

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 48
Tuesday 5th August 2014 – Padbrook Park

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

Apologies: Cat Margrie, Joyce Giffard

1. Acceptance of previous minutes

Unanimous.

2. Updates and matter arising from previous minutes

The architect Steve Eastland will be coming to look at the indoor bowls hall on 13th August and will then produce a new design for the pool.

We need a gaming license from MDDC to be able to sell draw tickets in advance. It costs £40 to register, plus £20 annual renewal fee, and we need to send them a return after every draw. We agreed that this was okay. Dave will send off the form.

3. Accounts update

We now have £45,000 in our Nat West account.

Camille went to see Lloyds Bank regarding the second account we have with them, but they refused to give her any information about it. Lynne and Mary will go in and see them as they are both signatories on that account. They will close the account and transfer any money in it to the Nat West account.

4. Shop update

The shop takings for July were £2,111.61.

Dave and Camille will be going to see Involve on 8th August to find out about the policies we need to have in place before they can send us volunteers. These cover things like health and safety, equal opportunities, cash handling, and confidentiality.

Dave and Lynn C felt that the shop carpet needed a deep clean, or some sort of cleaning treatment, as it is stained in several places along the main path through the shop. Some of the stains seem to be melted/decomposed rubber from shoes.

Action Point – Lynne will ask Pat to try cleaning it. If it doesn't work Camille knows someone who used to clean carpets and may be able to help.

Lynne is going to collect a small chest of drawers that she will put next to the shop counter to give us more drawer space. She is also donating some trays to sit on top of it to store forms, etc. This will help keep the counter area tidy.

Lynne has recruited 3 new volunteers for the shop, one of whom will also do tip runs for us.

The shelving upstairs has now been completed on both sides. The shelving on the right is not suitable for heavy items.

Roy has some more plants and wondered if we wanted them for the shop. We felt they would do better on one of the stalls at the Family Fun Day. The ones we had in the shop were being over/under watered.

5. Fundraising

Sponsored walk

Lynn C will run the registration stand with Lynne R.

Lynne R will drive the support car and be one of the marshals.

Mary will be the other marshal and cover alternate mile points with Lynne.

All the details of the mile points, toilet stops, etc are included in the entry pack.

Walkers have been told to arrive by 10:45 am and the walk begins at 11:00. We will take a group photo before the start.

We currently have 18 walkers signed up to take part, all planning to do the full 13.1 miles.

Roy will organise refreshments for the finish. Lynne said we should check with the canal management and tea room that it is okay for us to do this.

First aid

We are still looking for first aid support for the walk. As we've been having problems finding a first aider this year, and will also need someone for the Family Fun Day, we discussed whether one of us should get trained. It costs over £300 and the certificate is only valid for 3 years. Every workplace should have one, so we felt it would be better to compile a list of qualified first aiders we could call upon.

Float

Roy reported a good day at Silverton with plenty of footfall and lots of interest in the campaign and walk. Some people offered advice on funding, which Roy will follow up. Several younger people were interested in setting up a swimming club in Cullompton. £20 was collected in the bucket.

Family Fun Day

The Town Clerk has confirmed that we can have their 12 gazebos for the day. The cost of erecting and dismantling them will be £40.

We will need 3 sets of roadside paddles to advertise the day. These will go on the Exeter Road, Willand Road and Honiton Road. They can be put in place 2 weeks before the event (from 24th August). The wording will be:

Cully Pool | Family Fun Day | Padbrook Park | 7th Sept, 11am – 4pm

Cullompton Ace Majorettes will give a 15-minute performance immediately after the opening ceremony (10 minutes older girls, 5 minutes younger girls). If they give a later performance they do not want to use the arena we are using for the dog show in case the dogs have fouled it. They will provide their own gazebo but will not sell anything. They would like a small donation or we can give each girl a bag of sweets. Mary will get back to them to see if they would like to sell sweets on their stall so we don't have to pay them anything. We previously advised them that they were not to sell sweets, but this seems to have been a misunderstanding.

Guess how many items in a bottle – we need to decide what to put in it. Mary proposed making a cake as a prize for this. Camille said it would be better if we just give them whatever is in the bottle. Lynne will look for a large jar of sweets at Makro and then remove the label.

Welly wanging – we have sufficient wellies (Dave can provide these) and we can use Lynne's tent pegs as markers. The prize will be an adult and junior certificate and £5 each.

Plant Sale – Tina from Gardener's Nursery will run this.

Coconut shy – Padbrook has the adult posts. We will need shorter children's posts 4 feet high. Padbrook Park staff will help put them into the ground on Sat 6th Sept as we had problems doing this ourselves last year. Dave has the backing tarpaulins [update: now in shop]. We will need 60 coconuts and about 20 Mars Bars (or similar) as an alternative prize.

Human Fruit Machine – is in storage. Needs repair as the pictures of fruit have fallen off.

Hook a bottle – Lynne will get the bottles from Makro (plus Mars Bars for the coconut shy). Dave thinks he has the hooks on sticks [update: yes, now in shop].

Football game – needs a minor repair. We will need to get lightweight balls as the heavy ones we used last year damaged the net. Dave will get the balls.

Roy's golf game – needs a flat surface. Meryle can provide 12 golf balls.

Darts – there is a trophy in the shop. We will need to replace the disk on the front. The dart board could be fixed to the bag stand in the shop if it is pinned down.

Golf buggy for transporting disabled visitors – needs two drivers and we thought they could alternate with running the darts game.

Face-painting, arm painting and body art – two people have offered to do this. We want the one that will do it for us and give us all the money rather than the one that will only pay us £5 for the stall. If we have them both they will take business from each other so we will make less money.

Mascot – we are thinking of a snorkeller or scuba diver-type character. Dave has contacts in the Tiverton sub-aqua club and will look into this.

Ice cream – we need to find someone with a food hygiene certificate. The ice cream needs to be maintained at the correct temperature. We discussed selling individual sealed ice cream tubs and ice pops rather than scooping it from containers. We would prefer to run this stall ourselves so we get all the money, rather than having an ice cream seller who will only give us a small percentage.

Campaign promotional stall – we will use Lynne's gazebo. It needs to be set up on Saturday, along with as much else as we can set up in advance.

First aid/lost children – in Lynne's tent – to be set up on Saturday. It can also be used for storage overnight on Saturday. We still need to find a first aider.

Architect – will be based in The Bunker, as last year.

Jane Tiley – Forever Living Products – she expressed an interest in coming again and has been invited, but she has not responded.

Music/PA system – Chris Snow has been booked again. He will also provide music for the majorettes performance. We need to ask him to stay until the end so we can use his PA system to announce the winners of the draw.

PCSO speed camera game – Katy Butt will attend and will bring all the equipment.

Army cadets – still awaiting a response as they have been away at summer camp.

Wellington Bouncy Castles – did not turn up for the meeting so will need chasing. We need them to see the space we have available to ensure it is big/level enough for their needs.

Lynne's van – will be available as a staff break room and staff toilet.

Dog show

The organisers asked for a space 30m x 30m but we can only provide 20m x 10m. Mary confirmed that they were okay with this.

There are 15 classes. Entry is £1 per class. The winners of each class will go forward to the Best in Show – there is no entry fee for this.

We will need 47 rosettes for prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd in 15 classes, plus one for Best in Show and one for Reserve Best in Show). Mary has found a supplier in Chudleigh. Single-tier rosettes cost £29.28 for the complete set. Two-tier rosettes cost £39.18. We agreed to get the two-tier ones and that the wording on each one would say: Cully Pool Dog Show 2014.

Lynne suggested putting down bales of straw for people to sit on to watch the dog show. There will be a 2-metre walkway between the stalls and the fenced-off arena for the dog show/majorettes.

Action Point – Lynne to produce a rough site plan and circulate it by email for comments.

6. Feedback from meeting with the CCA

This was an amicable meeting and they are happy for us to either stay as a section of the CCA for as long as we want, or to leave and become independent again. Dave explained the history of how we became a section of the CCA, what each party had gained from it, and what had not worked as well as we had expected. We agreed that it would be more convenient to both parties if we left, particularly as we intend raising a lot more money, which has caused them problems with their accounts. We would also prefer to have full control of our own accounts.

We agreed that we would look at obtaining our own charity status as soon as possible. They thought our departure might need to be agreed at their next AGM, so we will try to get our charity status set up before May. Their treasurer recommended that we become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as this would be the best model for what we are planning to do.

7. Any other business

3 people have still not given Dave their mini-biographies for the website.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th August, 6.30 pm at Padbrook Park