

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign  
Committee Meeting 19  
Weds 3rd October 2012, Padbrook Park, Cullompton

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

Guests: Roy Gould

Apologies: Lynne Read

**1. Acceptance of previous minutes**

Proposed acceptance: Dave Haslett, seconded: Sean Burrett, vote: unanimous.

**2. Feedback from the CCA meeting**

The CCA has discussed whether the Swimming Pool Campaign should become a section of the CCA, and has agreed to it in principle. They will make their final decision at their next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**3. Padbrook Park – proposed location**

Proposed acceptance: Dave Haslett, seconded: Sean Burrett, vote unanimous.

The Big Lottery Fund's maximum project size of £750,000 virtually rules out any other options.

The swimming pool would be subject to an asset lock which would protect the pool and ensure that it remains a community asset in the event that ownership of Padbrook Park changes. A 25m pool is still the preferred size, with an additional hydrotherapy/learner pool.

**Action Point** – Sean to arrange a meeting with Sue and Gary Scargill.

**4. Future Fundraising Events**

Voiceworx – Carla has spoken to the Musical Director, Alan Boxer, regarding a future fundraising event by the choir. The possibility of a concert will be explored.

Caribbean Evening / Golf Day – A joint event planned for Padbrook Park. The committee were not convinced that this should be a joint event and felt it would be better as two separate events. (To be discussed further at our next meeting.)

A Mile of 20 Pence Coins – We agreed that this should run for a year, and will be launched at the Christmas Lights Parade. A chart will be displayed in our shop window to show the progress. Schools and shops will be invited to take part.

Christmas Lights Parade – We agreed that we would like to take part in the Parade and collect donations.

**Action point** – Sean to contact the Town Clerk to request that we are added to the Street Collecting License for the event.

Burns' Night – James and Mary suggested expanding this into a Scottish Evening to allow a wider range of options. The provisional date is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Planning is well under way.

Hug Cullompton – The event was very well attended and there was a great deal of interest in the campaign. We sold six T-shirts, raising £30.

Sing-a-long Films – Mary suggested showing popular sing-a-long films such as Grease or The Sound of Music as future events.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Sponsored Walk will be repeated in 2013.

### **5. Feasibility Study (funding/Exeter University)**

James has been in contact with Anne-Marie Hobley at Exeter University. We need to push this to the students at the Business School.

**Action point** – James to document our requirements which include a Feasibility Study and Business Plan.

Part of this process is to identify what is required for a funding application in order to become investment ready.

James has also been in contact with Helen Cooke at the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust. The next step is to contact the Commissioning Unit for Public Health in order to garner their support.

### **6. British Gas Pools 4 Schools**

The aim of this programme is to teach as many local primary school children to swim as possible, as well as reaching out to the wider community by making the pool available outside of school hours. The pool is 12 metres by 6 metres and 1 metre deep.

This would be a real opportunity for Cullompton and for our campaign and needs to be fully explored. A suitable site has to be identified and partners engaged.

### **7. Shop Update**

Takings are still low so we are going to restock the shop. Mary and Sharon will take the unsold stock to the car boot sale at Exeter Race Course on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The Brainwave Charity Shop has told us they limit the number of non-fiction books to 5% of their book stock, as fiction sells much better. They will let us have their excess non-fiction books, as at the moment they just send them for recycling.

We are also recycling printer cartridges, DVDs, CDs and mobile phones. This will be expanded to local businesses and schools.

**Action Point** – Sean to investigate the recycling of video tapes.

We need to continue to promote the shop. New opportunities exist with the new Heritage Trail notice boards and our upcoming school visits.

We will be entering the Christmas Window Display competition. Judging will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action Point** – Everyone to bring ideas for a window display to our next meeting.

### **8. Accounts Update**

Total shop takings for September were £444.11 with a profit of £214.37.  
One of Mary's neighbours has donated £50.

### **9. AOB**

Dave has designed posters for the AGM, to be placed around the town at key locations.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 6.30pm at the Market House Inn.