

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Skate Park Committee / Working Party, 1st November 2022

PRESENT	Cllrs D Keal (Mayor), M Brampton (Deputy Mayor), and R King
INTEREST GROUP	R Swain, P Swain, M Fothergill, R Hayden
IN ATTENDANCE	S Rainsbury (Clerk), T Hicks (Deputy Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr A Spencer, J Lindenberg,

2. FORMING A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION – Members working with the skate park interest group agreed in principle the forming of a stand-alone group to look after events, promotions and the management of activities at the park. The town council would maintain its operational and asset management role. It was agreed that the interest group have a further meeting to discuss the particulars before the next time the committee meets. For the purposes of these minutes we are calling the group, an interest group, but members may wish to consider a better name. The group would operate with delegated powers granted by the council, so as not to have to go back to council all the time. So, for now any activity by the interest group and the skate park committee are subject to any necessary permissions of the council.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RESOLUTION – Whilst the town council remain responsible for the operational side of the skate park, the interest group would be responsible for the promotion through hosting events, training sessions, demonstrations, all for the purposes of community engagement and enjoyment.

Councillor Keal offered to engage with Ian Kirchner-Waines, who works for North Yorkshire Youth, a County Council organisation, on any opportunities and collaborative working that would benefit park users and the interest group.

Ryan Swain confirmed he would be happy to support schools engagement, run maintenance courses and the group also hinted at the possibility of having an equipment share scheme, whereby old equipment, too good to throw out would be brought into the scheme, and distributed to those that would like to get into the sport without necessarily committing to purchasing goods at the outset. The group would need some kind of storage facility for this. Rob Hayden confirmed entry level equipment, boards, pads and helmet were circa £50.00 for all three.

4. FINANCE

The group discussed who would manage the finances of the skate park, and who is responsible for which costs.

RESOLUTION – It was agreed that the town council remains responsible for the insurance, lease of land, lighting, CCTV, electricity and all asset management related outgoings. It was suggested that the interest group would likely channel their finances and fund raising for events, including insurance, through the Malton & Norton Area Partnership (MNAP), again all subject to agreement by MNAP.

5. NEXT STEPS

RESOLUTION – The group agreed to have another meeting without necessarily the presence of council members and they would subsequently formalise a paper on what their aims and intentions are.

The town council confirmed that the bulbs in the lamps would be renewed and we would ask the contractor to use the brightest bulbs available.

The clerk confirmed there was no power to the stand alone column for extra lighting or CCTV, but the pole could be used for solar powered mounts.

The clerk also confirmed that we would create a sign, to complement the existing signs, to advise users that during the hours of darkness the skate park is closed.

Ryan Swain advised that he will be looking into engaging with a local artist for the creation of a street art wall on the vert ramp.

Stuart Rainsbury

Town Clerk