

# CULM VALLEY SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

## FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2006

Present: Roger (chairman) , Jane, Sarah, Allan, Patricia, Nigel and Phil

Where we are:

Have done fundraising and effort over a number of years raising a substantial but relatively small amount now in the account.

MDDC do not support a pool in the near future due to the population size.

Chairman's conclusions:

a) Even if we put lots of effort into raising more money to build noone is interested in running it.

There was general agreement that this is indeed the position even though it is not what we would like.

b) Meeting the needs of those who do not drive could be met by a bus service direct to the Tiverton pool. Roger has spoken to Mr Whittle of stage coach about the possibility of this and they will consider this.

Phil raised the questions of hydrotherapy, theme pools and sports excellence. He suggested that Cullomptons position in the regions road network gave these options a chance. Phil was willing to produce a business plan if asked to. It was felt that this would require the consensus of the towns population.

The meeting returned to discussing the running cost issues.

A vote was taken of what to do next:

Explore the possibilities or conclude the campaign for the time being.

Conclusion was the majority view.

At a rough estimate there is £20500 in the account.

What should happen to this money?

Investment e.g. premium bonds, tennis courts, develop the college pool, helping with transport of Exe Valley pool. General youth play equipment was another idea.

It was felt that a decision would need to go to the public to vote on.

Developing the college pool was discussed as to whether it was better than nothing and if the group wanted to support the move.

It was felt that we needed to produce a leaflet of the options to distribute through the free Star newspaper to be returned and the findings presented at a public meeting. Space should be left for any other ideas.

For political reasons it was considered expedient to wait until the viability of the outdoor pool reopening was known.

It was decided that there should be no press release yet.

Review of the situation to take place by September.

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The Town Council has a working group for reopening the CCC swimming pool and this is still a possibility. They have costed the work that is required and discussed a lease with DCC. Finance is to be sourced from wherever possible. It is hoped that it will run along similar lines to the Clyst Hydon pool.

Jane suggested that we call a meeting to put the future of the money raised by this group for an indoor pool to a town vote as discussed at the last meeting.

Roger posed two questions:

- i) Does the town support a refurbishment of the small pool as proposed by the Town Council
- ii) What does the town want to do with the money?

Allan said that one of the options for the money was investing it for a future pool.

It was proposed that we need to put together a flyer outlining the options prior to a meeting so that people can come prepared to vote.

The outdoor pool option would be included and an explanation of what it would involve should be included so that the vote could be as informed as possible.

Other options:

Investment for a future 'proper' pool

Tennis courts

Youth hard play area

Your ideas

The flyer should go to the following areas as well as the town:

Uffculme, Willand, Plymtree, Kentisbeare, Bradninch, and Clyst Hydon.

Roger will ask the Royal Mail to cost for delivery. At the same time he will ask for the cost of setting up a freepost return address.

Nigel and Roger will ask the Town Council pool working group for permission to put their details forward.

Jane will do a mock up of the flyer to give a prototype to work with.

Intro on the first page including the history, what we know need to do, inside the options with brief details of each, and on the back a voting slip and the date of the meeting to relay the findings of the process.

Next meeting to held in September.