

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 26
Tuesday 12th March 2013, Padbrook Park, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair) James MacPherson, Lynne Read, Roy Gould, Lynn Craddock, Mary Christie (minutes)

Apologies: Chris Mussen, Lynne Read, Sharon Vaughan

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimous.

2. Updates and matters arising from previous minutes

Dave is still compiling a list of local traders so we can tell them about the Mile of 20ps and recycling of office consumables.

Action Point – Dave to compile list of traders.

Dave has sent letters of apology regarding the cancelled Scottish Evening and Caribbean Night to Sue Scargill, the Community Centre and Jenny Radford. He is trying to arrange a meeting with Sue Scargill to discuss formalising the arrangements for the pool site at Padbrook, but has not yet received a response.

Action Point – Dave to arrange a meeting with Sue Scargill as soon as possible.

Cash for Communities (Gazette/Western Power Distribution): the Swimming Pool Campaign did not make it through the selection process to receive funding.

James has purchased collecting tins and buckets.

The Parish Clerk representing Broadclyst and Cranbrook has been removed from office so we are not currently able to contact them regarding community support for the campaign. James and Roy will try again in a couple of months.

James has written to Dr Mike Dixon, who was recently appointed as the new Clinical Commissioner for the Health Service, asking him if he would write a letter of support for the campaign.

Action Point – Dave to write to the ASA for information regarding statutory progress for swimmers to achieve national competition standards.

3. Feasibility Team Update

Dave has not had any response from the second architect, Trevor Spurway.

James has been investigating the Heathfield Leisure Centre project and understands they have not yet received any funding. He has looked at a website which gives population figures and feels that we are far better placed than Heathfield to receive funding.

Action Point – James will give more details at our next meeting.

James suggested using the Survey Monkey website to help carry out the feasibility study. It seems to provide most of the information and tools we need.

He also circulated a chart showing the background history of Cullompton's desire for a pool since 1933. It includes an official projection of Cullompton's population, which is forecast to reach 24,565 by the year 2021.

Action Point – James will give more details at our next meeting.

James has passed all the information regarding the Virgin bank account to Lynne Read, together with an application form.

4. Fundraising Team Update

Dave and Mary will visit Cullompton motorway services on Monday 18th March to meet the manager and look at the pitch we have been allocated for our Easter collection.

Sharon needs more raffle prizes for the comedy club draw on 24th March. Roy offered to donate a basket and the committee agreed that £5 could be spent on fruit to fill it.

More prizes are also needed for the Charity Golf Day raffle.

Action Point – everyone to help source more prizes for the Golf Day on 10th April.

Action point – Dave to confirm the times when we are required to attend the Golf Day.

Padbrook Park Family Fun Day (Sunday 7th July)

We currently have 20 potential activities lined up. We will need approximately 30 volunteers. PCSO Adrian Legg has said he would like to be involved. Mary will invite the guides and scouts to take part, as well as church groups and St John's Ambulance.

We already have insurance for events. Health and safety issues will need to be addressed nearer the time, in cooperation with Padbrook Park.

We are trying to source a public address system for the day. Neil Vaughan is already booked for the day so his system will not be available. Yarak Birds of Prey are not able to provide a display on the day as they have a prior booking.

Eileen Andrews has said her daughter might be able to run pony rides, but she suggested that we should also look elsewhere in case she is not available.

Action Point – Mary to contact the guides and scouts, to keep in contact with the local police, and to approach Stuart Disney about running golf classes for small groups on the day.

Action Point – Lynne to contact St John's Ambulance.

Action Point – Dave to design a poster to promote the Family Fun Day.

Action Point – Lynne to print posters and provide signs and arrows to highlight the various activities.

Action Point – Mary to arrange a meeting with Sue Scargill to approve the proposed activities and obtain a plan of the designated area.

Action Point – Chris to find locations for all the stalls and activities once we have the site plan.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dave and Lynne will run the event on Saturday 30th March. The first prize, a large chocolate egg, has been donated, and we still have one set of Yarak Birds of Prey tickets left over from last year.

Willand Community Fair

There is a new monthly Sunday market at Willand Village Hall, which we have been invited to attend. The next one is on Sunday 24th March, and Lynne agreed to run a stall on our behalf, which will cost £5 for the day. We have been given a free charity stall at the April market. Volunteers are needed for this.

Cullompton Festival

Eileen Andrews has suggested that the Swimming Pool Campaign should have a stall in the Higher Bull Ring on Saturday 29th June. There is no charge for this but a voluntary contribution will be requested at the end of the day. Dave agreed that we should have a stall there, and also at the Town Picnic on Sunday 30th June (which will probably be held at the Rugby Club this year), as they would both be good opportunities to promote the campaign and the Family Fun Day at Padbrook on 7th July. (And also to sign people up for the sponsored walk on 25th August.)

Other fundraising matters

Dave suggested that the committee should consider crowdfunding as a way of raising money for the pool. He will give more details about this at a future meeting.

Action Point – a plea for support needs to be issued – the wording will be discussed at the next meeting.

James suggested inviting our twin town, Ploudalmezeau, to get involved in the campaign.

5. Shop update

Takings have increased a little over the last month. Several volunteers are leaving as they have found paid jobs, and others will be away for several weeks due to health issues. We will need to actively recruit new volunteers and contact those who have expressed an interest in the past.

6. AOB

The major funding organisations will only be issuing grants for the refurbishment of existing pools between now and 2017, and will not be funding any new pools. Dave suggested we should concentrate on our own fundraising for a while and not worry too much about the feasibility study and grant applications, as they would be unlikely to succeed.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th April, 6.30 pm at Padbrook Park.