

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 20
Tues 23rd October 2012, Market House Inn, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), Sean Burrett (minutes), Lynne Read, Mary Christie

Guests: Roy Gould, Helen Giles

Apologies: James MacPherson, Sharon Vaughan, Carla Wetherell

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

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

2. Update and matters arising from the previous minutes

Street collecting will be permitted during the Christmas Lights Parade.

Action Point – Sean to request form from the Town Clerk

Our requirements for a feasibility study and business plan have been forwarded to Anne-Marie Hobley at Exeter University. This will be aimed at students in their final year at the Business School.

Christmas window display competition: we agreed that our theme would be Christmas in Australia. To be discussed further at our next meeting.

3. Padbrook Park update

A meeting was held with Sue and Gary Scargill on Tuesday 9th October and we agreed that the pool would be located at Padbrook Park.

Details of the partnership will need to be finalised through solicitors.

The plan is to asset lock the pool as a Community Asset for the town.

A press release will be issued as soon as possible.

Dave toured the site with architect Steve Eastland for an initial review. There is a high-pressure water mains pipe 12 metres beyond the rear of the site. We will not be allowed to build within 3 metres of this, but that still gives up to 9 metres for an extension if it is required. Steve had concerns about the steel frame of the hangar building and how it would be protected from moisture/humidity. He said it would be better to put the learner pool close to the changing rooms rather than at the far end. He will produce an initial design but will work on this free of charge as a weekend project, so it will take a few weeks.

Dave will ask two further architects to take a look at the site: TJS Architects of Taunton (who designed Padbrook Park hotel) and Space Architects of Exmouth who have previously expressed an interest in helping with the pool.

Gary Scargill said parent & child and disabled parking would be added near the entrance to the Sports Bar.

4. CCA update

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign is now a sub-section of Cullompton Community Association (CCA), subject to terms of reference.

Action Point – Dave to forward a copy of our Constitution to the CCA.

5. AGM Planning

The accounts for the year need to be finalised. We will break it down into 3 sections: fundraising, 100 Club and the shop.

Lynn Craddock volunteered to provide refreshments.

The meeting will include a presentation on the proposed location at Padbrook Park.

Dave will prepare the agenda.

6. Future Fundraising Events

Mary has met with Sue and Gary Scargill to plan fundraising events for the coming year.

√¹ Scottish Evening, 26th January at the Community Centre.

√¹ Caribbean Evening, 2nd March at Padbrook Park.

The Blackdown Hills Steel Band has been provisionally booked. There will be a buffet. Fancy dress will be optional.

√¹ Golf Day, 10th April at Padbrook Park.

(To be arranged by Gary Scargill)

√¹ Family Day, June (date to be confirmed but should coincide with Cullompton Festival Week).

This will include an open day at Padbrook Park, hopefully including Yarak Birds of Prey, mini golf, stalls, boules and other entertainment.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Sponsored Walk will be run again, as they were our most successful events this year.

7. Christmas Lights Parade (Saturday 1st December)

We will take part in the parade and collecting money for the campaign. It starts at Culm Valley Sports Centre at 5.45 pm and end at the Higher Bull Ring.

We will launch our Mile of 20p Coins event at the parade.

Further details to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. British Gas Pools 4 Schools

We agreed this would be a fantastic opportunity for us and the town. The pool would be best sited in a school sports hall, but they would lose the use of the hall for a term.

Action Point – Dave to write to the head teacher at Cullompton Community College to see if they will have the temporary pool there.

9. Shop Update

Takings are still low so we are going to clear out the unsold stock and restock it. The old stock will be taken to the next car boot sale at Exeter Race Course.

It was agreed that the stock needs to be regularly refreshed.

Dave suggested moving away from being a regular charity shop as we are competing with at least three other well-established shops. He suggested a 'Hand Made in Cullompton' shop which could sell locally made items including jams and chutneys soap, candles, knitted and craft items, and so on. Lynne was concerned there wouldn't be enough profit in these items as we would have to pay people to make them. Dave invited other any suggestions, which should be put forward at future meetings.

10. Accounts update

None.

11. AOB

Padbrook would like a copy of our logo and a contact list of all committee members.

Dave will send the logo but will wait until after the AGM to send the contact list as we might have new committee members and key roles might change.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th November, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.