

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Event: Public meeting

Location: Upcher Community Shop

Date & time: Thurs 3rd December 2009 at 7pm

Attendee	Email address	Telephone	Youth/U21
Rob Sayles (Chair) – RS	rob@sheringhamskate.co.uk	07950 650538	
Jasper Pegg - JP			
Sam Hayter - SH			
Steve Frisby - SF			
Connor Sayles			Y
Mrs J. Terry - JT		01263 820826	
Mr Terry - MT			

Apologies

Dan Sewell (SNT)

Paul Starling

Mark Hill (STC)

Clive Hay-Smith

Welcome and Introduction

RS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Background Summary

RS summarised briefly the recent developments of the project:

- Support from Clive Hay-Smith with Stead Mutton and S2 Partnerships (planning and H&S)
- Longevity of current park into the winter and funds left to manage maintenance

Discussion points

The Committee clarified the position on the current structure, how quickly it will deteriorate again this winter, funds to support maintenance, and the need for a complete rebuild from the 'ground-up' in 2010.

RS updated the group on the support from Clive Hay-Smith with planning and H&S, plus future idea for fund raising support (pending a separate project group meeting in December to cover off in detail). RS confirmed a working constraint of £100,000 for the new park development (to be fund secured by next year, subject to design tenders & estimated costs).

JP/SH queried progress on the design concepts from Maverick/Gravity/Wheelscape. RS confirmed that all 3 tendering companies were asked to submit concepts by 16th December; it was agreed that a special review night (hopefully 16th Dec) would be held with the park users prior to a public exhibition (early in the New Year).

RS suggested using the Lloyds Bank building for an exhibition. SF also added the idea of running background videos; RS to follow up with Maverick/Gravity/Wheelscape, and also try & secure the facility early in the New Year. JT discussed linkage with the High School, to include petitioning and also support for the exhibition (leafleting, etc). RS to provide a petition book to JT next week.

RS raised the question of fund raising. The group discussed the option of professional support, but felt that a stronger/wider Committee structure may be able to raise funds independently. RS to discuss a revised Committee structure with Caz/ Paul in the near future (with a view to bolstering Treasurer/Secretary positions). MT pointed out options for funding via the Tourist Board and Eastern Arts, along with other sports/health organisations. RS confirmed that Community Spaces and Norfolk Foundation (match) funding applications would be made, pending design tenders & associated costs).

JP suggested a video/DJ night (using preview DVD material from local skateshops like Drift or Smash), not only to increase social awareness but also to raise small funds for future prizes and trips. The group also discussed a day trip to another park like Skegness – RS to find out about hire prices, minibuses, minimum ages, CRB, and parental consent possibilities. The group also discussed closer ties to school, to include a Saturday Summer Club/drop-in for new skaters next year. JT also raised the potential for involvement in the High School Activities Week.

The group discussed other contacts – it was agreed to contact local artists and designers, along with ex-skaters who now worked around the country (in graphic design/management/business owner roles). The website was covered; all agreed to provide links, imagery, and videos which could be posted to keep the website up to date.

RS confirmed the next meeting date, along with return dates for designs (16th December).

The Way Forward

- RS to:
 - Follow up on all 3 designs, also request DVDs of their park opening events
 - Discuss venue for grand design exhibition
 - Contact Nick Taylor, Drift/Smash Skate shops, UKSBA
 - Arrange meeting with Janet Terry to handover petition book and discuss pending design exhibition
 - Look into away day at Skegness park (venue, minibus, costs, parental support, etc)
 - Discuss Committee restructure with Caz and Paul
- Committee to arrange info on fundraising routes
- JP/SH to submit skate videos/imagery for updated to website

Date/time & agenda of next meeting

Weds 16th December – will communicate via email/Facebook/website

- *Review consultancy and planning progress*
- *Seek new funding routes, professional support*
- *Enrol new Committee members*