

**Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign**  
**Committee meeting 38**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Padbrook Park**

Present: Dave Haslett (Chair), Mary Christie (minutes), Camille Harrison, Roy Gould, Trevor Watkins, Lynn Craddock, Kevin Hurford

Apologies: Lynne Read, Joyce Giffard, Cat Margrie, Meryle Staddon

**1. Acceptance of previous minutes**

Unanimous.

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

Kevin Hurford was officially elected onto the committee, and will also join the Fundraising Team.

Helen Giles has not contacted anyone recently.

**Action Point** – Lynn Craddock to contact her to ask if she still wants to be a member of the committee.

No one has yet been successful in finding storage space.

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

**3. Fundraising**

Auction of Promises

Mary has obtained a list of local businesses and David Quinn, manager of the Community Centre, has the list of contacts they used for their previous auction. David Quinn and Dave Haslett have written the letter to be sent to businesses requesting donations.

**Action Point** – Mary to contact David Quinn after Christmas to arrange a further meeting and to compare the lists of businesses.

Feedback from the Christmas Lights Parade

The street/pub collection and parade raised £71.47 and the tombola stall raised £45. Dave said this was well up on last year (£60) and thanked everyone who took part.

Fundraising team update

A fundraising team meeting has been arranged for Friday 17th January (Mary's house, 7.00.pm) to establish a calendar of fundraising events for 2014. Mary requested that everyone who attends should bring along as much information as possible regarding dates of other community events, bank holidays, and so on.

The current Fundraising Team members are Mary (team leader), Lynn and Kevin, and are supported by Dave. Dave said he would also ask Meryle and Joyce to join the Fundraising Team when they returned. Other committee members are welcome to attend any of the fundraising team meetings.

#### **4. Shop Update**

Camille reported that the shop takings are significantly higher at the new shop. We have taken around £2,500 in two months compared to just £800 for the same period in 2012.

Bradbury's Dental Surgery would like to donate an overhead projector to us. We gratefully accepted their offer as we can use it when giving presentations about the campaign.

We have been asked if we can accept spectacles to recycle or sell. Camille said she knows a lady who takes them to Africa, so we agreed to collect them at the shop and pass them on to her.

Trevor said the money we receive from the recycling company should be considered part of the shop takings rather than a donation. Dave said this payment should be recorded on the shop's daily sales sheet and clearly marked as being the payment from the recycling company, not a donation. Camille will ensure it is properly recorded in the accounts.

Trevor reported that the people Pinnacle sends us only have to work in the shop for one month, and our current one (Janet) had now finished. No replacement has yet been arranged.

Camille asked if people with mild learning disabilities could volunteer in the shop. We agreed that it would not be possible for them to work on the shop floor, but they could possibly carry out certain jobs upstairs if supervised.

#### **5. Feasibility Study**

Roy said that according to the Community Council of Devon the Government has changed its tax regime for local amateur sports clubs.

From April 2014 companies donating to sports projects will be eligible for tax relief under Corporate Gift Aid. As we have not yet sent letters to local businesses asking for donations, this information could be added when they are sent out. However, the letters might have to be delayed by a few months as we are about to send out letters asking businesses for donations to the auction of promises.

There will also be £150 million available for school sports and an £18 million lottery-funded scheme to improve sports facilities in primary schools.

**Action Point** – Roy to discuss this further with Neil Parish MP to see if we can obtain some of the funding, as we intend providing sports education to schoolchildren in the form of swimming lessons. Roy will also discuss this with James after Christmas.

#### **Survey Forms**

Cullompton Town Council has not provided any volunteers to help us take the survey forms door-to-door. They are not therefore expecting any door-to-door results before Christmas, and will rely on the results of the online version of the survey to determine whether to raise the precept to cover the cost of maintaining the CCA fields.

The committee felt it was unreasonable to expect local residents to answer the door and complete the forms in freezing weather. We also felt it was also unsafe for us to take the forms door-to-door after dark – although this is when people are most likely to be at home. We therefore agreed that we would postpone the door-to-door survey until March.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 21st January 2014, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park.