

Cullompton Town Team meeting, Wed 17th April 2024

Present; Sue R, Ray U, Elizabeth S, Graham S, Lloyd K, Xanthe W, Jenny R, Amy D

Apologies; George M

Unavailable; John B, Judy M, PTFA Rep

Please note that Janet J is no longer able to attend our meetings. Many thanks to her for her many years of excellent service to the TT.

1. Previous meeting, held on 31st Jan 2024. Approved as a correct record.
2. Spring/Autumn Fests. 13th April had been a very successful event. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare and deliver it. Thanks have been given to MDDC grants for the award we got, and we have asked if we can retain the underspend, and devote it to AutumnFest on 12th October. Money will be used to buy some A boards, so that TT can advertise such events more fully than was possible on 13th. 1st aiders must be booked for October, and more signs need to go up in the weeks prior to it. The Library's plans for the dasy need to be included in our advertising. Lewis C's wife took a video of much of the day, and interviewed several people also – Amy D provided the link at this meeting. Oct 12th suggestions include the various dance troupes, more gardening, including for/with children, Festive Food cookery demonstrations, and the importance of having translators/interpreters mixing with the local people. Thanks to Farmers' Market for helping to make the new area look so impressive.
3. Finances, IT and CViB (Ray U). Balance of £7.4k currently, some of which is earmarked (Youth Shelter), and some is the MDDC award's underspend. CViB recently donated their funds to TT, and income has been raised from advertising local businesses. 3k recent website visits, particularly the What's On pages, which many save as favourites. 75 local businesses, and Ray is currently developing our TT site so that each of these can have regular space to advertise. 3.5k FB visits. All looking very positive. Thanks to Ray.
4. J28 and CTCRR update – John B not present. He has since reported nothing new to report, despite March being a focus for DCC Cabinet to debate this further. Sue reported that there had been a meeting with Sports Clubs that use CCA Fields in early March, and at which plans to purchase some of that land were discussed.
5. Emergency Procedures (CTC) – again, nobody present to provide this update. Recent Traveller arrival at Culm Valley Sports Centre has been just one recent example of appropriate procedures not being in place. Residents continue to express their concerns about the lack of any Flood Protection policy, and necessary equipment being stored nearby, etc. James B formally thanked for his swift action last Sept, and also recently, regarding Travellers. Sue formally expressed concern that there is little evidence of progress, almost 8 months after one disaster.
6. Next meetings; Wed 1st May, 2pm, Zoom, 20 mins only, 2023 AGM 'catch up'
Wed 22nd May, 2pm, Zoom, 'normal' TT meeting, 1 hour.
Meeting ended at 2.52pm.