

**Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign  
Committee Meeting 41  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Swimming Pool Shop**

Present: Dave Haslett (Chair + minutes), Lynne Read, Camille Harrison, Roy Gould, Trevor Watkins, Lynn Craddock, Kevin Hurford, Cat Margrie

Apologies: Mary Christie, Joyce Giffard, Merle Staddon

**1. Acceptance of previous minutes**

Unanimous.

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

Roy is meeting Neil Parish MP on 21<sup>st</sup> March to discuss grants and funding opportunities, and will report back at the next meeting.

Roy is also continuing to investigate grants for staff training and NVQs and hopes to get together with James to look into this further.

**Action Point** – Roy to report on meeting with Neil Parish and make contact with James.

Mary has investigated the smell in the shop's office and thought it was due to damp clothes being left in bags. She has removed these and the problem now seems to have been resolved. She also reported that the window in the office has a condensation problem and water is collecting on the sill. This will need to be wiped up regularly.

Dave has informed the shop landlord of our decision to extend the lease for a further 6 months (to the end of Sept 2014).

Trevor passed Dave details of a possible storage space in Kentisbeare, which a customer brought into the shop after seeing our request in the press.

**Action Point** – Dave to contact them to find out more.

Roy is continuing to contact the surrounding towns and villages to find out about their fêtes and other community events we could attend.

Roy will try to get a Sports Relief poster to display in the shop.

**Action Point (brought forward)** – Dave to design a leaflet about the campaign to include in the Town Team's folder for new residents.

Dave asked Lynne whether Uffculme Primary School had responded to our letter last year. She said they had not. Their pool has closed and is going to be filled in, so it would be worth approaching them again to see if they would like to be involved in the campaign.

Dave has updated the information leaflet and sent it to Lynne for printing. He has also produced a Fundraising Events 2014 poster to be displayed in the shop.

Dave has found out about the sizes of t-shirts that are available and will place an order.

**Action Point** – Dave to order 25 t-shirts (L, XL, XXL, plus children's size 9-11)

We have arranged a meeting with Devonshire Homes to discuss their proposed community contribution towards the pool, in respect of their new development at Cummings Nursery, Honiton Road. This meeting will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at their office in Tiverton. Dave and Roy will attend. Lynne will join them if she is able to.

Lynne said she was unhappy that she was not sent copies of the minutes during the 3 months that she was away. Dave apologised and said he had deliberately not sent them as she was on holiday, but he would definitely send them next time.

### **3. Shop Update**

Trevor said the shop was continuing to do well.

He recommended keeping 3 rails of good quality clothes on sale for the time being (gents', ladies' and children's) and we will review it again at a later date.

The clothing sale (everything reduced to £1) was not particularly successful and most of it is now bagged up upstairs ready for recycling. We are making more money from sending clothing for recycling than from selling it in the shop.

Books are selling well, and customers are pleased that they are well organised and cheaper than in other shops. We are sending about 60 books a week for recycling.

### **4. Fundraising Team Update**

#### **Auction of Promises**

We have had some major problems with our joint auction of promises with the Community Centre.

We had agreed that the Swimming Pool Campaign and the Community Centre would each aim to get 25 promises, making a total of 50, by the end of February. Although we got our 25 well before the deadline, the Community Centre could only manage 4. Their manager sent Dave and Mary an email saying he was unlikely to be able to get any more, and he also had doubts about their ability to sell tickets for the event.

At a Fundraising Team meeting following this, Dave and Mary decided to ask the Community Centre to pull out of the event. They also made a contingency plan to postpone the auction by two weeks, collect more promises, and hold it at another venue, with all funds going to the swimming pool campaign.

The Community Centre manager was duly informed, but due to a communications failure / misunderstanding, the centre is under the impression that *we* have pulled out. The issue has been further complicated by the fact that the manager failed to inform the centre's volunteers about this. The volunteers then held a planning meeting for the auction on 3<sup>rd</sup> March – after the manager had been told about the alternative arrangements, and after the deadline for getting promises had passed.

When Dave attended the centre for a meeting of the Traders Association on 4<sup>th</sup> March, some of the volunteers were present and spoke to him about the auction and the ideas for promises they had

come up with at their meeting. When Dave explained the situation, he was met with considerable hostility.

As a result of all this, Mary has become very upset and no longer wishes to lead the Fundraising Team. She has kept a detailed schedule of everything that went on. Dave passed a copy of this to Lynne, who will study it and consult with Dave about what action needs to be taken.

In the meantime, we are still planning to go ahead with the auction ourselves, and it is provisionally arranged for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Market House Inn.

Dave will send Lynne a list of all the promises we have collected, as the donors will need to be contacted to see if they are happy to contribute if the auction is solely for the pool.

**Action Point** – Dave to confirm the date of the auction and create a catalogue and poster and send them to Lynne for printing.

### Team Leader

A replacement Fundraising Team Leader will need to be appointed at a later meeting. Dave proposed that Lynne, Joyce and Meryle could lead it jointly, but as Joyce and Meryle were not at the meeting this could not be resolved.

The other events arranged for this year should need very little organising, with the exception of the Family Fun Day, for which we should be able to reuse a lot of what we did last year.

### Tesco Collection Day – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

We have arranged to have a display/collection in Tesco's foyer on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am until 6pm – if we can get enough people to cover it.

We will need to display our banner and plenty of information about the pool and fundraising events, plans for the pool, patron, charity number, and anything else we have. Those manning the stall will need to wear their t-shirts so it is clear to everyone who we are. We can also use the opportunity to promote the auction.

### Sponsored Cycle – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

As there is not enough time to arrange this properly, we agreed that just two committee members would do the cycling and everyone else would collect sponsors for them. The two cyclists will (provisionally) be Dave and Kevin.

Lynne felt that cycling a short distance would be just as effective as cycling further, as people would donate the same amount (e.g. £5) regardless of the distance. A shorter distance would also encourage those who wanted to sponsor them per mile.

We agreed that the route would be 10 miles along the canal from Tiverton to Burlescombe. Lynne agreed to take the cyclists to the start point and collect them from the finish.

### Cullompton Town Fair – Rugby Club, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

We agreed that we would have a stall at this year's event, and we would sell items as well as promoting the campaign. Dave has the registration form and will pass it to Lynne.

**Action Point** – Lynne to complete the registration form for the Town Fair.

### Sponsored Walk – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Dave said he was unhappy with the usual route (Cullompton to Burlescombe and back – 18 miles) as it was too long. Coming up with an alternative will be difficult because we must keep to footpaths for insurance purposes. There is only one footpath out of town – along Willand Road and then along the cycle path and the canal tow path. At the canal we can either turn right and walk to Burlescombe (total distance 9 miles, or 18 miles for a return journey) or turn left and walk to Tiverton (total distance 12.5 miles). If we ended the walk at Burlescombe or Tiverton we would need to look at how people would get home afterwards.

Another option would be to start in Tiverton and walk along the canal, though there is still the issue of how people would get there and home again.

Lynne suggested setting a fixed route with a maximum distance and people could drop out along the way (perhaps at 1 mile intervals) when they had had enough. We would need a couple of people in cars to cover each mile point and record who drops out. Those dropping out would need to arrange their own transport home.

Camille said the CCA's Treasurer, Nick Savage, is an experienced walker and might have some ideas for other routes.

**Action Point** – Dave and Kevin to get together with Nick Savage to consider the best route for this year's walk.

We would like to get a large group of walkers together for this year's event. At a future meeting we will need to think about ways of encouraging more people to take part.

### Ink/toner recycling

Lynne said it is worth continuing to collect toner cartridges as we can get 50p each for them. But there is no point collecting ink cartridges or mobile phones as the recycling company wouldn't accept most of the ones we collected last time as they weren't on their "approved" list. It also takes several days to go through the 60-page list to find out whether each cartridge or phone is listed, and it isn't really worth the effort.

### Carnival float

**Action Point** – Dave, Roy, Mary and Cat to arrange a date to get together and discuss the design of the carnival float.

## **5. Feasibility Team Update**

### Survey

Lynne said she was making the survey her main priority and would begin door-to-door visits from 17<sup>th</sup> March. Lynn said she would accompany her. Dave and Roy will join in when the clocks go forward at the end of the month.

**Action Point** – Lynne to contact Michael Speirs to see if he can get the Town Councillors to help.

Each survey form has details about the campaign on the front cover, with an advert for the Culm Valley Sports Centre on the reverse side (they paid for the printing costs). The front cover should be removed from each survey form that is completed, and left with the householder. If they say they have already completed the survey online, they should be given a front cover – Lynne has a supply of these.

If no one is in when we visit, make a note to go back and visit them again. Do not post the survey forms through letterboxes as we are unlikely to get them back.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning Team is proposing to do a house-to-house survey during April, and has offered to include some of the questions from our survey. We decided that we needed answers to all of the questions on our survey, not just some of them, so it would be better to stick with our own survey and carry it out on our own, even if that means there are two surveys going on in town at the same time.

### 6. Accounts update

Camille confirmed that our accounts were passed to the CCA's Treasurer and have now been audited by an accountant, who is happy with them. We are now awaiting his final report.

Camille said she was happy to continue as our Treasurer now that Lynne has returned, so Lynne will become our Vice-Chair, as agreed at our AGM. Lynne will also take back control of the 100 Club.

### 7. Any other business

Dave requested that those who have not yet sent him photos and biographies for our website should do so as soon as possible.

### Date of next meeting

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30 pm at the Swimming Pool Campaign shop  
(15 Fore Street, Cullompton)