

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Event: Public meeting

Location: Upcher Community Shop

Date & time: Weds 4th November 2009 at 7pm

Attendee	Email address	Telephone	Youth/U21
Rob Sayles (Chair) – RS	rob@sheringhamskate.co.uk	07950 650538	
Caz Sayles (Vice Chair) – CS	caz@sheringhamskate.co.uk		
Mark Hill (Sheringham Council) - MH			
Marc Churchill (Gravity) - MC			
Connor Sayles			Y
Miles			Y
Fabian			Y
Sam Hayter - SH			
Jasper Pegg - JP			

Apologies

Dan Sewell (SNT)
Brian Hannah (STC)
Paul Starling
Clive Hay-Smith

Welcome and Introduction

RS/CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Background Summary

RS summarised briefly the recent developments of the project:

- Reskin & press activity
- Loss of fund award submission from Community Justice
- Support from SNT, research into links between park closure and town ASB levels
- Longevity of current park into the winter

Discussion points

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

RS updated the group on the unsuccessful application for Community Justice funding for £20,000; briefly discussed reasons for failure, plus future idea for fund raising support (pending a separate project group meeting in December to cover off in detail). RS suggested a working constraint of £100,000 for the new park development (to be fund secured by next year, subject to design tenders & estimated costs).

The group discussed the options for a park redesign; it was agreed that a complete removal of the current park & replacement with a new concrete park would be the best way forward, for the following key reasons:

- Option to design sympathetically for the area
- Massively reduced maintenance costs moving forward
- Increased visibility on the sports map; highly likely to boost sales within the town stores
- Shows that all supporting agencies are serious about supporting generations of young people

MC presented Gravity Parks to the group, covering design approach and process, existing parks, parks in development, and new ventures. The group discussed the options for designing a park for all users and abilities; RS queried design for bladders/stunt bikers/BMXers. Issues including peg damage from BMXers was also raised by JP/SH regards concrete; MC confirmed design approach to combat early wear and tear. MC also suggested use of local materials and design elements; JP put forward anchor and groyne shapes, along with brick & shingle within the layout. The existing tree/grass layout was raised; MC/RS to confirm how these elements could be incorporated into a bespoke design.

RS covered the potential neighbouring development of the Greenhouse Community Project, design ethos, and need to design the park with the environment in mind. Connor suggested some wall or method of blocking vehicle access to the park, along with reduction of gravel chips onto the playing surface (MC to add to the list of design elements).

MC requested a list of features for the new park; the group suggested elements including a kidney bowl, transitions, driveway, and Wembley gap (etc - full list available on request from MC). MC also suggested that removal of current materials (ramps & tarmac layers) be performed by the group & local contractors (organised by Gravity), should the park clear planning & be commissioned.

RS confirmed the next meeting date, along with return dates for MC to deliver design drafts & notes for the group to consider.

The Way Forward

- RS to follow up on land searches (drainage/sewerage) with Geodesys + associated survey companies
- MC to prepare design concepts, notes, and tender for park redevelopment by December
- Committee to arrange info on professional fundraising organisations (separate meeting(s))

Date/time & agenda of next meeting

Thursday 5th November (Maverick night) – will communicate via email/Facebook/website

- Review consultancy and planning progress
- Seek new funding routes, professional support
- Enrol new Committee members and create maintenance team(s) – inc H&S & ROSPa