

Appendix 2 Feasibility Statement

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It is intended, by the writer that this paper will help inform and share with the decision makers the benefits of supporting a Skate park facility in Menehniot. The Menehniot Steering Committee and its working parties have spent six months investigating, consulting and gathering a wealth of information from stakeholders, community, users groups, agencies, professional design/implementation companies and funding/commercial organisations.

Findings

It should be noted that this is a feasibility study, the question to be answered is quite simply 'is it possible', and as such the level of detail will be limited to what is required for an informed decision to be made by the Parish Council to move to the next step.

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This project is in support of the government's agenda 'Every Child Matters', to be healthy, to stay safe, to enjoy and achieve in both an educational and sporting environment, special reference is made to children's recreation in the context of enjoyment. The facility will meet these criteria and fit in with the governments and schools agenda of providing every child with at least 5 hours of sport per week.

It is important for local communities and council to provide outdoor activities and encourage the younger members of the community to participate in these activities. This is an opportunity for the Parish Council to invest in future generations and their well-being.

The Menehniot Recreation ground has the potential to become a sporting centre of Excellence, providing the local community with a varied range of sporting activities for all age groups. It already has a first class sports pavilion which could be used by the wider community, this in itself will encourage a closer community spirit and experience for all.

This project will demonstrate what can be achieved by teamwork and the council bringing together the community for the benefit of future generations.

Steps

The Skate Park has currently been agreed in principle by the Parish Council!!

We need to ascertain a grant of £2000 from the Parish Council, this will help the group get funding from Biffa Awards, Lottery Awards For All, Samworth Brothers.

This is to show that the Local Parish Council is in support and we are moving this project forward and we can ask these companies to supply us with funding to build the project.

The £2000 will also help for us to pay for the planning application to be submitted to Cornwall Council.

The Council's planning applications usually take 8 weeks

The procedure we are following would be:

Design

Planning

Funding

Provider

Project Manager

Committee

In Our Menheniot Skate Park Group there is

Project consultant: Keith Goldsmith

Chairman: Will Sneed

Treasurer/ Secretary: Demelza Medlen

And four local residents

Background

Skate parks have become increasingly popular recreational facilities for a growing number of children and adults throughout the world. First developed in the 1970's public skate parks have helped to serve as a positive recreational spaces for a broad cross-section of our society. Skate boards are places where some kids can escape the pressures of team sports, engage in healthy aerobic activity, combat obesity and build confidence and self-esteem. Skate parks get children out of doors and active.

Skate parks are areas where skateboarders free style, BMX bike riders, and scooters and in line skaters can legitimacy practice their sport in a safe professionally designed facility. Lacking a public skate park in Menheniot means children, youths and adults have to drive to other facilities in the area which is not practical or possible for many people.

All the interactions with the public have been positive to –date, especially on the open evening and support has been wide spread at the open evening 100 people attended with only two disinters.

Their concern was with noise pollution and height of the ramps, but with this project it is ground level and below so therefore there will be no noise pollution or height issue we discussed the with one member of the public who attended the other has been hear say from another sporting group within the village.

Addressing the Myths

Any public ark can attract unsavoury elements and crime, Skate parks can actually help reduce crime in parks since the skate parks are used more frequently and undesired activities are deterred.

Skaters are generally known to police in a positive way creating a relationship with the community, older skaters who are more experienced can help mentor younger skaters and through this a sense of ownership of looking after the facility is created.

Material selection plays a big factor in noise abatement concrete is quieter than modular systems. Noise studies have shown skate parks are no noisier than road traffic.