

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 4
Tuesday 18th October 2011, The Kings Head, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), Anita North, Carol Pickering (Minutes), James MacPherson, Sean Burrett, Sarah Cagney, Lynne Read

Apologies: Pete Woodley, Sharon Vaughan, Caroline Pring, Carla Wetherell

1. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising, Action Points

Previous minutes agreed.

Minutes will be sent to everyone for approval by email, and will be published online after 48 hours unless anyone raises an objection.

We have heard nothing more about BBC Radio Devon's feature on the campaign. The reporter was unable to tell us whether it had been aired as she is based in Bristol and doesn't know what gets broadcast in Devon.

Carol has set up a Twitter account for the campaign: twitter.com/cullypool

Anita has not yet set up a meeting with Charlotte Wheedon as we will need to work out some costings first. Charlotte will also help us decide how to set up as a charity.

We are not able to invest the pool fund in premium bonds as they can only be held in an individual's name, not a business or charity. We will look for other high-interest accounts.

Sarah has looked into setting up a JustGiving account, but due to the costs involved it isn't really right for us at the moment. It would be more suitable for collecting donations and sponsorship money a big fundraising event, so she will look into it again at that time.

Dave said that in order to have a PayPal account and a Donate button on our website we would first need a bank account in our name. We can set up the account and add the button as soon as the accounts have been transferred over from the previous committee.

2. Updates

The Culm Valley Gazette has apologised for publishing details of the logo competition. Dave's message telling them it had been cancelled got stuck in their spam folder and wasn't found until it was too late. They offered to issue a retraction, but we decided to run the competition anyway as we had already received some entries. The closing date will be extended to 26th November.

Minutes from the previous committee dating back to 2002 have been received. Our thanks to Nigel Middlewick for passing them on.

Anita has contacted Graham at Devon Shirts and he has agreed to supply the first 20 t-shirts for free. We felt that there should be a clear distinction between shirts worn by the committee, those worn by helpers, and those available for purchase by the public. Another option would be to keep the shirts the same but give committee members and helpers official badges.

Action Point – Carol to contact Graham to discuss the design.

Anita asked if our website could have a discussion forum. Dave said it could, and he will get one added.

Dave also said we could have personalised email addresses, such as dave@cullypool.org.uk. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and Dave will set it up.

Linda Holloway has contacted us to say she has some press cuttings about the campaign dating back to the 1980s. She will bring these along to the public meeting. Dave will get them scanned so we have electronic copies.

We decided to take part in the Christmas Lights Parade on 26th November. We discussed wearing snorkels and flippers and carrying a paddling pool for people to throw money into.

Action Point – Anita to find out whether we can collect money just for the pool fund, or whether all the money collected on the night has to go into a central pot.

The table-top sale was successful and raised £135.71. We will hold another one to coincide with the next Farmers' Market on 12th November, and perhaps also in December. In the summer we could also have a stall where people can pay us a fee to sell their own items.

Posters for the public meeting need to be distributed as soon as possible. Lynne lives next to the entrance to the community college and pre-school and will set up a notice board there.

James has been in touch with Penguin Pools in Exeter, and they recommended a visit to Flamingo Pool in Axminster, which they built. This is a community-run pool with a hydrotherapy pool. The committee there set up a charity to raise the money, and were able to obtain large grants.

Penguin Pools also said our target figure should be around £1million, which should be raised through grants, sponsorship and our own fundraising.

Action point – James to visit Flamingo Pool

James also reported that MDDC are currently looking to make cuts. At present, if you're paying £182.15 per month in Council Tax then £18.12 of that money goes

towards running the three sports centres. These could be taken over and run by the community.

3. Agenda for Public Meeting

Dave had already prepared a rough agenda, which everyone seemed happy with.

James said he could start the meeting by giving a PowerPoint presentation on what we have achieved so far. However, he then said he was going away for a few days and might not be back in time.

We agreed that we should collect contact details from people at the meeting who were prepared to help us.

4. Fundraising ideas

Dave circulated details of a further 4 large-scale events and 3 pages of smaller ones he had come up with.

We discussed one of the larger events – the Cully Olympics. We agreed this should be a fun event as serious events have too many complex regulations and health and safety conditions to comply with. Events such as the shot putt could be replaced with wellie wanging; the discus could be replaced with throwing an inflatable swimming ring; and so on.

Lynne will set up a 100 Club, as she has run one previously and it proved very successful. It should raise £50 per month. Each member of the club will pay £1 per month (£6 payable every 6 months), and prizes of £30, £10 and 2 x £5 will be awarded each month. A random member of the public will draw the numbers at the Farmers' Market, and the winners will be announced on our website and Facebook. No committee members will be allowed to participate.

Any other fundraising ideas to be emailed to Sarah.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1st November 2011, 7.00pm at The King's Head, Cullompton.

Please email Dave with anything that you feel should be included on the agenda.