

**Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign**  
**Committee meeting 34**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Padbrook Park**

Present: Dave Haslett (Chair), Roy Gould, Mary Christie (minutes), Lynn Craddock, James MacPherson, Chris Mussen Lynne Read, Cat Margrie

Absent: Helen Giles, Sharon Vaughan

Apologies: None

**1. Acceptance of previous minutes**

Unanimous.

**2. Updates and matters arising from previous minutes**

Storage facility: Everyone is still looking. Trevor will also make enquiries.

**Action Point** – Everyone to keep looking for storage space.

Volunteers: Lynne's friend Kris has a friend who likes ironing and might help behind the scenes in the shop.

**Action Point** – Everyone to continue to encourage new people to volunteer.

**3. Fundraising Team update**

**Sponsored Walk** on Sunday 25th August. There were only 7 walkers this year. We thought this was because it was a bank holiday weekend. We will arrange it for a different date next year. The total amount raised is not yet known.

**Fashionable Fundraising** (Saturday 23rd November). We currently have 8 volunteers for this event, but would like at least 10. Another meeting has been planned at the Community Centre for Monday 30th September as only 3 people attended the last one and no one represented the other charities involved. Mary will attend on our behalf.

**Action Point** – Mary to ask the shop volunteers to help at the event.

**Auction of Promises**

The Community Centre are interested in putting on a shared event with us, and Mary has arranged a meeting with them on Monday 7th October to take this forward.

**Action Point** – Dave to recirculate the list of auction items from Tiverton's Christmas Lights Appeal.

**Campaign float**

Roy said he had access to various props and equipment which had been displayed on a trailer to make a carnival float. He offered to loan these props to us for use in campaigning. He can provide lighting and large, blue wooden boards and awnings. We would need to find a trailer to put them on

(approximately 6' 6" wide x 16' long). Roy said he would be able to tow the float with his car.

**Action Point** – For discussion at the next fundraising team meeting.

### **Plymtree Fair**

Lynne visited this event and said we should have had a presence there as it was a fantastic event. We will make sure we attend the next one. It is held annually on August bank holiday Monday.

The other fundraising items will be discussed at a separate fundraising team meeting on 20th September.

### **New Shop Update**

We held an emergency meeting on 30th August and voted in favour of taking on the new shop. Some questions are outstanding, so a further visit will be arranged to look at the new premises and talk to the landlord.

Dave has given notice to the landlord of our current shop, though he has not yet received and acknowledgement of this.

**Action Point** – Dave to chase up the landlord for an acknowledgement.

Trevor Watkins will be the manager of the new shop and will hold the key. He has volunteered to visit the shop on a daily basis.

Lynne is arranging for a carpet to be supplied and fitted.

William Gillings has offered his van to assist in the move.

We have obtained a till, iron, ironing board and steam cleaner.

The committee felt that our existing £500 contents insurance would be adequate for the new shop.

The wording of the shop sign was agreed: "Swimming Pool Campaign" in large letters, with "Raising money for a pool in Cullompton" in smaller letters underneath – or on the window if there isn't enough space on the board.

An opening day event was discussed, and it was agreed that balloons and bunting would be appropriate. Trevor volunteered to make a cake, and the committee gratefully accepted his offer. James suggested that the opening day event should be held a week after the shop opened for trading, to allow everyone to settle into a routine and to give us enough time to arrange the shop in the best possible way.

James also suggested that the shop could be an agency for a dry cleaning company. We agreed that this was something we should consider.

**Action Point** – Lynne to check our insurance details to make sure we have adequate public liability/contents cover.

**Action Point** – Lynne to obtain quotes for signage.

**Action Point** – Dave to invite our local MP, Neil Parish, to open the shop, and to notify the press.

**Action Point** – James to find out more about the dry cleaning agency.

## **5. Feasibility Team update**

Dave said he was interested in raising funds for the pool by public subscription. He explained that this was how money was raised for projects before the Lottery came along.

**Action Point** – James to find out more about public subscription.

**Action Point (brought forward)** – Lynne to contact Culmstock School regarding the person who produced the original campaign logo.

## **6. Accounts Update**

Lynne is working with Lloyd's Bank to get the previous campaign's account transferred over to us.

**Action Point** – Lynne to complete arrangements with Lloyds Bank.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### Solar energy

James circulated details of the Stoneshill Farm Development, which can provide solar power for the pool. He has been in touch with them, but they have requested more details about our project.

**Action Point** – Dave to send them full details, based on a previous letter he sent to Persimmon.

### Involve

Involve will be holding a one-day event at the library in October (date not known). This would be a good chance for us to talk to them and see if they can help us get more volunteers.

### Mid Devon Show

Cullompton Traders Association is looking at setting up a Cullompton section at next year's show, as the town was poorly represented this year. They hope that all the local groups will have a stall there, or at least some kind of presence. They are looking at the costs to provide an avenue of gazebos (perhaps the market stalls) or hiring a large marquee.

## **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 8th October, Padbrook Park, 6.30pm

[Update: meeting postponed until 15th October as Dave was injured in a fall.]