

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the CCA Council meeting convened on Wednesday 17th October 2012

Present

Members of the Council: A Wilce, E Andrews, M Lear, M Scott, S Vaughan, J Chard, R Crocker, P Vile, B Mitchell, L Read, N Woollatt, D Woollatt

Members of the public: D Haslett Chairman, Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign
C Rutley

Apologies: J Sutton Webb, C van der Salm

Public Question Time

Ms Rutley complained that the oak trees planted alongside the track had not been planted in an avenue, as agreed at a previous meeting. This was noted. Ms Rutley then said that CCA Council should ensure that it planted 'Percy's tree' as soon as possible, and that it should be a 'substantial tree' and not a sapling. This was also noted.

Minutes

No secretary had been found and lots were drawn, with C Cornish being the 'winner'. L Read then volunteered to take on the role.

Proposal: To accept the offer made by L Reed, with thanks.

Prop: AW Sec: SV Resolved as above

Proposal: To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting on 19/09/12

Prop: MS Sec: EA Resolved as above with no amendments

Matters Arising

Way Forward – A meeting of the Group had not been possible since the last meeting. It will aim to circulate recommendations before the next meeting.

Action: AW, EA, LR, JSW, NW to meet again and bring proposals to next meeting.

Whippet Track – Awaits response from the Whippet Club, deadline 01/11/12

Action: Awaits.

Track Repairs Grant - Viridor met on 27th September to make a final decision on the grant application. They have declined the grant because only one quote was submitted. Other quotes to be obtained and the application resubmitted.

Action: CvdS/NW to work on resubmission of grant application.

Litter/recycling bins – Ongoing discussions.

Action: EA to follow up with Tescos and MDDC.

Dog Fouling - Ongoing discussions. EA also reported that grass-cutter had reported that he would be unable to continue to cut the grass in the Recreation Ground because of the significant amounts of dog mess, which is also a serious health hazard to children and dogs. MDDC had suggested that the situation might be improved by ensuring that dogs had to be kept on a lead in this area.

Action: EA to follow up with MDDC and Devon CC.

Proposal: That the CCA prohibits the walking of dogs in the Recreation Ground, unless they are on a leash.

Prop: EA Sec: LR Resolved as above.

Proposal: That the Chairman writes to the local Press to inform them of this decision and the reasons for it.

Prop: EA Sec: BM Resolved as above

Action: AW to issue a Press release.

Middle Bridge Repairs – AW reported that he and JC had inspected the bridge and concluded that gabions would probably be the best solution. RC said that the Bowls Club had hard-core available for a week or so.

Action: AW and BM to meet at location tomorrow and to proceed with works, either way.

Water Leak - Action: MS advised that the leak was in fact a small mains water leak in the supply to the Cricket Club. This had been established by the Football Club paying £100 for a CCTV survey of their sewers, which were found to be satisfactory. MS felt that, since the CCA had reported a suspected sewer leak to the FC (the FC being the only Club connected to the main sewer), the CCA should pay for this survey. The matter was discussed and it was the view of the meeting that the cost incurred was a vital part of the process of identifying the *cause* of the leak, for which the Cricket Club was ultimately liable, not the CCA. The Chair reminded the meeting that not only was the CCA not responsible for the leak in any way, but that it would probably be entitled to claim compensation from the Cricket Club for the unavailability of its playground and the inconvenience caused to it. JC and SV felt that as landlords, the CCA should help to resolve the issue.

Proposal: That the CCA meets with all parties to resolve the issue

Prop: JC Sec: SV Resolved as above.

The Chair asked that, since JC had proposed the above, that he represent the CCA. JC declined, but SV volunteered.

Action: SV as above.

Hockey Field rental – AW reported that he had not been able to progress this matter, as yet

Action: AW to progress.

Playground Repairs – AW reported that the wooden swing set had been taken out of commission for safety reasons and that he had been quoted £3K for replacement. Also, that the new playground equipment needed repairs (not covered by the warranty), since they had not been part of a regular maintenance schedule since being installed. AW advised that he was waiting for quotes for those works to come back. NW advised that she had made an application to the TAP Fund for playground repairs, but that the CCA ought to seek funding to upgrade and extend the current playground equipment.

Proposal: That the swings are kept out of commission, with no money spent on replacement at this time; and the CCA to examine funding options for upgrade and maintenance.

Prop: AW Sec: SV Resolved as above.

Action: NW and AW as above.

Section Request – Cullompton Community Cinema – DW gave a short presentation and discussion followed.

Proposal: That the CCC is permitted to become as Section of the CCA, subject to agreement of Terms of Reference.

Prop: JC Sec: AW Carried unanimously.

Action: AW and DW to bring forward proposed Terms of Reference.

Section Request – Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign – Dave Haslett gave a short presentation and discussion followed, which was very supportive.

Proposal: That the CSPC is permitted to become as Section of the CCA, subject to agreement of Terms of Reference.

Prop: EA Sec: PV Carried unanimously.

Action: AW and Dave Haslett to bring forward proposed Terms of Reference.

Certificates of Service – Awaits update from JSW

Action: JSW

Drainage Ditch – AW and EA updated the meeting; there was no resolution as to responsibility for the ditch between the Environment Agency, Highways Agency and Network Rail. MS said that he had a contact at network Rail that he could approach.

Action: AW and MS to progress.

Information Board – ML and EA advised that a meeting was planned for tomorrow. Discussion followed about the state of current finances and the budget allowed for the project.

Proposal: That the budget of £700 is withdrawn and the project group brings forward quotes for approval.

Prop: NW Sec: AW Resolved as above.

Action: ML/CvdS/EA to progress.

Jubilee Wood book – Awaits update from JSW

Action: JSW

Grass Cutting along Ditch – EA updated the meeting and would present quotes in due course.

Action: EA to progress.

Finance

Current financial statement - As circulated at the meeting. Reporting Period 01/01/12 to 16/10/12:

Revenue: £3,717.73 Operating Expenses: £1,844.45 Balance: £14,621.80

Discussion followed about the generally parlous state of current finances and the failure to raise funds to cover operating costs, which are not generally available in the form of grants. An example of a fundraising opportunity was discussed – the Lantern Parade.

Proposal: To note the financial statements and the need to actively fundraise in order to maintain the fields.

Prop: PV Sec: AE Resolved as above.

Lantern Parade – Discussion followed and it was noted that Cllr Berry had agreed to give a grant of £120 toward the cost of materials (for which he was thanked at the time); but, to be successful, it would require the input of all Council members and anyone else they can ‘rope in’, to put lantern kits together and to collect money on the night.

Proposal: That the CCA sells lantern kits, obtains collecting tins and takes part in the Christmas Lights Parade, in order to raise funds for the CCA.

Prop: AW Sec: PV Resolved as above.

Action: All CCA Council members to try to take part, and/or find others to take part. NW to obtain collecting tins and to advise date/location of ‘kit packing’.

Correspondence

The resignations of J Hill and C Rutley were noted.

Chairman’s Business

The Chairman advised that following a poor show of members on 7/10/12 to plant the Jubilee Oak Avenue and to replant the damaged/stolen trees in Jubilee Wood, he had planted the trees the following weekend in accordance with the instructions given, namely, 6 metres apart and 2 metres in from the track; and, that further oaks are needed to complete the avenue.

Any other Business

BM asked the Council to approve the meeting of the Motorcaravanners Club 27/6/13 - 01/07/13, with a donation being made, as in the past.

Proposal: As above

Prop: SV Sec: PV Resolved as above.

SV invited the Chair and Vice Chair to the next meeting of the Cullompton Traders Assoc. on 24/10/12. The invitation was accepted.

Meeting closed 21:00

Next meeting 21/11/12