

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the CCA Council meeting convened on Wednesday 16th January 2013

Present

Members of the Council

Ashley Wilce (chair), Eileen Andrews (vice chair), Moira Lear, Rod Crocker, Brian Mitchell, Lynn Read, John Chard, Jim McPherson, John Mapson, Peter Vile

Members of the public

Penny Marshall

Apologies

Angela Vigar, Cheryl van der Salm, Sharon Vaughan, Janet Sutton Webb, Marcus Scott

Public Question Time

Penny Marshall advised the Council that she would like to be considered for co-option

Proposal: To co-opt Penny Marshall as a Council Member

Prop: EA Sec: LR Unanimous

Minutes

Proposal: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting on 21/11/12, noting that PV *had* given his apologies.

Prop: EA Sec: LR Unanimous

Matters Arising

Dog fouling - New legislation and associated notices in place. Need other signs for 'dogs on leads'. AW advised that Labdons' had said that they would provide plywood free of charge and plexi-glass at a reduced rate; and that he would do it.

Proposal: To allocate a budget of £100.00 for materials for the erection of signs

Prop: AW Sec: ML Unanimous

Action: AW

Whippet track - Paul Lewendon is setting up 'Cullompton Whippet Racing Club', with its own liability insurance; his outline plans were put forward and discussed, with no objections.

'Way Forward' - Draft documents were consideration, as circulated.

Proposal: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Fields Committee

Prop: AW Sec: PV Unanimous

Proposal: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Fundraising Committee

Prop: PV Sec: JM Unanimous

Repairs to middle bridge - New work required after recent flood damage. Temporary repairs made for pedestrians, no vehicle use. Awaiting quotes.

Action: AW/CvdS

Hockey field rental – AW advised that he had sent a draft Licence for consideration by CRFC. There was discussion as to whether the new licence would be with CRFC, or the youth team. The Chair advised that his understanding was that the Licence would be with the CRFC, as the Youth was a

section of that Club. JC then asked whether the Hockey field might be closed off for use by CRFC, within the terms of the licence. The Chair advised that that it was intended for the status quo to remain – i.e. no enclosure and continued full use by Members when not being used by the Youth Team (during the playing season).

Action: MS

Play equipment repairs - £500 quote received to bring equipment back up to standard.

Proposal: To proceed with the quoted works.

Prop: AW Sec: EA Unanimous

Action: AW

Drainage ditch - Efforts in hand to identify ownership of the ditch, waiting response from Network Rail. PV advised that he may be able to assist with a contact.

Action AW/PV

Jubilee Wood book - Update from JS. Council agreed with suggestions made as regards Facebook page.

Action JS/AW

Avenue of Oaks - Replanted as per previous meeting recommendation. Stakes also installed, donated with thanks, by Mole Valley Farmers.

Track Repairs Grant - Update from CvDs. Council advised re s106 funds and cost of quotes (minus edging). Agreed to proceed with application using own funds as the required contribution and to discuss s106 grant further with MDDC.

Action: CvdS

Information Board - Update from CvdS that cost would be in the region of £1K and that funding would be easier if the boards were of an educational nature, rather than purely 'notices'; agreed that the group should pursue this avenue further and report back.

Action: CvdS/MI/EA

Finance

National Savings Income Bond	6,000.00
National Savings Investment Account	2,614.07
Natwest Business Reserve Account	1689.57
Natwest Capital Reserve Account	2,107.36
Natwest Current Account	2,247.95*
Total Cash Assets	14,658.95

* 1300 Allocated for bridge repairs

Discussion followed as to why there were so many accounts and whether the CCA was getting the best value and service.

Proposal: To research and identify alternative account/savings options, including the rationalisation of accounts.

Prop: AW Sec: LR Unanimous

Action: AW

Expense claims

Proposal: To approve Morrishes bill for £115

Prop: EA Sec AW Unanimous

Proposal: To approve expense claim by AW for £30 overpayment into CCA Account.

Prop: EA Sec: JM Unanimous

Proposal: To approve expense claim for £23.25 by AW for Charity Collection tins.

Prop: EA Sec: JM Unanimous

Proposal: To approve expense claim for £26.24 by AW for lawn-mower part.

Prop: EA Sec: JM Unanimous

Proposal: To approve expense for renewal of webhosting (£52.16).

Prop: PV Sec: LR Unanimous

Proposal: To approve expense claim for £21.00 by AW for key-cutting.

Prop: PV Sec: LR Unanimous

NS&I Investment Account passbook – Chair advised that this had not been located on handover of Chair, or Treasurer(s).

Action: LR

NS&I Income Bond interest cheque – Chair advised that the Minutes of Wednesday 16th May 2012 stated that we had received a cheque for £87, but that there was no record of this having been paid in.

Action: LR

Hockey pitch overdue rent – Chair advised that payment had been promised by 10/12/12 but this had not happened. And, that after chasing again a cheque had arrived that morning, with apologies. It was noted that the Invoice for 2012 was to be sent and that payment was expected within 28 days.

Action: LR

CRFC Rent - The item above prompted a discussion about the CRFC lease itself and apparent payment of rent at a rate otherwise than as agreed in a new lease in 2009.

Action: LR/AW

Non-payment by Exeter Dog Club – Chair advised that this matter had been overlooked by the previous CCA Chair/Treasurer and that a donation had now been received, with apologies.

Lantern Parade - A total of £270.00 was raised. Letters of thanks sent to Barbara Clift and the Community Centre.

End of Year Accounts – Circulated and discussed.

Proposal: That the accounts be submitted to Mortimores for audit.

Prop: AW Sec; EA Unanimous

Action: LR

Budget for 2013 – Circulated and discussed.

Correspondence

ERR - Response from Devon CC ref. topographical survey, as circulated. RC advised that the Bowls Club had not been contacted for permission. Chair advised that he had made it clear to the Surveyor that the CCA did not own the cricket or Bowls Club land and suggested that RC contact him directly.

Mid Devon DC ref. ERR preferred route, as circulated.

Grass-cutting – Morrishes letter, as circulated.* Chair advised that other quotes were being obtained. Chair advised Council of informal discussions had with JC about possible in-house cutting of grass, in co-operation with CRFC.

Proposal – That the Chair enters into formal discussion with CRFC as regards the above.

Prop: AW Sec: LR Unanimous

Action: AW

Changes to Constitution - Charity Commission, as circulated. Chair advised that he had received further communication that morning approving the proposed changes.

Chairman's Business

Request to Town Council for funding of repairs - Chairman advised that the request had been rejected, but that Cllr. Campbell had recommended that the Town Council 'should take over the running of the fields' – despite the fact that this would probably be more expensive than paying the grant that had been requested. The Town Council then voted 'to consult' on Cllr. Campbell's proposal. The Chair advised that he had invited Cllr. Campbell to this meeting shortly after the Town Council meeting, but an (affirmative) response had been received too late to be included in the Agenda. The consensus was that the CCA Council would not discuss the matter further until a proposal had been received from the Town Council.

The Chair advised that, at the meeting Cllr. Terry Snow had proposed that the Town Council write to Mid Devon DC to arrange a meeting to 'discuss the CCA', but the proposal did not receive any support from other Members and so Cllr. Snow had subsequently resigned from the Town Council; the Chair said that he had thanked Cllr. Snow for his support for the CCA and asked him to reconsider his resignation. The Chair then advised that he had been invited to a meeting with Jonathon Guscott and Terry Snow on 21st January to 'discuss the CCA and the proposed ERR'. Discussion followed.

Proposal: That Jonathon Guscott is invited to 'discuss the CCA and the ERR' with the CCA Council at its March meeting.

Prop: EA Sec: PV Unanimous

Action: AW

TAP Fund – submitted minus cycle track reference. Supported by Cullompton Town Council, Plymtree and Kentisbeare Parish Councils.

Balfour Beatty and offer of ballast – nothing further heard from Adrian Perry

Litter-picking - Chair advised that he was trying to organise a litter-pick now that the vegetation had dried back; also, that he had written to the manager of Tesco's asking if they would sponsor the clean-up, with a view to engaging and helping a local youth group.

*17/1/13 Morrishes have declined to tender

Signs – Chair advised that he had written to the Cullompton Trader’s Association asking if it, or a member (or members) would like to sponsor signs at the entrance to the CCA Fields.

Donations - of stakes for the avenue of oaks by Mole Valley Farmers – noted with thanks.

of £1000.00 and practical assistance by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church – noted with grateful thanks.

of £300.00 by Lady Amory – noted with thanks.

Charity collecting tins – 10 purchased, 8 located at venues around the Town, 2 kept for street collections.

Track – The Chair advised that he had been contacted by a CCA Member asking if the track could be upgraded to enable use by wheelchair users, prams, etc. and to be a lot cleaner, i.e. tarmac; he had also had a discussion with the Town Mayor following a request from Cullompton Community College. Discussion followed with regard to the pros and cons of having a designated cycle track and funding available for news ‘Community Paths’. Although CCA support for such a path was agreed in the past, it was agreed to have this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Business pending

√ ¹ ‘Way Forward’	
√ ¹ Swimming Pool Campaign	LR
√ ¹ Community Cinema	DW
√ ¹ Certificates of service - presentation at AGM	AW
√ ¹ Bench from the former Magistrate’s Court – playground	AW
√ ¹ Absentee CCA representatives	AW
√ ¹ Percy’s tree	EA
√ ¹ Playgrounds, planning & the CCA	JC
√ ¹ Small field and sustainable energy	JC