

Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee

Date: Monday, 30th October, 2017

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath

Councillor Rob Appleyard

Councillor Michael Norton (Chair)

Councillor Geoff Ward

Co-opted members non-voting: Councillor Lin Patterson (Bath and North East Somerset Council), Paul Hooper (Independent) and Sujata McNab (Independent)

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2. To agree the Trust's annual budget and business plan.
3. To approve the use of any reserves.
4. To agree the Trust's annual accounts.
5. To receive and respond to the audit findings relating to the annual accounts.
6. To receive reports on the effective day to day management and financial performance of the Trust.
7. To allow interested parties to give their view on the performance and direction of the Trust.

Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee - Monday, 30th October, 2017

at 4.00 pm in the Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

3. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the Agenda.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** *or* **an other interest**,
(as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

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6. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair will announce any items of urgent business accepted since the agenda was prepared under the Access to Information provisions.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 7 - 12)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017.

9. SKATEPARK UPDATE AND DESIGN (Pages 13 - 18)

£97k of capital funding has now been approved by the Council for the installation of a skate park and further capital improvements at Alice Park, at the request of the sub-committee. In addition a further £30K has been pledged by the community for delivery of a skate park.

Members are asked to consider the attached report which sets out the design and project plan for the delivery of the facility.

10. ORGANISED FOOTBALL USE OF THE PARK - UPDATE (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider a report giving an update on the use of Alice Park for organised football.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To consider when to hold the next meeting of the Trust Sub Committee.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Marie Todd who can be contacted on 01225 394414.

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ALICE PARK TRUST SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held

Monday, 3rd July, 2017, 4.00 pm

Councillor Rob Appleyard	-	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Councillor Michael Norton	-	Bath and North East Somerset Council (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Ward	-	Bath and North East Somerset Council
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Councillor Lin Patterson	-	Bath and North East Somerset Council (non-voting)
Paul Hooper	-	Independent Member (non-voting)
Sujata McNab	-	Independent Member (non-voting)

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer explained the emergency evacuation procedure.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

Apologies for absence were received from Tammy Randall – Finance Manager.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business.

6 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS

Graham Page addressed the Sub-Committee regarding the provision of a skate park in Alice Park. He expressed concern regarding the size and location of the skate park and asked a number of questions, to which the Chair responded.

7 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27 MARCH 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8 SKATE PARK UPDATE

The Chair explained that the Sub-Committee had met informally at Alice Park to look

at designs for the skate park. As a result of that meeting officers have been requested to arrange a meeting with the company that is designing the skate park on behalf of the Council to discuss ways in which the design could be refined.

Cllr Appleyard reported that he had now met with the designers and an officer and had further discussed the size and location of the skate park. It was now proposed that the petanque court would remain in its current position and that the skate park would “dog-leg” within the area of the trees. Landscaping could also be provided to improve the appearance of the facility. It was anticipated that the project would be delivered by the end of March 2018.

Members then discussed the following issues:

- Canvas, the designers, would consult with the user group and others as necessary. They would also take into consideration ways to decrease the noise generated by skate park users, such as a more sunken design and bunding around the outside of the structure.
- Michael Hewitt, Legal Services Manager, explained that the Trust would need to agree for the Council to lease the land for the use of a skate park. The Council would then construct the facility within the funding envelope available and provide maintenance as necessary.
- Cllr Appleyard explained that the original design had been scaled back having considered concerns expressed by local residents.
- Members noted that the original design had been very large and welcomed the smaller footprint. Paul Hooper still had concerns about the location as this area was often used for picnics and other park activities. He also stressed the need for a contingency fund for the project and a full risk assessment.
- Cllr Ward acknowledged that it was important to balance the requirements of some local residents for a skate park alongside the concerns of other residents about the effect it would have on the park as a whole. He felt that the skate park should not be too big and should not dominate. He was also keen to ensure that other park improvements take place. The recent survey carried out by Tony Hickman at the café had shown that park users wanted a number of other improvements and facilities. He hoped that there would be some remaining funding left for this purpose.
- Cllr Patterson did not agree with the proposal to scale back the size of the skate park as she felt it would not be challenging enough which could lead to it not being fit for purpose. She also had concerns regarding leaves from the trees falling onto the skate park.
- It was noted that planning permission for the skate park was not required as the work could be carried out under permitted development rights.

Cllr Ward then moved a motion which was seconded by Cllr Norton.

Following further discussion and minor amendments to the motion, in order to

speedily resolve the skate park issue and bring forward the possibility of early construction, it was RESOLVED unanimously:

- (1) That a final design be proposed which shall comply with the eight points below and that a public consultation be held in order to take into consideration in full the views of park users and local residents. With consideration of the Conveyance between Herbert Montgomerie McVicar and the Trustees of Alice Park, the Trustees agree to construction of a skate park on the following basis:
 - (a) It shall be of a size more proportionate (i.e. approximately 50% of the size of the original design) to the size of the park so that it shall in no way dominate the park or detract from the enjoyment of other park users and neighbouring residential occupiers.
 - (b) It will be designed for starter skate boarders in mind.
 - (c) It will be designed for maximum possible noise attenuation within the available budget.
 - (d) No trees will be cut, trimmed or removed for its construction. The Boules area will not be removed or relocated.
 - (e) A contribution of the allocated fund (as set out in resolution 2 below) will be gifted to the Trustees of the park for improvements in playground equipment.
 - (f) B&NES Council will oversee the construction and ensure that the Trustees' requirements are met with their costs met by the funds allocated.
 - (g) B&NES Council will be responsible for the regular safety inspection, maintenance and cleaning of the skate park through its whole life. Should it become dilapidated or neglected, the Council will be responsible for the cost of its removal and for the reinstatement of the ground.
 - (h) There will be suitable and sufficient screening and planting incorporated into the design as necessary.
- (2) The Group Manager, Neighbourhood Environmental Services, be requested to seek approval to add to the Cabinet forward plan, a request for the Cabinet Members to release the £97k provisional capital funding for the sole purpose of building a skate park in Alice Park and to allocate any remaining funds to be spend on wider park improvements. The funds to be spent in the 2017/18 financial year.

9 **ALICE PARK TRUST STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17**

The Sub-Committee considered a report which set out the Statement of Accounts for Alice Park Trust and the Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2017.

It was noted that the expenditure incurred for the Alice Park Trust in 2016/17 was £35,486 which was offset by income of £23,583 and a donation from B&NES Council of £11,903.

Members noted that there was a deficit which had been met by the grant from the Council and also that £8k of the income specified had come from compound interest which was a one-off payment. It was noted that this could signify problems in the future if the Trust was not able to generate sufficient income. Members also felt that the income from events was currently low.

The Group Accountant agreed to send further details regarding restricted and unrestricted income streams to Sub-Committee members.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Agree and sign the financial statements of the Alice Park Trust for the year ending 31 March 2017 and to submit the accounts to the Charity Commission.
- (2) To agree and sign the annual report for the Alice Park Trust for the year ending 31 March 2017 and to submit the report to the Charity Commission.

10 **CHARGES FOR EVENTS HELD IN ALICE PARK**

The Sub-Committee noted information setting out Council fees for land hire for events in parks and open spaces from 1 April 2017.

One event had been held in Alice Park this year:

Larkhall Festival - £380 (charity rate for 2 days)

The Trust had received income of £760 from events so far this year.

Members felt that there was a need for a more transparent process for dealing with events held in the park. The process for logging and charging for events did not seem to be very clear.

It was noted that the Sub-Committee had previously agreed to use the Council's events team to organise events within the park but that they could make different arrangements in the future if they wished.

Paul Hooper pointed out that a number of organisations use the park for activities such as keep fit and dance clubs. It was felt that these types of activities should be formalised.

Sujata McNab stated that the Trust should receive regular information regarding events held and the income generated.

Cllr Appleyard expressed concern at the £75 admin fee charged by the Council's events team as there was a need to generate more activities within the park and this could be prohibitive to smaller community events. Mark Cassidy explained that prices had increased last year and this had no effect on the number of events held.

11 **PEST CONTROL**

Mark Cassidy reported that the Pest Control Team had visited the park to deal with a rat problem and that this had cost £162 + VAT. The charge for 4 visits per year by the Pest Control Team would be £466 + VAT.

The meeting ended at 5.50 pm

Chair

Date Confirmed and Signed

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Alice Park Trust Sub Committee	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	30 October 2017	<small>EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:</small>
TITLE:	Design & delivery of the proposed skate park.	
WARD:	Lambridge	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix A – Project Scope and Objectives		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 £97k capital has now been fully approved by the Council for the installation of a skate park and further capital improvements at Alice Park, at the request of the Alice Park Sub-Committee. In addition a further £30K has been pledged by the Community for delivery of a skate park.
- 1.2 This report considers the design & project plan for the delivery of the facility.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The content of this report is noted and it is agreed to proceed as outlined.
- 2.2 That the £30k of pledged community funding is passed to the Council to enable delivery to be undertaken by the Council.
- 2.3 That decisions around establishing the lease/license and the detail of the further capital improvements are delegated to Council Officers in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee where necessary without the need to report back to the full Sub-Committee.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 £97K capital has been allocated by the Council for the development of a skate park in the east of Bath and further capital improvements as the budget enables.
- 3.2 The Council's contribution to develop the skate park will be capped at a maximum of £97K including all associated project and officer costs.
- 3.3 The Trust has also had confirmation that £30K of private donations have also been committed to developing the skate park, subject to confirmation of the

Council's £97K commitment; £20K from the Medlock Trust, and £10K as a private donation from a Larkhall resident.

- 3.4 The inspection and maintenance of the facility is intended to be carried out by B&NES within the existing level of subsidy that it gives to Alice Park. There will be additional revenue expenditure but under normal circumstances this is anticipated to be minimal, particularly if the inspections are carried out by the Council's play inspectors who already visit the park, and if the skating community and volunteers are tasked with helping keep the site clear of litter and in good order. Should the costs be more than reasonably budgeted for then the Council will need to consider its position and may seek to reduce the extent works within the current subsidy by re-prioritization. The Trust should be prepared to contribute financially to any identifiable shortfall from its own resources/income streams.
- 3.5 Insurance – As the skate park will be maintained and inspected by B&NES the insurance liability will be picked up under the Council's Insurance arrangements and is within existing budgets.
- 3.6 As this is intended to be a council facility to be placed on the park with the trustee's agreement, there will need to be a lease including full repairing covenants and agreement to remove this facility at the end of its useful life imposed upon the Council. The council's property services department will produce the lease but the trustees must satisfy their s.36 Trustee Act duty to get best value for the land. The trustees need to obtain their own valuation (from a surveyor) at their own cost. The fees for drafting the lease being attributed to the Alice Park Trust and funded from within the £97k capital funding. This will need to be agreed prior to commencement of any capital works being undertaken.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council is sole corporate trustee of the Alice Park Trust. The Alice Park Trust's Sub-Committee's terms of reference are to undertake the operational management functions in respect of the Alice Park site and its resources, in accordance with Trust's objects and the duties it owes pursuant to the Charities legislation.
- 4.2 Members in their capacity as Trustee must administer the Trust in good faith, abiding strictly to the objects of the Trust and administering the Trust for the benefit of the public which may at times conflict with the interests of the Council.
- 4.3 The objects of the trust require the land bequeathed to be used as a public park and children's recreation ground. The Sub-Committee must consider whether any proposed use falls within the trust's objectives, and if so whether to permit the use requested. If it permits the use then it must decide on what terms, in order to ensure effective use of the park whilst minimising any conflict between the different uses to which the park is subject to under the terms of the trust deed.
- 4.4 One important consideration for the APT Sub-Committee to consider, when deciding upon the issue of expenditure generally but specifically in respect of the skateboard park is, that the income from the Endowment and arising from the Trust Property is currently insufficient to maintain the park without a subsidy from B&NES' and therefore a very clear legal basis is required in order to enable B&NES as trustee to permit any project to go ahead, if that would involve future expense.

4.5 The Trust would need to agree for the Council to lease the land for the use of a skate park. The Council would then construct the facility within the funding envelope available and provide maintenance as necessary.

4.6 The Sub-Committee have been informed that £30K of private sector funding will also be released to the Council once the skate park has been commissioned for spend at Alice Park.

4.7 The design & build of the skatepark will be tendered in accordance with council contract standing orders.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 At its meeting on the 3 July 2017 the Sub-Committee detailed the design specification which would be acceptable to them in developing the facility.

5.2 The skate park will be a predominantly sprayed concrete construction and the design will need to fit the located area and provide features that will meet the need of the user group.

5.3 The provision of facilities that will be suitable for use by skate boarders, BMX riders, inline skaters, roller bladers, roller skaters and scooter riders so that park users will be provided with a park that they can ride time and time again and have fun exploring the lines in many different ways whilst developing their skills in the process.

5.4 The Project scope and objectives are outlined in Appendix A.

5.5 The key outcomes and success factors for the project are;

- to be completed by no later than 30th March 2018
- to be completed within the approved budget (including fees for lease/licence, project management and Parks Officers time).
- to meet BS EN 14974
- for the contractor to provide an after care service for 2 years
- for the surfaces and rides to have a life expectancy of 20 years

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The skate park is being specified as detailed by the Sub-committee at its meeting on 3rd July 2017.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 These have previously been detailed to the Sub-Committee in order to determine the specification now decided upon to build a skate park primarily aimed at beginners and improvers.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 Initial designs will be taken out to consultation with the public user group and the Sub-Committee as part of the evaluation process.

8.2 Once the contract has been awarded further design work will include further consultation with future users of the park and organised in conjunction with Bath & North East Somerset Council’s Parks officers.

8.3 Contractors submitting a bid should have experience of, and be confident with, working with young people and the public as part of the design process and will present their designs to representatives of user groups and to Council Officers.

8.4 The Council’s S 151 officer approval has been received

8.5 The Council’s legal team have had opportunity to comment on this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 Risks to the project’s successful completion are;

- project over running past 30th March; to be mitigated by selecting a skatepark proposal that is within scope and contractual agreement that it can be achieved by the deadline.
- project cost exceeding the allocated budget(The Council has been clear that its contribution will be capped at £97K but that the additional 30k donations aligned to the skate park delivery will extend the value of the overall project to £127k enabling Council funding to be applied to other capital improvements); within this there will be an 8% contingency fund allocated to the project which is considered reasonable to the risk.
- currently unknown site constraints such as sub surface ground conditions; trial pits are planned to ascertain sub-terranian conditions.

9.2 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has not been undertaken as yet.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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Appendix A

PROJECT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

We anticipate that the successful design will incorporate features to satisfy the following user groups:

Skate facilities for a variety of users:

- Skate boarders (including Penny boarders)
- Scooter riders
- BMX riders
- Inline skaters / roller bladers / roller skaters

Types of rider experience (all ages)

- Beginners
- Improvers

PROJECT SCOPE

Possible features to include a selection of the following (to be confirmed during the consultation design development process):

- ramps / curved transitions
- a selection from street and plaza features such as rails, steps, blocks, banks, kerbs etc
- rideable space for gentle cruising, away from other skate lines i.e. not in the path of features. This is to prevent riders crashing into one another and to allow beginners space to practice balancing
- DDA compliant rideable access and pathways from the existing park path to connect with and encircle the skate facility (removing any need to ride over grass to get on / off the skate park)
- design to include maximum possible noise attenuation within the available budget
- design to incorporate include necessary, suitable and sufficient screening and planting

The project may also require appropriate external works:

- drainage
 - surface treatment for non-rideable surfaces i.e. pathways, rubber matting / SAFA surface
 - soft landscaping to soften edges and provide some visual screening
- All activities must be outside of the drip line of any trees.

OUTLINE PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND/OR DESIRED OUTCOMES

General conditions:

- We are looking for a lifespan of at least 20 years for surfaces, rides and external features.
- We are happy for contractors to sub-contract the build where relevant. Any subcontractor proposed should be submitted to the Council for approval prior to commencement.

MATERIALS

Materials chosen by the contractor, and construction methods chosen should be fit for purpose and able to withstand intensive use over a 20 year period.

CONSTRAINTS

- The budget is limited to £97,000 inclusive of all fees (including internal fees) and costs, and the contractor's submission must demonstrate that this is achievable.
- Planning permission is not required for this site providing design and construction is limited to a maximum height above ground level of 4m and a maximum cubic capacity of 200m³. The design must comply with these limits.
- No trees should be cut, trimmed or removed for construction.
- The adjacent boules area cannot be impacted upon, removed or relocated.
- The size and design should be proportionate to the size of the park so that it shall in no way dominate the park or detract from the enjoyment of other park users and neighbouring residential occupiers.

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Alice Park Trust Sub Committee	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	30 October 2017	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	ORGANISED FOOTBALL USE OF THE PARK - UPDATE	
WARD:	Lambridge	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Agreement was given to the trial of youth football within the park around September 2016. This has been a success but despite moving the football use around the park (to spread the wear), the grass became sparse and rutted in places by the end of football season (May 2017).
- 1.2 The current sward is simply an un-improved mix of annual meadow grass with some rye grass which is not particularly durable and on-going football use will compound the issue (sparsity) which may prevent subsequent summer events from occurring if the situation worsens.
- 1.3 This report considers the actions necessary to reduce this impact next year and to potentially start recovering costs of reinstatement.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To permit the continued football use of the area.
- 2.2 To improve the current grass sward by re-seeding to increase dwarf perennial rye and creeping red fescue species. This will make the site far more durable for football use and events generally and ensure the site recovers quickly at the end of future seasons. This seeding will not be required every year but suggest every 3 years.
- 2.3 To fill any holes that may cause injury.

- 2.4 That the Alice Park Trust considers a charge rate to the football club to recover costs of the above works and to derive an income.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 Seeding has been quoted at a cost of £950 per 110x50m area with Rigby Taylor R13 seed. This would result in a total estimated cost of works at £1140.00 (including VAT).
- 3.2 The park is currently used for football on approximately 50 occasions per year, B&NES mini football (quarter adult pitch) hire price is £25.20 including VAT per use and this is benchmarked to others in the area. Therefore 50 pitch hires will derive £1260.00 to the Trust as an income if the decision to charge is applied.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council is sole corporate trustee of the Alice Park Trust. The Alice Park Trust's Sub-Committee's terms of reference are to undertake the operational management functions in respect of the Alice Park site and its resources, in accordance with Trust's objects and the duties it owes pursuant to the Charities legislation.
- 4.2 Members in their capacity as Trustee must administer the Trust in good faith, abiding strictly to the objects of the Trust and administering the Trust for the benefit of the public which may at times conflict with the interests of the Council.
- 4.3 The objects of the trust require the land bequeathed to be used as a public park and children's recreation ground. The Sub-Committee must consider whether the Trust's objectives are enhanced by provision of organised sports use, whether to mitigate any potential impact that compromises others use by agreeing to re-seeding and whether the principle of charging for use is acceptable under the terms of the trust deed.

5 RATIONALE

- 5.1 The improvement in sward was considered necessary following a site inspection at end of football season (making it more resilient and improving recovery time).

6 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 Not to renew football use.
- 6.2 Not to re-seed.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Council's Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) has had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Risks are being vulnerable to having an un-useable area which will be unsightly and recreationally unusable; this risk is increased should we have a wet winter. This will likely result in:-
- Complaints for preventing others recreational use
 - Some loss of income should events/football hires not occur
- 8.2 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has not been undertaken as yet.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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