

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the CCA Council meeting convened on Wednesday 17th July 2013 at 7 pm

Present

Members of the Council:

Eileen Andrews (Acting Chair), Lynne Read (Secretary), Nick Savage (Treasurer), Sarah Cagney, John Chard, Rod Crocker, Pauline Hammett, Christine Jones, Moira Lear, Jim MacPherson, John Mapson, Penny Marshall, Julie Metcalf, Brian Mitchell, Marcus Scott
Claire Francis represented Ian Scholefield (Leat Board)

Members of the public:

None

Apologies:

Ian Scholefield, Diana Speaight, Janet Sutton Webb, Angela Vigar, Peter Vile

Eileen took the meeting as Acting Chair.

Eileen read out letters from Cathy Penharris and Jenny Penharris requesting that they be co-opted on to the council as independent members.

Prop: John Mapson Sec: Julie Metcalf Unanimous

Cathy and Jenny joined the table.

John Chard said he was upset that there was no explanation in the note he had received regarding the reason Ashley had resigned and this was discourteous to the committee. Eileen said she had received Ashley's resignation on 1.7.13 but with no explanation.

Agenda Item

Minutes of the last council meeting

Proposed with the following amendment requested by John Chard - To consider a request from the Leat Conservancy Board to be an Affiliate group – Seconded should read ML.

Minutes of the last executive meeting

Proposed with the following amendment requested by John Chard under ERR Surveys - that the route alongside the railway line was a 'no-goer'

Prop: J MacPherson Sec: Brian Mitchell Unanimous

Co-option of a new Chairman

That Cathy Penharris becomes Chairman

Prop: Eileen Andrews Sec: John Mapson Unanimous

Co-option of a new Secretary

Eileen read out a letter of resignation from Lynne Read as Secretary of the CCA Committee but that she would like to remain as an Independent member.

That Jenny Penharris becomes Secretary

Prop: Moira Lear Sec: John Mapson Unanimous

Fencing around play area/CCA fields

Action

MDDC Health & Safety had received a complaint from a parent regarding the barbed wire on the fencing. Eileen and Lynne visited the H&S Officer who suggested we shut the play area and put up notices, which should then be photographed, as we are liable. Suggested that Eileen and Lynne speak to a member of MDDC legal team.

Brian – original fence was amongst the trees at back of play area.

Eileen and Lynne met Legal Officer who recommended check of boundaries with Ashfords, if CCA land write to the landlord to remove fence within 7-14 days or legal action would be taken. To check with MDDC Enforcement Officer re: removal of trees and hedging.

JP

Brian reported that the level of land had been raised and could be a flooding issue. John said the boundary line had stakes which meant it belonged to the landlord. Rod asked about Insurance liability – Insurance company had been informed.

Action

Lynne had immediately put up notices saying the play area was shut and warning of barbed wire and electric fence and taken photographs.

Eileen had written to the landlord asking him to remove the fencing as it was on CCA land.

Members of Fields Management Committee to let Cathy know within 7 days what had been said at their meeting regarding pruning of the trees. No permission had been given for the fence to be erected.

FMC

Simon Johnson of MDDC legal team would be prepared to help again.

Bridges over stream

Grants had been received towards this and track repair.
Contract had been sent to Mr Sivlal but terms had not been met. Recorded delivery letter to be sent to Mr Sivlal querying this.

Cathy queried the necessity of the specification for 3 ton axle weight. It was hoped to use the fields in future where heavy vehicles would need to go over the bridges.

Action

Recorded Delivery letter be sent to Mr Sivlal.

JP

All in agreement.

Officers Reports

Vice Chair

Eileen had a request from Kevin Finan and Jonathon Guscott to have a meeting about the fields. Eileen to contact to make an appt.
Eileen, Cathy, Moira and Jenny to attend.

EA

Email received from Janet Sutton Webb regarding Artswave project in Cullompton. Request that CCA Council agrees to explore working with Devon Artswave and appoints Janet to act as liaison with management committee.

Action

Agree to resolution but Janet to get information and report back at next meeting.

JP

Email received from Mayor Gordon Guest that DCC has a little S106 money over which would allow for tarmac to be extended slightly up to dog and rubbish bins, middle mill lane end.

Eileen to contact Gordon Guest to agree.

EA

Treasurer

Nick presented a Treasurer's report. There is £14,606 in the funds. Accounts are in the process of being moved to Virgin Money. A street collection had been held and £39.19 received, a £5,000 grant from Garfield Weston Foundation, £62 from dog show, £70.57 from collection boxes and £1500 from Leathersellers through John Chard. This money to be used for hedging and ditching only.

A valuation is needed for the fields for Land Registry purposes and Greenslade, Taylor Hunt had been contacted to carry this out on Tuesday 23rd July. Nick will check the cost of registering. Brian suggested a limit of £150. All agreed.

NS

Nick and Cathy to meet up one evening to go through Accounts.

CP/NS

Expenses incurred by Ashley Wilce of £93.28

Prop: Rod Crocker

Sec: Brian Mitchell

Unanimous

AOB

Brian asked if the Charities Commission should be informed about the fencing. Cathy said to wait until we have gathered all the information.

Posters around fields regarding £1 on Council Tax for CCA to be removed and reprinted with YES/NO vote. Lynne agreed to do posters.

LR

Agreed that we hold a Council Meeting on Wednesday 21st August 2013.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm