

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting convened on Wednesday 20th January 2016

Present:

Members of the Council:

Cathy Penharris (Chair); Eileen Andrews (Vice Chair); Jenny Penharris (Secretary); Nick Savage (Treasurer); Moira Lear; Penny Marshall; Brian Mitchell; Marcus Scott; Peter Vile

Public Question Time:

No members of the public were present

1. Apologies

Dave Haslett; John Mapson; Lynne Read; Richard Stevenson

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2015

Prop: Penny Marshall

Sec: Marcus Scott

All in favour

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- (i) Report from Workshop – Nick will circulate the report to committee members for discussion at the next meeting.
- (ii) Tesco grant – Jenny said she had problems with the application but another round of grants will start in April/May. It was felt the play area equipment was not the most suitable project but we could consider putting in an application for a wildlife pond. Jenny will contact the Environment Agency to check if there would be any problems with such a project and will report back at the next meeting.

4. Finance

Nick reported that the deficit in our finances is not as bad as he had thought due to the very kind donations given towards the costs we incurred last year removing the Travellers. Cathy asked for a breakdown of costs incurred for the eviction and manufacture of the height restrictor and donations we received.

There will be a charge for receiving GRIN bulletins in future of £15 p.a. Agreed we will pay.

Prop: Cathy Penharris

Sec: Peter Vile

All in favour

Nick wanted to transfer £6000 from the current account to the savings account.

Prop: Penny Marshall

Sec: Marcus Scott

All in favour

The annual play area equipment inspection is due in March at a cost of £66.50.

Prop: Eileen Andrews

Sec: Penny Marshall

All in favour

Nick had received a request from a lady wishing to dig up a Yew tree in her garden and wondered if it could be planted in the CCA fields. All in agreement and that it should be planted in the Jubilee Wood area

5. Correspondence

We had received an email from the Town Clerk Judy Morris asking in the CCA would consider having a community composting scheme in the small field. It was decided

that this would not be feasible due to the fact that the field is not enclosed and has a high risk of flooding.

6. **Chairman's Business**

(i) Height Restrictor – Cathy said the bar is often left open and that the key safe is missing. She requested that the bar is always locked after entry and on leaving. Agreed we replace the key safe but that the key is only for emergency services.

(ii) **Fundraising**

The Cricket Club have kindly offered their premises for a skittle match. We have received a good response to invitations and have 9 teams interested. Friday 1st April from 7 o'clock has been booked. Fee of £20 for entering a team of 4 would include a ploughman's supper. We would hold a raffle. Kia-Ora Farm has agreed for us to hold an Open Day on Sunday 4th September when we will receive the gate takings and can hold a raffle, children's treasure hunt and other children's activities. Suggestions include a Teddy Bear's Picnic and bouncy castle.

A suggestion was put forward that we hold a Dog Fayre in the Summer to include dog agility, a dog show, some local stalls and hold a raffle. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

We have been asked if we would man a plant stall at the forthcoming Springfest on 9th April. 4 committee members are available to help and this will be confirmed with the organisers. Penny to be the liaison with the organisers.

Eileen asked if we would like a stall at the Festival on Saturday 18th June to be held in Higher Bullring.

It was agreed that we change the day of the Car Boot Sales to the last Saturday of the month from 9-2 to start in April.

(iii) Volunteer Job Opportunities Poster – we will look at this at the next meeting and publish on Facebook, Mid Devon Gazette etc. and hand out fliers.

(iv) Maintenance – Suggested we hold a whole day maintenance event and advertise to get volunteers but continue with the monthly maintenance evenings.

(v) Track – The track is in a very bad state after the rain during the winter and has some very large potholes. We will ask Ken White Signs to make us up a sign to place at the entrance to the fields warning users. We will put in an application to Viridor for a grant and we need to get two more quotes for repair.

7. **AOB**

The North West Extension masterplan will be discussed on Thursday 28th January in the Town Hall from 10 am.

Marcus asked if the Football Club could barricade the bridge between the hockey field and the top field to stop dog walkers walking over the pitches at the moment while they are so wet – agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th February 2016.