

BOLLINGTON SKATE PARK GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BOLLINGTON REC. 9/06/09

PRESENT – Mark Pinches (Chairman), Ken Edwards (Bollington Town Council), Michael Burdekin (Friends of Bollington Rec.), plus 2 skate park users.

APOLOGIES – John Kershaw, Rob Cross

PURPOSE OF MEETING – The purpose of the meeting was to establish a group for progressing the plans for the Adlington Rd skate park and starting the associated fund raising activities. It was agreed that the group of those present plus JK and RC and a representative from Cheshire East Council would drive the project.

CURRENT POSITION – A record of the current position is being maintained in a folder kept by KE. Previous discussions had led to the proposal for the upgraded skate park area to be moved to the central part of the Adlington Rd site with the football area moved alongside the Middlewood Way access and the existing children's play area remaining in its present area but upgraded. The preliminary design recommendations for the skate park facility were for an area of about 25 metres x 25 metres including a split level jump box, a small kidney bowl, half pipe and ramps at an estimated cost of about £120 - £150k. The overall funding need for the upgrading of the whole site had been estimated as about £180k. It is necessary to establish a contact point in Cheshire East Council as owners/managers of the site to obtain their support and agreement to the proposed plans.

ACTION – KE to liaise with Cheshire East Council to establish contact/approval for the current proposals. MP to obtain plans/sketches of layouts for skate parks at Macclesfield South Park, Poynton, and Hereford (believed to be representative of Adlington Rd ideas).

FUND RAISING ISSUES – KE reported that Cheshire East Council have earmarked £10k for upgrading of the children's play area. It was agreed that there would need to be three main funders at about the £50k level. Potential sources were identified and allocated to members for further investigation as Sport England Rural Communities (FMB), Community Spaces (MP), WREN (KE), Connexions (KE) and Playbuilders (MP).

ACTION – Members to explore eligibility and conditions for funds as indicated.

TIMING – The meeting noted the Gantt chart prepared by M. Hodgkinson (Cheshire East) for the skate park project and considered the targets for implementation in about one year reasonable. The need to obtain planning permission at an early stage was queried and MP agreed to check.

ACTION – MP to check Gantt chart details with M. Hodgkinson.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to call the next meeting as soon as the contact and support for the current proposals had been obtained from Cheshire East Council.