

CULLOMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the CCA Council meeting convened on Wednesday 15th January 2014

Present:

Members of the Council:

Cathy Penharris(Chair), Eileen Andrews (Vice Chair), Nick Savage (Treasurer), Jenny Penharris (Secretary), Sarah Cagney, John Chard, Rod Crocker, Pauline Hammett, Moira Lear, Penny Marshall, Brian Mitchell, Marcus Scott, Janet Sutton Webb, Peter Vile, Debbie Whiteway

Apologies:

Kevin Henwood, John Mapson, Jim McPherson, Lynne Read, Ian Schofield

Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

Agenda items

Minutes of the last council meeting on 20th November 2013 were accepted.

Prop: Brian Mitchell Sec: Marcus Scott All in favour

Matters Arising

Track

Track had been repaired by Blackdown Environmental. Some concerns were raised about the level and puddling. Blackdown had emailed to say that they would return when the weather is drier to raise the level in certain areas. Full invoice is required as we have to send to Viridor to claim the grant. Proposed we accept payment to Blackdown Environmental.

Prop: Janet Sutton Webb Sec: Nick Savage Accepted – 1 against

Bridges

Letter had been sent advising that the contract would be cancelled if work did not start end of January. Blackdown Environmental to be asked to quote for work. Peter Vile asked if the specification could be adapted to make it cheaper. For longer term use and weight of axle load we need to keep to the specification. To contact Stewart Priddle of Blackdown Environmental if nothing is heard from original contractors.

Prop: Eileen Andrews Sec: Janet Sutton Webb Accepted – 1 against

Fundraising

Brian explained what would be needed to have a site for permanent Camping and Caravanning facilities. Committee agreed that this would involve too much and that rallies that were booked in advance would be preferable. Brian to create document with pro's and con's and what facilities would be required for rallies.

BM

Oak Trees

Penny Marshall reported that the new Oak trees had been planted with better protection, which hopefully will protect them from vandalism. Notices had been placed at the beginning and end of the avenue with our email address. Penny's contact would like to

continue to cut the grass around the trees, but at present he has not got a mower.

Proposed that we pay Penny £10.69 owing from the bill.

Prop: Cathy Penharris Sec: Peter Vile All in favour

Rail Track

Cathy had been in touch with Steve Densham, MDDC asking him to contact Rail Track on our behalf as we had had no response to our earlier phone calls. Steve had emailed his contacts at Rail Track and asked them to look into the situation of the stones blocking the ditch as this had caused a build up of debris against the bridge. Suggested we ask for volunteers on Facebook and Twitter to help clear the ditch the other side of the bridge against our fields in March/April time. Cathy will report back at next meeting

CP

Grass cutting

Thanks were expressed to John Chard for cutting the grass over the last few years. Sarah Cagney's husband to be asked to look for a suitable mower in the price range of £1500-£2000.

Prop: Penny Marshall Sec: Janet Sutton Webb

Finance

Nick circulated report for January 2014. The cost of ditching and flailing was less than expected and we can ask for quotes for repair to the main track to be paid out of remaining money from The Leathersellers donation.

Correspondence

Eileen had received a letter from Playsafety Ltd regarding inspection of the play equipment. Nick Savage to contact them for quote. Nick offered to dismantle the old wooden swings which are no longer in use.

Prop: Janet Sutton Webb Sec: Peter Vile All in favour

Chairman's Business

- (1) Request from Isca Metal Detecting Group that they use our fields for metal detecting. They have their meeting on a Sunday and pay £30 per session.
Prop: Nick Savage Sec: Sarah Cagney All in favour
- (2) Whippet Track – Paul Lewendon to be contacted and asked for a response by the end of February whether he can continue with running the Whippet Club.
- (3) West of England Bearded Collie Club – We are waiting to hear back from them whether they wish to use our fields for their event.
- (4) Football Club rent – Football Club were asked if they will cut a path around the fields, cut the play area and occasionally the main field for work in kind. Cathy to liaise with Debbie. Nick to advise Football Club normal costs for this work and to be reviewed end of the Summer.

CP/NS

Prop: Janet Sutton Webb Sec: Penny Marshall All in favour

- (5) Flood Risk Assessment – Cathy read out an email from MDDC regarding the current situation. Delay in the report being presented – possibly now in the Spring.
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AOB

Janet Sutton Webb suggested we invite Neil Parish to open the new bridges and track in the Spring and invite the Press.

Marcus Scott said the ditch at the bottom of the main pitch needs clearing – not done when other ditches were cleared. Cathy to inspect.

CP

AGM – booked for 7pm on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at the Hayridge Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th February 2014