

# Cullompton Community Association – Committee Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Public Question Time

Members of the public in attendance:

Jenny Penharris  
Helen Newman  
Stewart Newman  
John Chard

No questions from the public

## 1. Attendees & Apologies

Attendees:

Sarah Cagney	SC	Chair
Eileen Andrews	EA	Vice Chair
Katherine Manning	KM	Secretary
Ashley Hellier	AH	Treasurer
Penny Marshall	PM	Independent
Richard Stuchbery	RS	Independent
Ruth Newnham	RN	Independent
Heather Crispin	HC	Swimming Pool
Iain Emmett	IE	Town Council
Tim Dienes	TD	Bowling Club
Iain Scholefield	IS	Leat Board
Cathy Penharris	CP	Holding Trustee
David Pugsley	DP	Holding Trustee

Apologies

Sarah Horn	Independent
Sheila Symonds	Independent
Brian Mitchell	Independent
Marcus Scott	Football Club

## 2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

“John Wilson Circus” needs to be changed to “John Lawson Circus”

Proposed - IE

Seconded - RS

All in favour

## 3. Matters Arising

- a) Coop funds - we have about £500  
Jenny Penharris - I have not had the email yet, the funds won't have gone through yet. It goes to the 18th  
SC - briefly discussed last time about benches, was originally for picnic benches

which we already have. Seating benches elsewhere would be good. Any other ideas?

AH - a beehive? Maybe not on our land?

HC - has anyone had a beehive? It's a lot of work

AH - we might be able to get Devon beekeepers to look after it?

HC - a queen bee will cost around £200

AH - will look into it

SC - I had an email from Streetscape who can provide a quote for the benches

IS - do we have to spend it on something specific?

SC - we have to tell them what we're spending it on

Jenny Penharris - it has to be in the play area as we told them originally we would get picnic tables, but then we were able to get them for a good deal

SC - I will get quotes for the benches

IS - the picnic benches were recycled plastic, better than normal wood

Jenny Penharris - they were very good quality

IS - but expensive

CP - they last longer

SC - IS please can you pop around the delivery receipt from the picnic benches?

#### 4. Agenda

##### a) Road

CP - We had concerns about was overheard at a consultant meeting concerning the cost of route C, increased traffic due to more residences and a route with an exit near the Weary Traveller. SC emailed regarding the comment about route C. A letter is being written to all residents near Meadow Lane and Duke Street to write to Mid Devon District Council and Devon District Council regarding the road route. A letter against planning permission once the route is determined. We have requested that Mid Devon District Council planning inform us about what will happened with CCA land as all of the route impact the fields. Question about air quality results of the town. There is a recording of a cabinet meeting in September where the relief road was discussed. Thank you to PM who suggested we contact Lydia Coz at Stags in Tiverton, who has agreed to help us contact MDCC concerning legal fees. The value of the land and disturbance of the land will be taken into consideration.

Proposed - contact Lydia Cox again - CP

Seconded - RN

All in favour

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Income - £173.85

Expense - £19.23

Total - £9497.44

PM - have we received any money from the circus?

SC - no. I've threatened them with a public message on social media. The woman I was dealing with has cancer and was in hospital. I spoke with someone else and reminded them that we are a charity. I've followed up and said I will post comments on social media.

EA - did you have a contract with them?

SC - no

EA - something to have in place for the future

CP - it was a very quick arrangement as they were passing by on their way back home for cancer treatment

SC - I have messaging in writing for if we did take them to the small claims court. It is frustrating, but it did not cost us any money and it did raise awareness. I considered asking John Lawson if they are aware of them

AH - is there a circus association?

SC - no

CP - the fairground community is very close, others wouldn't be happy to hear someone is ripping people off

RS - both this one and John Lawson operate out of Kent. They must know each other

IE - you could ask for a holding deposit when they arrive on site

SC - yes, good idea. This was just all done very quickly

IS - the cost to go through small claims court ourselves would be small

EA - there was confusion about what the money was going towards as a girl in Cullompton had cancer and was raising money to go to Disney, a lot of people thought the money was for her.

SC - I will speak to John Lawson and get advice from him

RS - a good point to ask for a holding deposit, even at short notice. £100 isn't much to ask for for anyone use the CCA

SC - it depends on the event

CP - for a small dog show we can't ask for a £100 deposit

IS - but for a fun fair who may leave lumps of steel lying around it's a good amount

HC - it's good for new people who we don't have a relationship with

## 6. Correspondence

CP - a letter from the CCA to Lydia, are you happy for me to write it?

SC - yes, happy for that

CP - a letter to Mr Walsh etc. re informing us of the route.

SC - I will sign and send

IS - would be better coming from a lawyer

SC - they have been very generous in the past

CP - will be a factual letter, in the past we have been very friendly, now I think we need to be straight down the line. If it comes from Lydia there may be a delay as she has to inform DDC that she is acting on our behalf.

Proposed letter - CCP

Seconded - RS

All in favour

## 7. Chairman's business

SC - Meeting time - suggest a slightly earlier time - 1830 start. Any issues?

EA - good idea as we're going into winter

CP - it has to be well advertised as we've started at 1900 for years

SC - where it is advertised besides website and sheep boards? Posters? Town hall?

AH - Culm Valley Gazette

Proposed - SC

Seconded - EA

All in favour

AH - need to inform those absent

SC - yes, I will tell the four committee members who are not here  
SC - want to say a big thank you to PM for putting so many posters up, she did so much  
CP - seconded  
SC - and RN for driving her  
PM - just a note, Lydia Coz is a land agent, not a solicitor. She is very experienced with dealing with councils.

#### 8. AOB

CP - ditching - should have been done  
SC - does it happen every other year?  
Jenny Penharris - Flailing should happen every other year, ditching should be every year  
CP - it's removing silt from streams and onto the banks. I  
AH - speak to the leat owners to do?  
CP - no, we do  
IS - last time Peter arranged for lower mill to be done  
HC - it's not too bad currently due to the dry summer  
CP - it does need to be done  
RS - have the football club had ditching done?  
SC - will check with Marcus  
CP - has he had flailing done?  
RS - what are the costs involved?  
CP - £250?  
IE - there are lots of large stones, if remove them can get a car in  
Proposed get in contact re. ditching - CP  
Seconded - EA  
All in favour

Meeting closed at 1934

Next meeting at 1830 on 21st November