

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Event: Public meeting

Location: SheringhamPlus Shop

Date & time: Thursday 28th February 2008 at 7.00pm

Attendee

Rob Sayles (Chair) – RS
Rach Andrews (Secretary) – RA
Paul Starling (Treasurer) - PS
Lee Kirby - LK
Brian Hannah – BH
Noel Gant – NG
Bernie Lee – BL
Maria Welch – MW
Lewis Barrie – LB
Kyle Cotogno - KC
Owen Liberman - OL
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Apologies

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Welcome and Introduction

RS welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

Background Summary

RS summarised briefly the recent developments of the Skate Park:

- Receipt of c.£10000 funding last year, available funds left
- Ongoing updates to park
- Setbacks to project over winter
- Website and PR to develop
- Possible increases in size of Committee
- Need to work cross-agency

Discussion points

The Committee clarified the position on the current structure, and the need for a complete redesign and rebuild from the 'ground-up' this coming year. BH and NG discussed possible support for this activity, pointing out the need for complete cross-agency consultation (inc. land planning, feasibility studies, architectural drawings, and complete project quotes for intended concepts). RS suggested a youth meeting to draw together all extreme sports – BL concurred that bikers and bladers should also have facilities within the area.

The 'natives' & Committee will look online and visit other parks with camera equipment; with this info, they can produce new designs for a new park layout. RS offered to help with any printing and design work, via his studio. RS offered to contact architects, with the idea of drawing up new park layouts for public use.

RS to look into current land lease and planning possibilities for enlarged spaces - the 'natives' suggested the possibility of widening the tarmac strip, to allow for a squarer layout to be put forward (inc. a plaza). RS also to submit a planning application for a shelter (supported in principle by BH).

RS suggested new signage, including notice boards and safety warnings. These could be made to include 'partnership logos'. BH pointed out the pending revamp of all Splash signs, with the idea of inclusion of the skatepark. MW to follow up these plans, RS to produce new artwork.

RS asked the 'natives' to gather 10 young people (16-25 years old), to represent through the Committee. This will justify the current Constitution for the project. RS also asked that a maintenance team be created, to look after the park upon completion. New audit paperwork could be produced and used by teams on a weekly basis.

RS requested photography for the re-opening event – LK offered to provide equipment and skills for future use. NG requested LK present a video of footage to a town council meeting in March. RS to use footage on (pending) website.

BL circulated a SNT questionnaire for the young people – RS suggested a co-branded questionnaire to be produced and circulated. The 'natives' suggested a mass leaflet of town and schools, to form part of the feasibility study.

The Way Forward

- Create youth meeting and feasibility study
- Visit other parks
- Create new park designs; submit to Committee for plans to be drafted
- Review covenant and land plans
- Enrol new Committee members and create maintenance team(s)
- Prepare PR and plan the re-opening event
- Seek new funding routes

Date & Time of next meeting

tbc (likely mid March)

The Strip

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