

**Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign  
Committee Meeting 32  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013, Padbrook Park**

Present: Dave Haslett (Chairman and minutes), James MacPherson, Lynn Craddock, Roy Gould

Apologies: Lynne Read, Mary Christie, Sharon Vaughan, Cat Margrie

Absent: Helen Giles, Chris Mussen

**1. Acceptance of previous minutes**

Unanimous.

**2. Updates and matters arising**

Dave has sent a letter to Dr Jenner at College Surgery requesting his support.

James has been looking further into Devonshire Homes' proposal to build houses on the site of the derelict greenhouses behind Culm Lea. He has not yet contacted them as their planning application hasn't gone through yet. Dave recommended contacting them anyway to at least let them know we exist and where we are with our plans.

**Action Point** – Dave to write to Devonshire Homes

James has been investigating possible options for storage. He has not yet been able to find any suitable land that we could erect a shed on. He circulated details of MDDC garages to rent in Cullompton, storage facilities offered by private companies, and a website called StoreMates where people can rent out storage space in their homes, garages, etc to other people – though this only covers the Home Counties at present. MDDC has regulations about garages only being used to store vehicles. The private facilities were quite expensive – the cheapest one cost £80 per month. We agreed that we would continue to look for a small piece of land suitable for a shed, in the hope that we could get it for little or no cost.

**Action Point** – James to ask his neighbour if we can use her garage.

**Action Point** – Dave to ask members of the Traders Association if any of them have any storage space at their next meeting (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug).

At our Family Fun Day the architect recommended putting a list of councillors, MP, MEP, etc, on our website, together with their contact details. We can then encourage people to write to them and ask them to support the pool.

**Action Point** – James to compile the list. Dave to add it to the website together with a short piece of text that people can send to each councillor/MP.

We were pleased to see a more positive article about the campaign in this week's Gazette.

### **3. Fundraising update**

#### **Sponsored Walk**

This will take place on Sunday 25th August. Unfortunately we don't know how many people will be taking part or how far they will be walking. We gave people the option of paying their entry fee when collecting their sponsor form from the shop, or at the registration stand on the day of the walk. We have handed out about 25 sponsor forms, but only 3 people have paid so far – all 3 will be walking 18 miles.

Lynn said it would be better if everyone paid their entry fees when collecting their forms from the shop. This would give us a much clearer idea of the numbers taking part. It would also take less time to register them on the day of the walk.

Another alternative would be to let them take a sponsor form, but ask them to come back and pay their entry fee at the shop before the day of the walk. Or we could ask them to register to confirm they were definitely taking part, even if they didn't pay until the day of the walk.

#### **Sponsored Swim**

This event is still planned for the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November, to be held at Wellington School.

Dave suggested using the same arrangements that were in place for the BT Swimathon – which might now have been taken over by British Gas.

Dave recalled (having taken part in one of these events many years ago) that a team of up to 4 people (each getting individual sponsorship) would swim a combined total of approximately 200 lengths. Each team also brought along an additional (non-swimming) member, whose job was to keep a count of the number of lengths completed. It was left up to each team to decide how to complete the 200 lengths, but only one member could swim at a time. In Dave's team, each of the 4 members swam 25 lengths, handed over to the next person and got out for a rest, and then swam a further 25 lengths later on in the session, making a total of 50 lengths per person and 200 lengths overall.

Depending on the number of teams entering, all the teams could swim at once – so the event could be completed in a single morning or afternoon, or the teams could be staggered throughout the day, or even over two days.

In the event Dave took part in, each team was allocated their own lane, but there should be no problem with 3 or 4 people swimming in each lane.

#### **Fashion Show**

This event is arranged for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Community Centre. We are collecting good quality jewellery in the shop.

### **4. Feasibility Team update**

We are still waiting to hear whether any other groups want to add questions to our questionnaire in exchange for helping us to deliver them. We agreed to wait until the next meeting.

## **5. Website**

We need to renew our domain name. We have cullypool.org.uk and cullomptonpool.org.uk, both of which go to the same website. Each name costs about £10 for two years. We are not using cullomptonpool.org.uk so we agreed that we would not renew it.

**Action Point** – Dave to renew the domain name cullypool.org.uk and our website hosting for a further two years.

## **6. Any other business**

We heard that the second hand furniture shop next to Nanna's Toy Chest was closing down, but when we enquired about renting it, it had already been re-let.

Roy is now a member of Cullompton's Town Team.

James suggested that Roy could ask the Town Team to help us find a bigger (but affordable) shop and/or storage space.

**Action Point** – Roy to ask the Town Team for help finding a shop/storage space.

The meeting ended with a visit to the proposed site of the pool at Culm Valley Sports Centre, which MDDC has offered us. We concluded that it would make a viable site for the pool if Padbrook Park falls through, so we will make it our preferred back-up site instead of the Health Centre.

## **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.