

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 8
Tuesday 7th February 2012, The King's Head, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair), Sarah Cagney (minutes), Sean Burrett, Lynne Read, Anita North (end of meeting only)

Apologies: James MacPherson, Sharon Vaughan

Absent: Pete Woodley, Carla Wetherell, Caroline Pring

1. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising, Action Points

Previous minutes agreed.

Carol Pickering (Secretary) has resigned from the committee. We decided not to advertise the secretary vacancy yet but to see if we could fill it naturally from people who approach us with offers of help.

Sarah has found a website that can print banners at a reasonable price. She has also found some sites that can print car stickers. The lowest price she could find was 40p per sticker for a quantity of 500. She suggested we could sell them for 75p each and almost double our money, but Dave wondered if we could get them any cheaper.

Action Point – Dave to look for other suppliers of stickers to see if we can find a better price.

Dave has checked our Facebook page and confirmed that the Invite Friends option is present, on the far right-hand side. Sarah said this might only be for Admins, and wondered if it was also there for everyone else.

Action Point – Dave to check our Facebook page from a non-Admin account to check that the Invite Friends option is still present.

Dave and Sean have not yet managed to arrange meetings with the Health Centre or Community College.

Action Point – Dave and Sean to arrange meetings with College Surgery and Cullompton Community College.

2. Updates

Lynne needs volunteers to help deliver posters and leaflets in Willand and Uffculme. Dave has asked Carol to send him the contact details of all the people who have offered to help us. When we receive this we will go through it to see who is available in those areas.

3. Discussion on architects' comments from previous meeting

We agreed to carry this discussion over to a future meeting as there were not enough of us present this time.

Lynne argued strongly against using the site at Cullompton Community College, based on her previous experience in working with schools. She said the school would end up taking control of the pool. They would not want to allow the public onto their site during school hours, for the safety of their students, and they would probably lock the gates to keep people off the site outside of school hours.

She has booked school facilities several times in the past, only to turn up and find that the school was using it themselves. For example, a hall she had booked for her class was set up for an exam the following day.

If we were to consider using the College site we would therefore need to get them to sign a legally binding agreement concerning ownership, access, and control of bookings/timetable. There would need to be a clear demarcation as to how much usage the College, other schools, and the local community would be entitled to.

Additionally, the site for the pool at the college is very small. It was previously an open-air pool, but we would need to cover it over and provide changing facilities, which would reduce the available space even further.

Action Point – Sarah to obtain an application form for booking the Community College hall, so we can find out about their booking procedure and rules.

4. Fundraising

Sarah is working on the Easter Treasure Hunt, which we are planning to hold on Saturday 7th April.

Action Point – Sarah to bring details of the treasure hunt to the next meeting so we can finalise the details and start publicising it.

Action Point – Lynne to see if we can book the Baptist Church Hall for 7th April to use as our base.

We agreed that we should try to do something at the town picnic in June. We could perhaps make use of the paddling pools we got for the Christmas Lights Parade – perhaps tossing bean bags into them to score points. Another option might be to run the Wii Olympics game if we can get power to run it. Lynne said we could use her camper van, which has power – though this might only be battery power and not powerful enough to run a Wii and TV all day. Sarah said she could get hold of a generator.

Dave and Sarah are trying to set up a separate fundraising committee, as there is so much work to be done in planning and setting up all the events. They are currently

trying to recruit people to join it. They had a few people in mind, but they have backed out.

Action Point – Dave to put a message on Facebook asking for volunteers to join the new fundraising committee.

Dave suggested contacting the golfers at Padbrook to see if they would hold a charity golf day.

Sean suggested holding a car boot sale. This would be simple to run as we would only need to find a suitable site, advertise the event, and charge people at the gate to bring their cars in. Suggestions for possible sites included Padbrook, the rugby club, and the old Somerfield car park.

5. Change of meeting day?

Dave has emailed all committee members to see if they wanted to change the day of our committee meetings. Everyone present at the meeting was happy to stick with Tuesdays, and hardly anyone else responded to his email. We agreed that we would keep the meetings to every third Tuesday for now.

6. Table top sale/100 Club arrangements (for Saturday 11th Feb)

We discussed some alternative arrangements for the table top sale in case of poor weather. Sarah and Lynne said they could provide gazebos if necessary, and we could reduce the size of the sale if the weather was bad. We could also look at using bookcases rather than spreading the books over the tables.

Dave, Sean and Sarah will run the sale. Anita will help with setting up. Lynne will come along after setting up her other stall.

7. Any other business

Anita joined the meeting at this point, and Dave handed over the proceeds from the last table top sale, and the balance of the money collected from the 100 Club.

The table top sale on 10th December 2011 raised £93.23.

Anita said we had now raised over £1,000 since we started in August. Our current funds stand at £24,279, not including the £200 grant for publicity materials that we received from the Town Council.

Dave will update the fundraising thermometer on our website.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th February 2012, 7.00pm at The King's Head, Cullompton.