

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
AGM, Thurs 9th October 2014
Community House, Cullompton

Present:

Committee members: Dave Haslett, Lynne Read, Mary Christie, Camille Harrison, Carol Harrison, Roy Gould, Lynn Craddock, Meryle Staddon

9 members of the public were also present.

Apologies received from:

Committee members: Joyce Giffard.

Others: Linda Holloway

1. Dave opened the meeting at 7.10 pm and welcomed everyone.
2. There were no questions from the public.
3. Dave read out the minutes from the 2013 AGM, which were unanimously approved.
4. The following new committee members were elected:
Jenny Penharris, Cathy Penharris, Jennie Ingersent
5. The following officers were elected:
Chair: Dave Haslett (for 4th and final year)
Vice-chair: Lynne Read, with Cathy Penharris to cover absences
Secretary: Jenny Penharris
Treasurer: Camille Harrison
6. The constitution of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was formally adopted.
(Proposed by Dave Haslett, Seconded by Camille Harrison, unanimously approved.)

All committee members present elected to become trustees and will therefore have voting rights. The name of the new organisation will remain Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign. The new organisation will remain a section of Cullompton Community Association (CCA) until its status is confirmed by the Charity Commission and it is granted its own charity number. After that, the organisation will become an affiliate of the CCA.
7. The steering group known as Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign, established in August 2011, was officially dissolved.
(Proposed by Dave Haslett, Seconded by Lynne Read, unanimously approved with 1 abstention due to a conflict of interest.)
8. Chairman's Report. (See Appendix 1.)
9. Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix 2.)
10. Next steps. (See Appendix 3.)

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Appendix 1: Chairman's report (Dave Haslett)

We've had a pretty good year.

Our biggest success has been our new shop, which is now taking round about £2,000 per month and is by far our biggest source of income. It's also the focus point for our campaign. The new location, being more central and prominent within the town is also working to our advantage, as well as the shop being at least 3 times bigger than our old one. We recently gained a new manager, Carol, who is doing a fantastic job, and freeing up the rest of us to get on with other aspects of the campaign.

Our other fundraising events have been pretty successful too, and we hope to carry on with those again next year – but only if we get enough committee members to help us.

Our biggest worry this year has been the fact that we don't have enough people on the committee to do everything that needs doing. This is not only hampering the campaign, it's also forcing those of us on the committee to take on two or more roles, and we're finding that absolutely exhausting.

As well as raising money we also need to gather evidence to prove there's enough demand for the pool, so we spent a considerable amount of time this summer delivering surveys to every house in Cullompton. About 1 in 7 was returned, and we know we would have got a better response if we'd knocked on every door, as was our original intention, but we didn't have enough people to do it. So we might have to repeat it – or perhaps pay someone to do it for us, and try to get a grant to cover the cost. We also need to do the same thing in all the other communities that will come and use our pool.

We were delighted when Padbrook Park offered us their old indoor bowls hall for the pool instead of their disused function room. This is a much bigger and better space, and should cost a lot less to develop into a pool. We're waiting for the architect's estimate as to how much that cost will be. The bigger space will also allow us to split the hydrotherapy and learner pools into separate units, so we'll actually have 3 pools, with the hydrotherapy pool being enclosed within its own private space with its own entrance, changing rooms and accessibility aids. We'll then have a 25 metre main pool and a separate learner pool alongside it.

Another interesting thing we learned this year is how much interest there is in the hydrotherapy pool. Not only within the Culm Valley area, but also in Tiverton and Bampton and even in Exeter. People, many of who have significant mobility problems, are having to travel far and wide to use other pools and they can't wait to have one here. So we're now starting to look at how we can engage these wider communities in the campaign and get them helping us to raise money so we can get the pool up and running as soon as possible.

Today's meeting, and the adoption of the new constitution, is a big and important step forward for us. Once everything has been approved by the Charity Commission, we will be ready to start applying for grants – or at least contacting possible grant-givers. Most of them seem to want us to spend the money within 2 years and we're not in a position to be able to guarantee that yet. But we can at least start contacting them and getting promises from them to give us the money when we are in a position to spend it. When we've got enough promises to cover the cost of building the pool, then we can go back to them and ask for the money.

Overall we remain extremely positive about the campaign, confident that the pool will be built, and that it will not only prove sustainable but be a major asset for Cullompton and the surrounding area and all the people who live there.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report for the period 10/10/2013 – 09/10/2014 (Camille Harrison)

Expenses

Shop

Running Costs (Rent+Utilities)	4923.72
Other Costs	537.57
Total shop	5461.29

Room Hire	16.00
Insurance	320.79
Publicity	117.60

Fundraising

Raffle licence	40.00
Family Fun Day	159.56
Total fundraising	199.56

Total	6410.22
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Income

Shop

Takings	16421.46
Recycling	578.86
Donations	191.76
Running cost refunds	101.17
Total shop	17293.25

20p mile	380.80
100 club	666.00
Donations	451.64
Collection Tins	141.34
Interest	261.06

Fundraising

Christmas Lights Parade	116.67
Tesco Collection	265.44
Auction of Promises	750.00
Town Fayre	206.60
School sports days	928.46
Sponsored cycle ride	89.00
Sponsored walk	306.23
Fashion show	200.00
Family Fun day	920.50
Total fundraising	3782.90

Grants	50.00
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Total	23026.99
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Net Profit	£16616.77
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In total in our bank account we now have **£49,606.64**, plus the £20,000 in trust for the hydrotherapy pool and the £40,000 pledged by a housing developer, which take us to a total of **£109,606.64**. We therefore need to raise another £40,393.36 locally.

Appendix 3: Next Steps (Dave Haslett)

- Submit our new constitution to the Charity Commission with our application forms, etc. It should take about a month to be accepted by them and become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in our own right, with our own charity number.
- Arrange for health advisers and hydrotherapy users to visit the site at Padbrook Park with the architect to plan the hydrotherapy pool properly, ensuring it is large enough and has all the facilities that everyone will need.
- Refine the design for the main pool and learner pool to ensure they have everything we need, not only now but for the future.
- Try to engage the wider community outside the Culm Valley in the campaign.
- Contact funding providers with a view to getting promises of grants or donations.
- Look at other funding options including the sale of shares, donations from individuals and businesses, and so on.
- Continue to improve the shop and increase the money it raises, and also increase our profile within the community, as there are still people who have no idea we exist.
- There's a huge list of things still to be done and we need all the help we can get. In fact making a list of all the things that need to be done is one of the things that needs to be done!