

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 5
Tuesday 1st November 2011, The Kings Head, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), Anita North, Carol Pickering (Minutes), James MacPherson, Pete Woodley, Sean Burrett, Lynne Read, Carla Wetherell

Apologies: Sarah Cagney, Sharon Vaughan, Caroline Pring

1. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising, Action Points

Previous minutes agreed.

Dave has given all committee members personal email addresses, e.g. dave@cullypool.org.uk. Messages sent to these addresses will be forwarded automatically to everyone's regular email address. Unfortunately the system won't accept gmail addresses, so if you have one please provide Dave with an alternative address if you have one.

Sean has arranged a meeting with Jonathan Guscott, head of planning at Mid Devon District Council. This will take place at The King's Head on Tuesday 8th November at 7pm. Those attending will be Sean, James, Dave, Anita, plus Town Councillor Nikki Woollatt.

James has arranged a meeting with Alan White from Penguin Pools for Thursday 3rd November at 3pm. Dave will also attend. Penguin Pools built Flamingo Pool in Axminster (see below for details of James's visit).

Anita has received our grant from the Town Council for £200.

Town Clerk Judy Morris has given Anita a summary of the income and expenditure report for 1991. This shows that the CCA committee gave back £1,000, which was put towards a cover and repairs to the old pool at Cullompton Community College. The college also received grants from the Town Council and MDDC.

Anita has received a phone call from Marion Dummett, who was unhappy about the change of closing date for the logo competition. Lynne will go and see her to explain why it was changed. Mrs Dummett also has some information about the history of the swimming pool campaign, which Lynne will collect.

Lynne has put up posters around the town advertising the logo competition, table top sale, and website. We were concerned that the posters didn't stand out very well when placed alongside posters from other groups and organisations, and we discussed using fluorescent paper. We could also use coloured or patterned paper to avoid using too much ink when printing backgrounds.

Lynne has collected £80 from the 100 Club, which she passed to Anita.

Dave asked Carla to try to get more people to 'Like' our Facebook page. Sharon and Caroline could also help with this.

Pete will put together a summary of the grants that are available. Many of them depend on us being registered as a charity, so he is holding back the applications for these for the time being. Energy efficiency grants are available from E.ON.

Dave showed a newsletter that the previous swimming pool committee produced in 2003, and suggested that we should do one ourselves.

Anita said we needed to demonstrate the need for the pool, and suggested putting a questionnaire on the website. Everyone who completed it could be entered into a prize draw, which should encourage people to take part. As many people do not have internet access, a printed leaflet would also be needed. This could form part of the newsletter (see above) or it could be done separately. It could be delivered to people's homes, and also left in places such as Tesco, the post office, library, doctors' surgeries, etc. Boxes to collect the responses would also be needed. We thought it would be best to deliver the leaflets ourselves and using volunteer helpers, rather than having it delivered with the Star as the Town Council have done with theirs.

2. Visit to Flamingo Pool, Axminster

James visited Flamingo Pool on 25th October, and was given a tour by the duty manager. It has been open for 11 years. The main pool is 25m x 6.5m and has 5 lanes. The pool is self-sufficient, with fundraising only being used for capital expenditure. They have a hydrotherapy pool, which also doubles as a mother and toddler pool, and this is the main money spinner. Water is circulated every 45 minutes in this pool. They use a pool cover overnight to retain the heat.

The main pool is a galvanised steel tank which is lined rather than tiled. The liner is beginning to wrinkle because of aqua aerobics and will need to be replaced soon. The hydrotherapy pool is tiled. They use a UV filtration system, and have 3 gas boilers but only use 2 of them, keeping one for back-up.

James circulated photos, leaflets, and copies of their timetable.

3. Public Meeting

The public meeting was held on the 24th October, and attendance was low, with only 12-15 people. This was due to a combination of bad weather and lack of advertising. The minutes from this meeting are on our website.

We agreed that we needed to confirm a site for the pool first, before looking at the size and type of pool(s), and this will be our main priority for the next few weeks.

4. Press Cuttings

Dave has scanned in Linda Hollway's collection of press cuttings dating back to 1987, and will put them on a private section of our website so the committee can access them. He thought it would be best to keep them off the public part of the site due to copyright issues.

Among the cuttings there was an article from 2001 about a mystery benefactor who had agreed to give 6 acres of land for a pool. The article mentions that Anna Curtis has the details

of this. We wondered whether the Gazette might also have the details. Alternatively, we could put an article in the Gazette asking the benefactor to come forward again.

Another article from 1987 says that the swimming pool campaign (then called the Culm Valley Swimming Club) was started in October 1985 by Mrs Joan Williams and the school's headmaster Mr Michael Turner.

5. Town Council Newsletter

We will put a small editorial in the Town Council newsletter. We had considered publishing a questionnaire, but we thought it would be better to do this ourselves another time (see section 1 above).

6. T-Shirt Designs

Carol showed a few designs she had prepared, and the wording on t-shirts was agreed. She will make an appointment to see Graham at Devon Shirts, who has agreed to provide the first 20 free of charge. She will send an email to all committee members asking them to specify the size they require.

7. Any Other Business

Dave suggested getting some car/window stickers. These could be given away or sold. Carol will find out the price to print 1,000 stickers. We will discuss the design and wording at the next meeting.

Lynne will be running a stall at the Christmas lights parade. The swimming pool campaign could have a part of this stall and have good quality gifts to sell or raffle.

Dave reminded everyone that he still needed their photos for the website. If you have one you'd like to use please email it to Dave as soon as possible. He will bring his camera and take photos at the next meeting.

Anita will take over the 100 club for the next few weeks and will encourage customers of the King's Head and Market House Inn to take part.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 22nd November 2011, 7.00pm at The King's Head, Cullompton.