

Arthur Hill Working Group Meeting – 5 April 2017
@Nikki's House

Present

Phil Vaughan, Gerard Stewart (notes), Chris Beales (chair), Nicola Gordelier, Tom Lake, Peter Burt, Liz Hayes

Apologies

Dave Smith, Liz Hayes, Sarah Gardner, Marlon Minty, Rhiannon Stocking-Williams, Philip Johnson

1. Minutes and Actions Arising

Minutes from meeting of 22 March agreed

Actions arising

What	Who	Status at last meeting	Comment
Talk to Fusion Leisure	Peter	ongoing	Carry forward. Peter to contact Rob Wilson
Banner on AH building	Tom	Take up again after 10 April	Carry forward
Contact further operators	Tom	Take up again after 10 April	Carry forward
Read ASA document on community pools	All	ongoing	Carry forward
Take H&S courses etc at RVA	Directors	ongoing	Carry forward. NB now being monitored on Trello
Monitor historic pools website	Phil	ongoing	Carry forward
Bank account signatories – establish identity at Metro Bank with evidence	Nikki, Chris, Marjan	new	Peter to chase Metro Bank to open account
Common file archive	Liz	ongoing	Carry forward - Liz and Chris to discuss
Add operations to Trello	Marjan	ongoing	Carry forward
Buy Arthur-hill.co.uk domain and emails	Chris	new	Done
Organise comms meeting re. Strategy	Gerard	new	Agreed that need to include Sarah – can progress on her return from holiday
Write to councillors before 10 April	Chris, Peter	new	Done. Note – Chris has addresses for all councillors
Tidy Trello at bit	Chris	new	Done

2. Update on meeting with Cllr Paul Gittings

The meeting attended by Tom, Nikki and Gerard was discussed. See separate note of meeting emailed by Gerard.

The legal case was not discussed at this meeting and it was agreed that our position with regard to the legal case is that it is being brought by a private individual, not associated with CIC.

3. Review of Council's position paper

Says that request to policy committee is to determine application – 3 options.

- Accept
- Reject
- Modify – can ask for more info.

There is no recommendation in the officers' paper to councillors on the decision they should take. The paper does highlight a number of deficiencies – in summary:

- Financial sustainability;
- Commitment to ensure equal opportunities;
- H&S mgt and technical competence;
- other policy issue (?);

It was agreed that our position should be to encourage RBC to recommend modified proposal and agree to work with CIC to achieve this. Rob White is keen to help and will table recommendation to this end.

Tom and Peter agreed to discuss whether / how to talk to Labour councillors.

4. Plans for the sub committee meeting on 10 April

Agreed that we should present our case v succinctly. Some points to make:

- We would like to work with Reading Sport and Leisure (RSL).
- AH has unique selling point – located in centre of dense and diverse community.
- Set out our aims from CRC document.
- Costs – many other pools are heavily subsidised.
- AH can 'fill the gap' and allow RBC to manage the risk that Palmer Park pool is delayed. This is probably the point on which RBC are likely to be receptive.
- We've raised enough money to give the pool a facelift if nothing else – it hasn't had any maintenance since 2008!
- Technical competence – we will recruit – and work with RBC. We'll work with ASA (now Swim England) and others e.g. Arundel Lido.
- Even if we are given modify option we could do a lot more work without assurance that we can go ahead. You have to be willing to work hand in hand in genuine partnership.

Peter and Gerard to meet to agree best approach. Peter to lead presentation with support from others.

Peter to put together a slip to ask supporters not to act in an unruly manner. Overall we aim to act in a professional way.

5. Leafleting

Tom has been coordinating this and leafleting himself including to local businesses e.g. cafes and bars. Lots of leafleting in Redlands and Park Ward already carried out. Ongoing!

Phil has prepared a note aimed at the Nepali community. Contact has also been made with Moslem community but more work needed here.

6. Meeting with Tony Jones

Tom reported that he now has a clash when we were supposed to meet him. Tom has suggested alternative time and awaiting TJ response.

7. Standing Items – update from sub-groups:

- Business planning + sponsors
- Community engagement
- Comms Group

Meeting to be held after 10 April to include Sarah. Phil noted that Comms are ongoing. Phil to draft press release aimed at national media re 10 April meeting.

- Fund-raising

Liz has put together TVH community chest application and will send this off before deadline on Monday.

- Trello plan update

8. AOB

Phil and Tom have been promoting the 'last chance' document and CIC membership outside AH pool and will continue to do so. It was agreed that this was worthwhile.

9. Date/place/chair for next meeting

TBC – tentatively agreed as 12 April Phil's house on Eastern Avenue. Liz to chair.

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Position on legal case –our position with regard to the legal case is that it is being brought by a private individual, not associated with CIC.	all	new
Discuss whether / how to talk to Labour councillors.	Peter and Tom	new
Peter and Gerard to meet to agree best approach for meeting on 10 April.	Peter and Gerard	new
Present to RBC meeting on 10 April and answer questions	Peter to lead with support from others	new
Put together a slip to ask supporters not to act in an unruly manner at 10 April meeting.	Peter	new
'Last chance' leafleting and presence at AH pool and possibly Broad St	All, led by Tom	ongoing
National press release on 10 April meeting	Phil	new
Meeting with Tony Jones	Tom	new
Agree whether / how to engage Labour councillors	Peter and Tom	new
Submit TVH community chest application before deadline	Liz	new