

Friends of Berry Head
Meeting held on 20th September 2016 in the Visitor Centre

Present:

Trevor Spratt
Noel Hughes
Dizzy Child
Alex Foley
Tom Canham
Margot Hill

Apologies: Tony Heard, Pippa Williams, Stevie Tyler, Mary Foulstone, Michael Pollock

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

Matters Arising

Trevor circulated copies of an article he had written about Berry Head and confirmed it would be appearing in the next edition of the Brixham Signal.

Noel confirmed that it was still his intention to apply for a grant via the Friends' from the Greater Horseshoe Bat Community Scheme the monies from which could be spent on equipment that would benefit the roost.

Report from Noel (Reserve)

Noel further reported on the range of seasonal activities being undertaken on the reserve and on the repercussions arising from the theft of one of the parking meters in the car park.

In answer to several questions, Noel confirmed that

1. it had been necessary to close the coastal footpath towards St Mary's Bay once again due to a further landslip
2. a new signpost was in the process of being fitted opposite the entrance to the North Fort
3. the flock of Soay Sheep would be moved from Mid October to graze in the North Fort until just before Christmas.

Report from Alex (Cafe)

Alex confirmed that he was expecting to hear shortly from Natural England whether or not the current restrictions on opening times could be lifted.

Project/Group Expenditure

There was much discussion about the progress being made to replace the Guillemot Camera and about the condition of the projector in the Visitor Centre. Concern was expressed at the length of time the projector had been out of action and that it was still not working despite the fitting of a new bulb.

Noel reported that a suitable camera for installing above the Guillemot colony had been identified and funding was being secured from different sources including the Trust and the Friends'.

There was full approval at the suggestion that the Friend's should contribute monies towards the camera as well as funding the purchase of a new projector if need be.

Fundraising Initiatives

Trevor reported that he had been unable to secure a booking on a Saturday in early October to hold a fund raising Coffee morning at the Fore Street Methodist Church Hall. Regular bookings by other organisations meant that the earliest date available was New Years Eve.

Next meeting Tuesday 15th November 2016 in the Visitor Centre