potential funding sources. Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting: 7. Wednesday 15th June 2005 @ 10.00am, Falmouth Green Centre ALL

have previously been flailed. This area contains knotweed so

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