

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 14
Tuesday 12th June 2012, The Market House Inn, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), James MacPherson, Sharon Vaughan, Sean Burrett (minutes), Mary Christie, Carla Wetherell, Lynne Read

Guest: Steve Eastland (architect)

1. Updates and action points

Anita North (Treasurer) has resigned from the committee but remains a valued supporter.

Sean Burrett agreed to become our Secretary and was duly elected.

The School Governors at the Community College have asked us to put in writing our proposal for a pool located on their grounds. We will not be allowed to attend their next meeting.

Action Point – Dave, James and Sean to write a proposal for consideration at the next Governors' meeting on 20th June.

Action Point (brought forward) – James to speak to Gordon Guest regarding CRAG's support for the pool, funding towards expanding the shop into an information centre and CRAG's feasibility study on a swimming pool for Cullompton.

A response has been received from Persimmon's managing director for the south west, requesting further details. We will provide a more detailed proposal.

Action Point – Dave, James and Sean to write a formal proposal.

No action is required on the Easter Egg Hunt cards that were still to be collected. New cards with a fresh design will be used next year.

Mary has obtained details of the forthcoming 'Hug Cullompton' event. The event is planned to take place at the Community Centre on the 15th September from 10am to 5pm and will include workshops and refreshments. There is no fee and we are allowed to sell items.

Action Point (brought forward) – James to distribute the PineLog plans among the committee members.

Lynne, James and Sharon have all joined the CCA as committee members, giving us a strong representation on that committee. Hopefully we can work together with the CCA to improve the town's amenities. Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign is also now an affiliate member of the CCA.

A few people have come into the shop to ask about joining the committee. Dave has sent them details, invitations and copies of the agendas, but none of them have come to any meetings. We need new members to lighten the load on Dave and to bring new skills to the committee.

Action Point (brought forward) – Dave to write to the ASA to tell them about our campaign.

We will have a stall at the Town Fayre on 26th June where we will be selling merchandise, and promoting fundraising events and the campaign.

Dave has organised a get-together after the Town Fayre for all the shop volunteers, committee members and their families, at the Market House Inn from 7pm to 9pm.

2. Update from Steve Eastland (architect)

Steve said he works with Steve Keable, an independent fundraiser who has raised millions of pounds of funding for playgrounds and was involved in the Okehampton Swimming Pool Project. He would be willing to come and talk to a sub-committee regarding fundraising for our pool.

Steve said we will definitely need the full support of MDDC. He also discussed the Green Deal. Details are not yet clear but it appears this would offer a low interest loan rather than a grant, but it could be used to obtain matched funding from elsewhere.

He has not yet had time to produce a project plan for the pool.

3. Accounts update

Following Anita's resignation Carla was duly elected as our new Treasurer. Lynne's husband Pat was also willing to do it if no one on the committee would. Lynne said he would be willing to inspect the accounts at the end of the year.

We still need to open a bank account.

Action Point – Carla to obtain the relevant forms from NatWest.

4. Constitution

Our new Constitution was discussed and ratified by all committee members.

5. Feedback from the Treasure Hunt

11 teams entered the Treasure Hunt, with teams ranging from two to six people, the majority being teams made up of families. The feedback was very positive but the poor weather throughout that entire week probably accounted for the low turnout. The event was well publicised.

Action Point – Sean to mark the entries; prize winners to be informed on Friday 15th.

The answers will not be publicised as we can then use the Treasure Hunt as an ongoing event, at a purchase price of £1. No prizes, just a fun activity to take part in, such as during the school holidays.

6. Fundraising

All future fundraising events were discussed and it was agreed to look for help from outside organisations such as the CTA and CCA, and to perhaps form one central organising committee.

The Scavenger Hunt and Cully Adventure have been postponed due to the poor response to the Treasure Hunt. The 1940s Evening and Sponsored Walk will go ahead as planned.

The planned date of the sponsored walk is now 19th August. Proposed events to take place at the CCA fields alongside it include a swimming gala and craft tents. All 3 routes will start and finish on the CCA fields.

Action Point – Sean to check the CCA fields are available on 19th August.

Action Point – Sean and Dave to plan the 1-mile and 3-mile walks around the CCA fields.

Action Point – Dave to design sponsor forms.

Carla has spoken to Alan Boxer, the Musical Director of Voiceworx, and he is willing to help write a song to raise funds for the campaign. Dave and Sharon also have some ideas for a song.

Action Point – Carla to arrange a meeting with Alan Boxer.

We are planning a 2014 calendar featuring photos of the Culm Valley, with a monthly photography competition to begin in autumn 2013. We agreed that we would also produce a 2013 calendar using our own photos.

Action Point – Lynne to take the photos

Murder Mystery – planned for Halloween. To be discussed at a later date.

The Cully Stitches might be willing to hold fundraising events and make items to sell in the shop.

Action Point – Sharon to ask the Cully Stitches for ideas.

We agreed to survey people attending the 1940s evening as to what other fundraising events they would like to see, such as a tea dance or bingo.

Action Point – Mary to coordinate

James said there is a knitting club in the Health Centre café every Wednesday, which his neighbour attends. He will ask her if they have any ideas for fundraising.

Action Point (brought forward) – James to speak to his neighbour about the knitting club and what ideas they might have for fundraising items or projects.

Action Point (brought forward) – Dave to approach Julia Green from Dunn & Baker Solicitors regarding wills and donations.

James said he might be able to get corporate tickets for the London Eye. These would make good prizes for a future event.

Action Point (brought forward) – James to enquire about corporate tickets.

We discussed the need to engage with local schools to get the children involved in the fundraising. Lynne offered to take this forward as she has previous experience. There are 15 schools in Cullompton district. We will need to go into the schools and let them know what we are doing and request their help through their own fundraising events. Initial contact must be made before the end of term to get the ball rolling.

Action Point – Lynne, Sean and Dave to prepare a presentation.

James reported that a car boot sale is now being held in the car park at Tesco in Exeter. The car park at the Cullompton Tesco would be a great location for a car boot sale for Cullompton.

Action Point – Sean to contact Tesco in Cullompton.

Action Point – Lynne to contact all 100 Club members to request their payment for the next 6 months.

7. Alternative pool designs

Dave found a photo of a Canadian mineral spa, which looks fantastic. He posted it on Facebook and it generated a lot of positive response. Until now we have only considered regular pool designs, but this is a reminder that no design should be ruled out. Many people in the town would like something different.

8. Shop update

The shop has made a profit of £952 during its first two months.

It was agreed that the shop is a great presence for the campaign and should continue at its current location, even though space is somewhat limiting. Moving to larger premises could only be considered if we had sufficient volunteers, but we do not yet have enough volunteers to run the existing shop.

Action Point – James to contact the Volunteer Service as a possible source of volunteers.

Lynne has provided a mobile phone to be used to contact the shop. It will need to be topped up, but costs should be minimal as it will mostly be used for incoming calls.

Action Point – Sean to top up the phone.

We agreed on the new T-shirt logo, which will be the existing design with the addition of the splash logo on the front and the slogan Swim Lo-Cully on the back. They will be the same blue colour as the previous ones.

Action Point – Dave to contact Devon Shirts to order an initial batch of 25

9. Any other business

Culm Valley Gazette will be running a story about our shop in next week's issue.

Sean raised the need to discuss the Padbrook Park location and said we should contact the owners to discuss their interest in the pool and a possible PPI partnership. Dave said we could reuse the proposal we will be sending Persimmon and the Community College.

Action Point – Sean to arrange a meeting with Padbrook Park

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd July, 6.30pm at the Market House Inn