



Minutes of Friends of Peterborough Lido Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 25th July 2023 **Time:** 14.00 **Location:** Hampton Leisure Centre

Chair	David Godfrey (DG)	
Minutes	Sue Godfrey (SG)	
Attendees	FoPL David Godfrey (DG) Clare Marshall (CM) Sue Godfrey (SG) Monica Ilett (MI) Nick Carter (NC)	Vivacity/PL Ian Spence (IS) Sam Hickman (SH) Jemma Rees (JR)
Apologies	Karen Brine (KB) Hazel Barnard HB Maggie Divers MD Dominic Gray DG Kay Collins KC	

Agenda item 1: Introductions and Welcome (DG)

Discussion **DG** thanked everyone for coming

Agenda item2: Previous minutes and actions arising (DG/CM)

Discussion ii) the signage has now been billed to **FoPL**

 Engagement with PCVS is ongoing, **CM** and **DG** have met with the representative.

 Re IT ongoing actions to be discussed under Agenda Item 7

Conclusion **DG** confirmed with the agreement of all present committee that the minutes were true and accurate.

Agenda item 3: Treasurers report (DG)



Discussion	<p>3.1 Bank balances and liabilities: Balance is currently £1849.60. Major costs since last meeting: Web cost: £292 Lane signs: Dry Robes: £660 to be deducted from Midsummer magic money £929? £29.96 left CM added that there may be some money needed to replace the existing sandbags as they will probably deteriorate over time.</p> <p>3.2 Bank signatories and banking arrangements: Change of signature forms: DG informed the committee that the first set of forms were signed by Janet Martin but the bank rejected them as they had issued the wrong forms. A second set of forms were sent and Janet Martin was asked to sign them but she had not done so at the time of the meeting. Due to the time passed since this was requested MD has also written to the bank directly to inform them of the difficulty and is waiting for a reply.</p>	
Conclusion	The signatories need to be changed asap and officers to be kept informed of progress	
Responsible	Action items	Deadline
MD	To obtain forms so new signatories can be added	Immediate
Agenda item 4: Membership update (KB/CM)		
Discussion	<p>CM reported for KB There are 73 members, 27 new and 1 honorary member CM welcomed 11 while covering for KB</p>	
Conclusion	. Membership continues to increase on last year	
Responsible	Action Items	Deadline
CM	CM continue to cover in KB's absence the role of membership secretary	ongoing
Agenda Item 5: Feedback from FoPL members and other sources		



Discussion

CM reported the positive feedback from comments:
The plants and flower beds have been much admired.
A cleaner pool and environment have been noticed.
The quiet mornings when yoga is being practised and the new furniture appreciated by users.
The men have asked for a table at the male end and it would be an advantage for the women to have a bench at the female end.
The Lifeguards dry robes have been noticed and positive comments received. FoPL logo on the sleeve has been noted.
The visitor's book has been completed by people from all over the country including London and Sheffield

CM read out some of the comments which included:
"Best way to start the day"
"Haven't been for years but the last two days what a start to the day!"
'Feel so lucky to have the Lido to swim in'
'This pool is outstanding and we are very lucky to have this facility-stunning'
'We love the lido we try to come at least once a week, very lucky a lovely pool'
'Lovely place and friendly'
'Thank you so much friends, whole place is looking the best in 60 years, well done everyone'
'Warm pool and friendly staff'

Summer Passes:
Staff have been asked by some Vivacity members about freezing their Vivacity membership when they buy a summer pass, Membership can only be frozen if sick or away for a long period. There has been some resentment about having to pay extra on top of their membership fee but it was recognised by most that the cost was reasonable, particularly has there had been little increase in membership fees despite everything costing more to manage the pool

Car parking:
CM reported that there has been some confusion regarding car parking permits. Some people thought they could only be used for the Regional pool. They have now been informed the permits also apply for Lido users.

MI: recounted messages via Facebook, FB messenger and website comments:
1- A request from Sophie E, the adaptive swimmer, for **FoPL** to share her fundraising page for her channel swim. She is doing many of her long training swims in the Lido, including 12km. The committee agreed that this was ok.
2-Message from Emily Steel with regard to Gateway Film festival and running a couple of summer screenings at the Lido. This was passed



Conclusion	All FoPL feedback shared and actions noted	
Responsible	Action items	Deadline
SH/JR CM MI	Summer screenings- Emily Steel request Electronic article to CM and she will forward to Nina ... (Marketing manager Share Sophie Etheridge's fundraising on FoPL FB	End of season

Agenda item 6: Feedback from Vivacity/PL (IS/SH)

Discussion	<p>SH Extra early morning swims have been added on a Tuesday and a Thursday this has been possible as the Regional pool is currently closed and there are the staff to cover the extra sessions.</p> <p>JR planning an outdoor cinema screening her contact Emily Steel of Gateway films, FoPL will be asked if they want to steward.</p> <p>Willow festival – requests to use the showers were made and they were charged for this. There were no break ins over the festival period.</p> <p>Vandalism is a growing problem and the health and safety representative is liaising with police.</p> <p>IS attempting to do whatever they can to keep Lido secure including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCTV recordings are being sent to the police along with photographic evidence of any vandalism and damage - looking at using antitheft strips on lido walls to prevent vandalism. considering taking this forward at 2.5metres -the BIB (Business improvement Bid) where businesses contribute funding a police officer to patrol around town centre. <p>SH Dog swim at the end of the season. Dates yet to be confirmed</p>	
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Conclusion	All updates from Peterborough Limited/Vivacity and any questions from FoPL completed with actions noted	
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Responsible	Action Items	Deadline
JR IS SH	Too contact FoPL for volunteer stewards for film Working with BiB to address the increasing To confirm dates for Dog swim and FoPL post season swim	Prior to screenings Ongoing Mid-August

Agenda item 7: IT/Website update (MI)



Discussion	<p>MI continues to request for assistance with IT although for now is managing.</p> <p>A new email address lido.friends@fopl.co.uk but this hasn't been implemented needs card details from MD before 2025 SSL secure socket layer.</p> <p>Facebook engagement: 1,533 1005 people engaged, 239 likes, 22 comments, 6 shares, 372 photo views etc</p> <p>DG/CM have made PCVS aware an IT volunteer is required and will share this within their network of volunteers.</p>	
Conclusion	<p>MI does a sterling job of keeping the website and social media pages regularly updated with CM taking pics and reporting news on a daily basis on site and proof reading</p>	
Responsible	Action items	Deadline
MI/MD	FoPL card details	January 2025
Agenda item 8: Constitution Matters		
Discussion	<p>8.1: the constitution in clause 9.7 states an auditor is required for the accounts and this should be changed to a competent person as advised by PCVS. Unanimously agreed by all present that this can be changed under the powers of clause 11 There is a lifeguard who is studying accounts and she has been approved to carry out this task her name is Abbie Branston LLB Law. She is not yet registered with institute of accountancy.</p> <p>8.2: In the constitution the name of company should be changed from Vivacity to Peterborough Ltd (branded as Vivacity)</p>	
Conclusion	<p>Constitution amendment agreed and a competent person to look over the end of year accounts approved as Abbie Branston LLB Law.</p>	
Responsible	Action items	Deadline
CM	Complete amendments to constitution and circulate to committee	August 2023
Agenda item 9: consider and discuss becoming CIO (Charitable incorporated Association)		



DG: introduced this item and explained the reason for this is because of personal liabilities when volunteering in the Lido, if FoPL incorporated this would cover any liabilities.

Existing arrangements confirmed with **IS** and the need for a letter from Peterborough Limited to confirm **FoPL** volunteers are covered by their public liability when carrying out various tasks such as planting, painting, assisting with setting up pool in the mornings.

IS suggested that regular volunteers should be formally registered as Peterborough Limited **volunteers**. Names should be given to **JR** - there is a pack from HR.

DG considering the move from a Constituted group to CIO status. Although this is not required with our current size and finances, he felt that this would make it easier for raising money for the lido accepting any legacies, and gift aid etc.

The question was put to the committee for consideration to look at changing status to CIO or stay as we are as a constituted group.

IS provided advice re the considerable work involved in going for CIO status

CM commented on the number of active members and admin support and how such

Conclusion	It was generally felt that the organisation should stay as it is for now with a view to revisiting this in the future when and if the size and administrative capacity warranted such a change	
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Responsible	Action items	Deadline
DG	Send letter to Peterborough Limited	August 2023
CM	Send all names of current volunteers to JR	August 2023

Agenda item 10: Proposed Members Day out

DG had previously suggested an informal day out for the committee to another lido e.g., Woodhall Spa. KC had previously suggested Hathersage or Jesus Green. This as yet has not taken place, IS offered a community bus with a driver. Susan Wallis of Peterborough Ltd can be emailed with regard to the cost.

Conclusion	To continue to look at this for the future	
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Responsible	Action items	Deadline
DG/K	Look at possible options for a trip out to another lido	Ongoing

Agenda item 11: Discuss proposal that a subcommittee is set up to oversee future events

This would be made up of non-committee members as well as committee members and work with Peterborough Ltd to set and oversee future events. To raise profile, give media coverage. **DG** will send a newsletter out to all members requesting volunteers to form a

Conclusion	A subcommittee to be created	
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responsible Action items Deadline
DG

Produce a newsletter and circulate requesting volunteers from the membership to form a subcommittee to look at events future August 2023

Agenda item 12: Ideas for the future

- Discussion: **12.1** concert by Isle av a Shanty from Ely
12.2 Concert by the Sheringham Shantymen
12.3 A Duathlon/triathlon
12.4 Grand National Sweepstake to raise money
12.5 Any other suggestions- Swimathon, inflatables, midnight swims.

IS said that repairs to the lighting system will cost around £40k, Drench showers in the foot baths are not possible as there is no drainage.

Conclusion: Ideas to be considered going forward

Responsible Action items Deadline

Committee List of ideas for future events – for future consideration and planning once subcommittee formed Ongoing

Agenda Item 13 AOB

Next meetings

Date: 10 October 2023 Time: 14.00 hrs Location: Hampton leisure centre

Date 23 January 2024 Time: 14 .00 hrs Location: Hampton leisure centre

Meeting closed at 16.13