

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign

Committee Meeting 44

Tuesday 13th May 2014

Present: Dave Haslett (Chair), Lynne Read, Mary Christie (minutes), Camille Harrison, Joyce Giffard, Meryle Staddon, Roy Gould, Lynn Craddock, Kevin Hurford, Phil James (Cullompton Town Council representative)

Apologies: Cat Margrie

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimous.

2. Updates and matter arising from previous minutes

Dave visited a potential storage facility in Kentisbeare that had been offered to us. However, he found that it was full of the owner's belongings, would not become available for several months, and the owner was asking £250 per month to rent it. We agreed that it would not be suitable for us and we will continue looking.

Mary said she had been in touch with someone else who could offer us storage space. She arranged to visit the site with Dave, Roy and Lynne the following day.

Dave said he had not received any response to his enquiry about the Football Club's car boot sales. One of their officers usually attends the CCA's meetings, so Dave will go to the next one in June and have a word with her if she is there.

Dave reported that Padbrook Park had responded to his latest email. They have confirmed that they are still very much on board and would like us to hold our committee meetings there again. Hopefully one of their staff will attend our meetings, which will aid communications on both sides.

3. Accounts Update

Our bank balance is now just over £39,000. Camille is aiming to get all the separate accounts amalgamated into a single Nat West account.

Camille explained how Gift Aid works. British taxpayers who make a monetary donation to the campaign will need to complete a form and we will then allocate them a number. That number should be recorded against any future donations they make – they won't have to complete the form again. They can also give their full names and addresses and tick the Gift Aid box on our sponsor forms. We will then receive an extra 25p for every pound they give. The committee felt that this process seemed rather time consuming and complicated, and decided to try it with the Mile of 20p tube donations first.

Camille also explained the Just Giving website, where people can sponsor our events online. It will cost us £15 per month to use the site, but we only have to pay for the periods when we are actively using it. They also offer the option of making a donation by text message. Dave suggested trying the system for our sponsored walk in August.

The CCA approved our accounts at their AGM and they now need to be published on our website.

Action Point – Camille to check with the CCA's Treasurer to make sure there were no amendments, and then forward the approved accounts to Dave to put on the website.

100 Club

Camille agreed to take over the running of the 100 club from Lynne.

4. Shop Update

Lynne reported that the shop revamp was almost complete. All the changes were carried out on the advice of the assessor who visited the shop in April. Lynne stressed that the changes had only been made after consulting Dave and the shop volunteers and getting their approval.

She has purchased some shelving for the upstairs office to store clothing before it comes down to the shop for sale.

All the previous volunteers have returned, and we have gained two additional ones.

Takings have improved significantly.

Lynne said she was very grateful for the help and support she had received from everyone involved in the smooth running of the shop, not least her husband Pat.

The committee expressed their thanks to Lynne and Pat for their hard work.

Lynne suggested holding a staff training session and social get-together. This would enable her to go over the latest shop guidelines with everyone at the same time, and allow the shop volunteers to meet each other. Mary requested that committee members should also be invited. The session was provisionally arranged for Saturday 14th June, with the venue to be decided at the next meeting. Dave recommended that a form should be left in the shop so that everyone could indicate whether they would be attending.

PAT testing of electrical goods

Action Point – Lynne to find out about the legal status of PAT testers if an item they certify as having passed the test turns out to be faulty or causes damage or injury.

Rag bags for sale to garages

Mary sorted through the latest donations but only found one small cotton item which would have been suitable for cutting into rags. She will continue sorting and collecting items as they come in. A lot of donations have been received recently and are still awaiting sorting.

5. Fundraising Update

Fashionable Fundraising draw

We discovered that the raffle ticket books we used at this event were faulty and contained duplicate pages, resulting in two people winning the same prize (a golf session for 4 people). Lynne tried contacting the company which produced the raffle tickets, but was unsuccessful.

Lynne explained the situation to Sue Scargill at Padbrook Park, and Sue agreed to split the prize so that both winners would receive a golf session for 2 people. Lynne also sent a letter of apology to both winners.

Sponsored Cycle Ride (25th May – update: postponed due to bad weather)

The cycle ride was due to have taken place during the Canal Basin Carnival, but had to be postponed as the tow path was waterlogged.

The problem of asking the same people to sponsor participants over and over again was also discussed.

Flowers, art and craft festival (4th, 5th and 6th July)

We agreed that we needed one long table to accommodate our promotional material and we would put Dave's exhibition stand behind the table.

Action Point – Mary to find out whether we are allowed to sell anything.

Family Fun Day (Sunday 7th September)

We agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this event. It was arranged for Thursday 22nd May at Mary's house. All committee members were invited.

Float

Roy circulated a photograph of the float we can use, which is currently set up as a Devon Air Ambulance float. The large helicopter on the float needs to be removed and stored, wave-shaped boards bolted to the sides of the trailer, and swimming pool props added. Roy has compiled a list of 7 events in 2014 in communities outside Cullompton where we could display the float to help promote the campaign. The float is only available until September, after which it will be passed on to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Kia-Ora gardens open day (2015)

Kia-Ora's owner, Mary Disney, has invited us to have a fundraising event there in 2015. We would receive the takings on the gate and we could have stalls in the gardens. A nursery rhyme treasure hunt is also available.

Action Point – Dave (and anyone else who is interested) to visit Kia-Ora and come up with ideas for the event. Dave and Mary to choose a suitable date in 2015 to hold it on.

6. Survey

We have almost finished delivering the survey in Cullompton, with most streets now done or allocated to someone to be done in the next week or so.

We will look at the map again at the next meeting and see if there are any streets left to do. Lynne agreed to cover these herself, or arrange for a group of people to cover them together.

7. Any other business

Dave and Roy attended a meeting with the developers of the north-west Cullompton extension. Up to 1,500 new homes are planned there (though in practice it will probably be considerably less than this as much of the land that has been allocated is quite hilly and will be difficult/impossible to build on). Dave handed a letter to their main representative (Persimmon), which asked them to consider making a donation towards the pool fund as part of their obligation to the community. The developer said he supported the campaign as having a pool in Cullompton would make it easier for them to sell the houses. Building is due to begin in January 2016.

Dave asked committee members who had not yet submitted their photos and bios for the website to let him have them soon as possible.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th June, 6.30pm at Padbrook Park