

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee meeting 37
Tuesday 19th November 2013, Padbrook Park

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

Guest: Nicky Knight

Apologies: Joyce Giffard, Cat Margrie

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimous.

2. Updates and matters arising from previous minutes

James, Chris and Sharon have resigned from the committee. We are still awaiting confirmation from Helen.

A representative from Padbrook Park has been invited to join the committee but we have not yet had any response.

Lynne's neighbour will be collecting her post while she is away and will forward it to Dave or the shop.

Nat West have offered to display posters and have a collecting tin for our campaign.

Action Point – Everyone to keep looking for storage space for items donated to the shop.

3. Report on the AGM (held on 7th November 2013)

Dave gave an update on our progress over the past year.

We are now officially a section of the CCA and must use their charity number (270312) on all our documents.

Three new committee members were elected: Meryle Staddon, Camille Harrison and Joyce Giffard.

All officers were re-elected:

Chair: Dave Haslett

Secretary: Mary Christie

Treasurer: Lynne Read

Camille will become acting Treasurer while Lynne is away, with a view to taking over the role permanently. This will free up Lynne to become Vice-Chair.

Lynne gave an update on the accounts and circulated a copy to everyone present.

4. Shop Update

Trevor reported that the new shop is continuing to do well, but he is desperate for more bric-a-brac to sell.

Trevor proposed that Lynn Craddock should become assistant manager – this was agreed by the committee.

Pinnacle is sending a potential candidate for the shop on Tuesday. If the candidate is accepted, any issues with them should be reported to David Dilnutt from Pinnacle rather than trying to sort it out ourselves.

Lynne will print enough forms for the shop before she goes away.

The shop takings will be taken home each day by either Trevor or Lynn C, along with the daily sales sheet. It will be paid into the bank the following week by Camille.

We agreed that we would not use a till until we have decided whether to continue with the new shop beyond the initial six months. This will be reviewed at the end of January.

There are several gaps on the rota and it was suggested that the rota should be emailed to all committee members and shop volunteers each week, so they can choose additional slots if they are available. Lynne said it would be better if people called into the shop to check the rota when they were passing. Dave said he had emailed the rota out every week when he managed the old shop, but there was rarely any response.

5. Accounts

Lynne will hand over the accounts to Camille before she goes away.

We currently have £9,979.06 in our bank account, with more to be paid in this week which will take it over £10,000. Including the amount inherited from the previous committee, our overall total is over £34,000.

This year's sponsored walk raised £322.10.

6. Planning for the Christmas Parade

Lynne will seal the collecting tins and buckets and leave them at the shop.

Lynn C will cover the Higher Bullring and Fore Street with a collecting bucket before, during and after the parade. Camille will cover the Lower Bullring. They will also visit the pubs. Mary will contact the pubs in advance to obtain their permission.

We have not yet had confirmation from Cat about whether she and her team will be able to run the human fruit machine outside the shop during the day.

Dave, Mary, Roy and Ashleigh (Mary's granddaughter) will take part in the parade – two to carry the banner and two to carry the paddling pool. Mary proposed dressing in period costume, with top hats for the men, and she will endeavour to obtain these.

The shop will be open during the day and evening.

Trevor offered to make miniature Christmas puddings and mince pies which could be left outside the shop to help promote the campaign.

Meryle will run a teddy tombola stall and will display our banner. We have not yet heard from the Town Council about where this stall will be located.

Action points:

Lynne to contact Cat about whether she can run the human fruit machine.

Mary to contact the pub landlords to obtain permission for collecting on their premises.

Mary and Roy to organise fancy dress costumes.

7. Fundraising update

Auction of Promises (Sat 29th March 2014)

Dave and Mary have had a meeting with the Community Centre manager, David Quinn. Dave will write a letter to send out to local businesses asking for promises. David Q said he would like a further planning meeting in December, where we can decide which companies to approach.

Mary said she had received 8 firm promises so far.

David Q would like tickets to be made available as soon as possible. They will cost £3 each, which will include food and entertainment.

The timing for the evening is:

6.30pm to 7.00pm: guests arrive

7.00pm to 8.30pm: 1st Auction

8.30pm to 9.30pm: food and entertainment

9.30pm to 10.45pm: 2nd Auction

Action Points:

Mary to obtain a list of the larger businesses in the area.

Dave to write a letter requesting promises, and to email this to David Quinn who will add some details about the Community Centre to it.

Mary to contact two potential auctioneers and to try to obtain a gavel.

Fashionable Fundraising

This event has been rescheduled for May (date yet to be set). Mary is continuing to collect jewellery for our stall.

Calendar of events for 2014

We agreed to hold a fundraising meeting to establish a full calendar of events for 2014, and to choose dates for those events that will not clash with anything else.

Other fundraising

Dave reported that Mallaig and District swimming pool in Scotland was running a 50/50 raffle, where 50% of the ticket sales were given to one overall winner, with the other 50% going to the pool funds. Since no prizes are needed, it is easy to run. We agreed that this would make a good stall for our Family Fun Day and other events, but we wouldn't run it throughout the year as it was too similar to our existing 100 Club.

8. Feasibility Study

The 3.600 survey forms for Cullompton have nearly all been stapled.

Lynne has divided Cullompton into 27 areas and prepared packs for each person who will cover them, listing the streets to be covered and other information. These packs and the survey forms will be held in the shop, and the completed survey forms should be returned to either the shop or the Town Hall.

If no one answers the door when we visit we will make a note to call back. If there is no response on the second visit then we will leave the survey form with a note asking them to complete the form, and give a time when we will return to collect it.

The Town Council need as many completed forms as possible by the end of December as they need to make a decision about funding the CCA from Council Tax – this is one of the questions on the form.

9. Any other business

Roy has been in touch with James, who is keen to keep in contact with the campaign and will hand over all the information he has when he is feeling better.

The Community Council of Devon is running a workshop on setting up a social enterprise. We are still working through the information they gave us last time, particularly on how to become Investment Ready, and no one was available to attend the workshop on this occasion. The workshops are run several times a year so we will consider sending someone to a future one, once the survey has been completed. The workshops are held in Exeter and cost £20.

Nicky said it would be good to get The Woodmill's support as they would make full use of the hydrotherapy facility. She offered to contact them and encourage them to get involved with the campaign. They will also be able to identify the best type equipment we will need, and advise on the best layout of changing rooms to suit disabled users.

Dave reported that he had not received any response from the solicitor in London who handles the Clare Milne Trust. Nicky said she had a contact for them in Bristol, which she will let Dave have.

Nicky will also contact Devon Fire Service to see if we can visit their pool.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2013, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.