

## Skatepark Liaison Committee meeting 16th February 2023 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Andrew Peddie ( Chair), Martin Dibley ( minutes ) , Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Alan Ballany, Alice Hall, Ellis Jaffray, Bjorn Lie, Janice Fyall, Sarah Hughes , Ben Black.

**Apologies:** Sarah Rogerson.

1. The issue was raised whether section 75 Monies could be transferred to Pittenweem . Has legal opinion been sought? This was answered via a detailed letter from the last Chair of the Silverdyke Liaison Group . Projects outwith the Anstruther community council area do not match the criteria as laid down by the Liaison group. It was also noted that the Pittenweem site came low on the scoring at the public consultation and the skatepark group has no desire to develop the site. A ballot was taken by those present on rejecting the Pittenweem site and it was agreed by 7 votes to 3 to no longer pursue this site. It was therefore agreed to pursue two sites only, Waid Academy and Bankie Park
2. **The two sites:**
  - a. Waid Academy. Fife Council Legal have stated that to untangle the PPP contract to allow the Skatepark group to purchase the site would cost approximately £10,000 and would take two years . Then there would be purchase cost of the site plus significant groundworks to level the site before construction could begin. The pre construction cost is therefore estimated at £30,000 to £60,000, however no formal costs have been sought. It was asked if the strip of land between the proposed site and the farmers field could be used and it was thought this was not big enough
  - b. Bankie Park. Bankie will have no purchase cost or groundworks cost so following funding applications work could start soon and the site could be open in 2024.
  - c. Access. Both sites have good car parking, good public transport and pedestrian access. Waid has the advantage of toilets and cafe.
  - d. Usage: From the public consultation 3,336 hours was identified as potential use at the Waid but 13,212 potential hours of use at Bankie Park. Bankie Park has play facilities for young people which could attract a wider and more diverse audience. During the public consultation Bankie received 36% of the vote and Waid 29%.
  - e. Noise. The tennis club has concerns about noise which is a distraction to players. The need to place the Skatepark 50m from property was raised, and the need to consider general noise.
3. A question was asked on how the liaison group members were selected . Andy replied that the membership was drawn from all interested parties plus the elected councillors, put together at a community council meeting and chaired by the community council.
4. The question was again raised about lighting. It was noted that this question was answered and minuted at the December meeting. The Skatepark group have no plan to incorporate lighting for this project.
5. It was noted that according to Fife council planners , planning permission would likely be required at any site plus a noise assessment. Once a site is identified the group should submit a pre application inquiry
6. It was proposed to put a final site selection to a vote , however after discussion it was agreed to let members consult with their respective groups first and come back to the next meeting to vote as some present expressed concern that going to a final vote on the site was premature. Some present wanted to go away and consult the various groups they represent before coming back to make a final decision and this was agreed
7. Once a site is identified the Skatepark Group will hold public consultations on site design and layout.

Meeting closed at 9pm . It was hoped to meet in seven days if a venue could be found.