

Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
Committee Meeting 9
Tuesday 28th February 2012, The Market House Inn, Cullompton

Attendees: Dave Haslett (Chair + minutes), Sean Burrett, Sharon Vaughan, Carla Wetherell, Lynne Read, Mary Christie

Apologies: Pete Woodley, Anita North, Sarah Cagney

Absent: James MacPherson, Caroline Pring

1. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising, Action Points

Previous minutes not yet available.

Mary has been elected onto the committee as a full member, and will be part of our fundraising team.

The table top sale on 11th February raised £48.50. The next one will be on Saturday 10th March.

Carol has now sent the list of helpers and their contact details.

Action Point – Dave and Lynne to get in touch with the helpers to find out exactly what help they can offer us.

Dave has found some more companies that print car/window stickers, but they don't give prices on their websites. Sharon agreed to contact them and ask for quotes.

Action Point – Dave to forward the list of websites to Sharon. Sharon to contact them for prices.

Dave has checked our Facebook page from a non-admin account and could not see any option to Invite Friends to join it. There is only an option to Share the page – i.e. post it to your wall/timeline (with a comment if you want to).

2. Updates

We have been closely following the events surrounding the rise in fees affecting swimming clubs in Tiverton. We thought there might be an opportunity to get them to join forces with us and build a jointly owned pool in Cullompton. However, the issue now seems to have been resolved (for this year at least) and the increase in fees amounted to less than 1%.

3. Fundraising

There will be a Diamond Jubilee street party in Cullompton on 4th or 5th June. It would be good if we could get involved. Suggestions included a fashion show featuring swimming costumes – decorate your own or wear vintage costumes through the ages. This could be held at the Community Centre. Sharon said her husband Neil is an experienced host/commentator for events like these.

Lynne is going to make some greetings cards with the pool logo on the back, which we can sell.

Lynne used to be involved in running a quiz at the Town Hall, which was very popular, although it took a little while to build up. It was held 4 or 5 times per year, had 10 teams of 8, served food (ploughman's/buffet), and had an alcohol licence. She is willing to get this going again. It could be held at the Town Hall again, or at the Community Centre which is keen to get regular bookings and is trying to get its own alcohol licence. Sharon and Lynne have lists of quiz questions.

Lynne recommended that we provide the alcohol ourselves rather than letting people bring their own, as this will prevent people from drinking too much and causing trouble.

Action Point – Lynne/Sharon to contact the manager of the Community Centre to find out more about costs and availability of a suitable room, arrangements for preparing food, and when they are likely to get their alcohol licence.

It is important to check that the events we are planning don't clash with other events in the town, particularly things like school fetes – which we could have our own stall at.

Sean said the cost of hiring the Forge Way car park for a car boot sale would be £57. We agreed that it wouldn't really be worth us doing it if we have to pay that amount.

Action Point – everyone to look for alternative venues for car boot sales in (or near) Cullompton.

The first fundraising sub-committee meeting will take place on Weds 7th March, 6.30pm, at Lynne's house. The purpose of the first meeting will be to plan for the Easter egg/treasure hunt that will take place on Saturday 7th April. The following meeting will look at drawing up a timetable of events for the rest of the year.

4. Publicity and public awareness

We need to find a central place in town to put our notices so that everyone knows where to go for information.

We would like to issue a newsletter telling everyone about what we are doing, inviting people to come forward and help, and advertising our forthcoming events. Dave suggested we should issue this every 6 months, and agreed to write and design

it. But he wants us to have a 6-month programme of events scheduled before issuing the first one. Lynne will be in charge of printing and distribution.

Dave said the Facebook message he posted asking for volunteers to join the fundraising committee had not produced any response. No one else at the meeting had seen the message, so Dave will try posting it again at different times of the day. There might also be an option to send a group email to everyone who has Liked the page, which Dave will look into.

Action Point – Dave to repost the Facebook message asking for volunteers to join the fundraising committee, and to see if it is possible to send a group message.

5. Location

Dave has been in contact with the facilities manager at the Health Centre, and it appears they do not own the land behind them after all, but may have some degree of influence with the developers as to what it is used for. Dave will continue to discuss this with them, and seek clarification, as it seems to contradict what James was told at the end of last year.

As far as we know, Persimmon are the only developers who have expressed any interest in developing that area, and we should contact them with a formal proposal as soon as we have confirmed exactly what the situation is.

Lynne repeated her message from the previous meeting that the Community College site would not really be viable, as they would take control of it and it would not be the community facility that we intended. She suggested that if our budget wouldn't allow us to build a 25-metre pool then we should build a smaller one at the Health Centre site instead.

Sharon said the £4 million+ price the architect suggested for our proposed design was far beyond what we could raise in a realistic timescale. She recommended we stick to raising £1 million, as we originally planned, and find out what we could get for that.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st March, 6.30pm at Lynne's house.

Please note the change of day, time and venue.
Email Dave or Lynne for the address/directions.