

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 23
Tues 8th January 2013, Padbrook Park, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), Sean Burrett (minutes), Lynne Read, Mary Christie, Roy Gould, Lynn Craddock, Chris Mussen, James MacPherson, Helen Giles

Apologies: Sharon Vaughan

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Proposed acceptance: Lynne Read, seconded: James MacPherson, vote: unanimous.

2. Updates and matters arising from the previous minutes

As part of the feasibility study we will need to review the Big Lottery Fund application documents to see exactly what their requirements are. We can also get further guidance from the Community Council for Devon.

Action Point – James to investigate and contact Nemo Shaw at the Community Council for Devon.

Lynne has notified the Town Clerk that we collected £60 at the Christmas Lights Parade.

Reminder: Sharon to send an email to Cullompton Traders Association members to inform them that we are collecting old office consumables to be sent off for recycling. This includes printer ink/toner cartridges, mobile phones, DVDs and CDs.

Action Point – Sean to discuss with Sharon.

The menu for the Caribbean Evening was reviewed with Sue Scargill and an alternative menu proposed at £7.50 a head. There was still some concern over the latest menu with regards to the vegetarian option. Also the provision of light refreshments was required for the 11 members of the band.

Action Point – Sean to discuss further with Sue.

Further research is needed on local community enterprises that have already become IPS/BenComms. These include the Crediton Book Shop and The Real Food Café in Exeter.

Action Point – Sean to investigate further.

The Terms of Reference for our campaign to become a section of the CCA were reviewed and agreed at the previous meeting. The CCA have yet to have their next meeting (planned for 16th January) so this item is still outstanding.

Action Point – Lynne to notify CCA of our acceptance.

The best Charity Savings Account currently on the market is the Virgin Charity Deposit Account which pays 2.6%. We plan to consolidate the 3 accounts from the previous campaign into a new account.

Action point – Sean to obtain the forms and to check the small print.

3. Fundraising Team Update

Helen and Mary updated the committee on the current fundraising events including the Scottish Evening and the Caribbean Evening.

The advertising for the Scottish Evening has been widespread, including the surrounding villages and local businesses. However ticket sales have been very low to date. A decision on whether to go ahead with the event will be taken on Friday 18th.

Additional help is required at the Scottish Evening, primarily waiting on tables.

The advertising and posters were discussed for the Caribbean Evening.

5. Other Fundraising matters

The Mile of 20ps is under way and Dave suggested we consider having additional collection points in the local villages, such as at post offices, village shops, schools or pubs. These could also act as collecting points for printer cartridges and mobile phones.

Dave also suggested publicising the recycling fundraising initiative and Mile of 20ps by holding events/meetings in each village.

It was suggested that we collect buckets of coins at motorway service stations on bank holidays. This has proved profitable for other charities. This would either require a street collecting license or permission from the services' owners, depending on where we were collecting.

Action Point – Sean to obtain prices for collecting tins and buckets.

Action Point – Lynne to discuss street collecting with the Town Clerk.

The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for 30th March this year, hopefully with the support of shops that were not involved previously.

We have received an email from a local resident who suggested asking Tesco to donate unused Club Card points to the Swimming Pool Campaign if customers don't have collecting cards. They have seen this working in French supermarkets.

We also discussed the possibility of using websites such as Easyfundraising which generate money for charities when people shop online.

6. Feasibility Team Update

The first meeting will be held at Lynne's house on the 23rd January at 6pm.

7. Shop update + way forward

The shop has been restocked and many of the books that have been on sale for months have been replaced with bric-a-brac. This has had a positive affect on shop takings despite it being a quiet time of year. We will need to consider recycling more books as we are finding them hard to shift and space is at a premium.

Storage is still very much an issue, with both Dave and Lynne storing a large number of boxes. We will need to find somewhere to store our surplus stock but it must have easy access as we need to regularly refresh the stock.

8. Accounts

Up to the end of December we have raised £5,560.

To date the Mile of 20ps has raised £97.

100 Club membership is now due for the next six months (January to June 2013). Committee members are asked to chase up friends and family for their membership payments. There are some spare numbers available if anyone wants to join.

9. AOB

Helen suggested the use of QR codes to generate more donations and provide a way to connect with people via smart-phones. This will be explored further at a future meeting.

The number of 'likes' on our Facebook page has increased significantly over the last month due to some active sharing by committee members and friends. The total is currently 570 (previously 342).

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th January, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.