

## MINUTES OF MEETING:

**Event:** Public meeting

**Location:** Sheringham Community Centre

**Date & time:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 6.30pm

Attendee	Email address	Telephone	Youth/U21
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## Apologies

Brian Farrow (NNDC)

Brian Hannah (STC)

Paul Starling

Clive Hay-Smith

Wyn Nurse

## Welcome and Introduction

RS/CS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Background Summary

RS summarised briefly the run up and recent developments of the Skate Park:

- Redevelopment of structures
- Insurance and final fixes required
- Possible increases in size of Committee
- Need to work cross-agency

## Discussion points

The Committee clarified the position on the current structure, use for this summer, and the possible need for a complete redesign and rebuild from the 'ground-up' this autumn. RS clarified the support from Clive Hay-Smith with insurance, and also covered the concept for the eco-store (location, current plans/status/affect on park). The Committee clarified the position & ethic of the Club; free to use, independent but agency supported.

CS suggested a youth committee to steer designs and ideas – the attendees signed up if they were interested in joining a youth team within the Committee. The youth team should also organise themselves into a competitive team to attend other parks and events, raising awareness. Mr Pottle suggested linking into the Hunstanton events on 12<sup>th</sup> July. RS and CS to follow up.

RS also asked that a maintenance team be created, to look after the park. New audit paperwork could be produced and used by teams on a weekly basis. LS and RS stressed the importance of keeping the area clean of litter – SNT and the Committee should be used for reporting any incidents with sharp objects (glass, metal, etc).

Attendees discussed the current land available – RS confirmed that the current vision was to use the existing land space; the Committee would find out more about any plans to move, plus assess the land covenant. For now, attendees agreed that any future plans should be based on current land space.

LS suggested the 'natives' & Committee could look online and visit other parks; with this info, they can produce new designs for a new park layout. RS offered to contact architects, with the idea of drawing up new park layouts for public use – a minibus could also be organised for trips. LS also suggested use of mobile ramps for events and displays

TM offered £5000 from the Council funds to provide financial help to the park over the summer; RS and TM to follow up separately.

RS & skaters discussed the pending date (2<sup>nd</sup> Aug) for Paul Starling to arrange a competition at the Crown – ideas about town closure, Carnival, and an open event at the Park were also floated.

Advertising and sponsorship was raised – it was decided that promotion to parents (inc safety, SNT/CCTV, inspections, etc) would be valuable. Raising awareness and promoting positivity could lead for further opportunities for business support & advertising. Committee to review over time.

Mr Pottle offered to help with secretarial duties – to be discussed.

## The Way Forward

- Follow up on competition day, Carnival, and open day ideas
- Enrol new Committee members and create maintenance team(s)
- Create youth team - visit other parks, make new designs; review with professionals
- Review covenant and land plans
- Prepare PR and plan a public event
- Seek new funding routes

## Date & Time of next meeting

tbc (likely early July) – will communicate via email/Facebook/website