

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee meeting 36
Tuesday 29th October 2013, Padbrook Park

Present: Dave Haslett (Chair), Roy Gould, Lynne Read, Trevor Watkins, Lynn Craddock, Mary Christie (minutes)

Apologies: Cat Margrie, James MacPherson

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimous.

2. Updates and matters arising from previous minutes

No news of any more volunteers to date.

Lynne has written to Pinnacle to express our disappointment that they have not provided any volunteers, and has informed them of our public liability insurance.

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

3. Shop Update

MDDC have given us 100% discount on our business rates.

Trevor said the shop was doing well, with £1,248 taken so far this month.

Lynne has started writing a handbook for shop staff, which will include guidelines for the rotation of the clothing.

Recycling of clothing: green recycling bags will be left in the office upstairs. The recycling company collects them on Mondays and they should be brought downstairs on Fridays or Saturdays. They will also take books (must be counted) and bric-a-brac.

Damp/mould in the downstairs cupboard: the landlord is away and does not want to be contacted, so we will wait for him to return. We have an emergency phone number for him if we ever need to use it – this will be in the staff handbook.

4. Planning for the AGM

The AGM will take place on Thursday 7th November. Lynne has booked Community House from 6.30 pm and the AGM will begin at 7.00 pm. Dave and Lynne will produce posters to advertise it.

We need to state at the AGM that we are now part of the CCA, and we will need to include the charity number on all our documents, leaflets, etc.

5. Fundraising Team update

Christmas Parade – Saturday 7th December

We hope to have the human fruit machine outside our shop on the afternoon/evening of the parade, as the street will be closed from noon. We will not run it during the parade itself.

Action Point – Dave to let Lynne have the human fruit machine so she can replace the stickers that have fallen off.

Dave would like someone with a collecting bucket to be in the Higher Bullring (and ideally also the Lower Bullring where a lot of the activities are taking place this year), before and during the parade, so it doesn't matter if we are at the back again.

The parade starts at the Sports Centre car park at 6pm and will end at 7pm.

We will also apply for a stall so that Meryle can run a Teddy Tombola.

The council holds a street collectors' licence which covers everyone making street collections on the day.

Trevor offered to make tiny Christmas puddings containing miniature gifts, providing he can have an awning to display them outside the shop.

Float

Roy now has everything we need to build a float, can borrow a trailer to put it on, and can arrange for a friend to tow it. Lynne suggested at least four occasions when we could use it, so we agreed to go ahead with it. Roy will cut the wooden edging strips along the float to look like waves and will paint them in an appropriate colour.

Auction of Promises – 29th March 2014

Planning is going well and we are now in the process of contacting local businesses to ask for items/services they can donate. Mary has a list of who has been contacted and what has been offered so far.

Another meeting has been arranged with the manager of the Community Centre for 7th November – Mary and Dave will attend.

Summer Fair 2014

We have been invited to take part in the CCA summer fair and can be as much involved as we wish. We will discuss/plan this at a later date.

Family Fun Day 2014

We will probably run our Family Fun Day again in 2014, though possibly not at Padbrook Park where everything had to be spread out too much, and probably not during the same week as the Cullompton festival.

Tesco collection

The CCA collected over £170 in 4 hours outside Tesco. We agreed that was a much better result than we achieved at the motorway services where it took us around 40 hours to raise £360. We will see if we can arrange to do an Easter collection at Tesco.

6. Accounts Update

We have £33,829.35 in the bank, with more to be paid in this week from the shop and recycling.

Action Point – Lynne to email Dave the amount raised on this year's sponsored walk.

Dave has had a meeting with the treasurer of the CCA and will work with him while Lynne is away to produce a summary of our accounts up to the end of December, so it fits in with the same accounting period they use. We can continue to run our accounts as we currently do.

7. Feasibility Team update

Questionnaire

We have accepted MDDC's leisure provision questions.

The printing costs will be met by Culm Valley Sports Centre if they can put an advertisement on the reverse side of the front page. Lynne agreed that they could as it would have cost us £500 otherwise.

The leisure planning committee would like a percentage of the questionnaires to be completed by the end of January.

Cullompton Town Council would like a percentage of the questionnaires to be completed by December as they need to make a decision on whether to add £1 to the council tax for maintenance of the CCA fields.

The Town Council will help us to get the questionnaires completed.

Lynne has started trialling the questionnaire with her neighbours.

An electronic version of the questionnaire has been set up on SurveyMonkey.com, and there is a link to it from our website.

Lynne is planning to take some of the questionnaires to the next Farmers Market if she can get permission – the next one is in the Higher Bullring on 9th November. She will also take some to the Thursday morning coffee morning at the Community Centre.

Lynne asked for volunteers to staple the 3,500 questionnaires which will go to Cullompton households. More questionnaires will be printed later on to cover the other towns and villages.

Lynne is trying to obtain a street plan so she can assign areas of the town to the volunteers who will deliver the questionnaires. Dave said William Gillings might have this information already, as he organised a group of volunteers to deliver 3,500 Cully Cards last year.

Action Point – Dave to let Lynne have William's email address.

8. Any Other Business

Dave suggested that we should invite a member of Padbrook Park's staff to join our committee. This would enable them to keep informed about what we are doing, and would also allow us to contact the management team or obtain information more easily. We agreed that this was a good idea.

Action Point – Dave to contact Sue Scargill to invite a member of her staff to join us.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th November, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.