

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING:**

**Event:** Public meeting

Location: SheringhamPlus Shop

Date & time: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7.30pm

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## **Apologies**

Paul Ingham (NNDC) Dean K Simon Page (Splash)

### **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:

- New committee, including youth members (up to 50 current park users)
- Updated constitution (inc. 8 young people on Committee)
- Insured until August 2007
- Safety checked (complies with current Health & Safety legislation)
- PR campaigns underway (with ongoing dialogues)
- Business plans & consultancy underway (1<sup>st</sup> drafts)

RS also confirmed dialogue had started with:

- NCC
- Police
- Splash Centre

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### **Discussion points**

SF asked why a wooden system was important; a dialogue followed which covered the differences in safety, skate surface, maintenance, and cost of wood vs. steel vs. concrete. It was suggested that the project should be looked at on a grand scale.

All agreed that the skatepark should be overhauled; this would include shelters, the main structures, skin surfaces, new materials/tools, groundworks, and storage facilities. RS would also maintain a dialogue with the Splash (esp. for summertime events).

JP & the 'natives' suggested the possibility of widening the tarmac strip, to allow for a squarer layout to be put forward (inc. a plaza). A discussion followed, which included DS suggesting dialogue with the Town Council Asset Manager (Land); SF highlighted the need to dig out and distribute the current covenant document, to assess what rights we have to current and expanded lands. RA and PS will find and copy this document for future discussion.

A discussion highlighted the urgent need to find emergency funds for immediate safety/maintenance of the skatepark until next Spring. RS asked that a maintenance team be created, to look after the current park. Tools and materials could be scrounged (with help).

RA will contact the Council regarding the missing bin; BF offered to help with securing this.

It was suggested that the park be dismantled; however, the attendees agreed that the park should stay, as it allows for a PR focus as the project evolves this coming year.

DS pointed out several funding routes:

- NNDC (Lisa Bumfrey)
- EEDA (via DS, SheringhamPlus)
- Norfolk Foundation
- DS/PS to follow up Sheringham P&P application.

It was pointed out that maintenance of an existing project may not be covered by a grant; the attendees agreed a meeting at the skatepark would allow us to assess maintenance requirements. At that point, we will also discuss ways of raising funds; this will allow a 2-prong approach to the project.

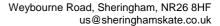
RS & Committee to continue to produce business cases, for major funding from August 2007+. SF suggested we assess our current status, perhaps looking into a Limited Company in the future

- Arrange emergency funding for April 2007
- Arrange funding from August 2007 onwards
- Consider current status

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.

JP/BL/SH/LK 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. SF offered to contact architects, with the idea of drawing up new park layouts for public use.

RS would also forward Dave & Andy's details to JP/LK; there may be an opportunity to gain some consultation and advice for new park designs.





SF and RS discussed PR; using new plans and current contacts at the Independent, North Norfolk News, and A-to-Z, RS would like to request public consultation and positive PR for the project.

## The Way Forward

- Meet to assess park; start maintenance (create team(s)?).
- Create new park designs; submit to Committee for plans to be drafted.
- Start emergency fund gathering.
- Continue business plans.
- Discuss covenant and land plans.
- Regain bins, gather tools/materials.
- Continue PR dialogue.
- Bring other young people to Committee meetings.

## Date & Time of next meeting

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 1pm, at the skatepark (weather permitting).