

Committee: COMMUNITY

Agenda Item

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Title: STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET SKATEPARK

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report informs Members that a letter has been received from Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council requesting a contribution towards Phase 2 of the development of the Skatepark. Discussions with a representative of the Working Group have resulted in a request for the District Council to contribute £20,000 towards the purchase of equipment.

Recommendations

2. Members are recommended to consider whether or not to make a further contribution of £20,000 towards the next phase of this development in accordance with a suggested criteria format as completed at Appendix 1.

Background Papers

3. Report to Community & Leisure Committee dated 7 September 2004.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The Parish Council has advised that Young People have been consulted on this project
Community Safety	An operational management plan has been produced
Equalities	Facility available to all young people
Finance	Funding would need to be earmarked from the £2007/08 budgetary process
Human Rights	The provision of a Skatepark enables young people to have access to local facilities
Legal implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Enhanced facilities in the Ward/any likely

	disturbance would need to be addressed in the Management Plan
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

5. The District Council contributed £19,000 towards Phase 1 of the Stansted Skatepark in 2004 and also granted a 25 year lease on the area of land at the bottom of Lower Street Car Park for the development of a Skatepark.
6. The Parish Council raised £66,000 for Phase 1 of the development and the intention is now to raise another £40,000 to purchase more equipment as part of Phase 2 of the project – see Appendix 2 which shows a list of funds raised (largely by the young people themselves) at the time of writing this report.
7. Further equipment required under Phase 2 comprises:

Equipment	Cost
mini ramp	£13,000
quarter pipe	£5,500
jump box	£5,500
roll in	£5,500
junior quarter pipe	£5,500
volcano	£5,500
Total Cost	£40,000

8. The Parish Council has awarded a further £5,000, other fundraising has secured £14,543, an application has also been made to the ECC Youth Service for £2,000 but a decision has not yet been received, and the District Council is requested to contribute the amount of £20,000 to enable this equipment to be purchased.
9. There is likely to be a third phase of this development to add incidental items such as seats and a shelter etc and possibly equipment if funding is not secured to purchase all of the identified items during Phase 2.
10. The Skatepark equipment will be maintained by the Parish Council and attached at Appendix 3 is a copy of the Summary Income & Expenditure by

budget heading as at 31 March 2006 to demonstrate which budget the expenditure will attributed to.

11. A copy of the Operational Management Plan is attached at Appendix 4.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Lack of Council contribution will jeopardise project	Low	Low	Funding could be applied for from other sources
If the Council contributes funds it needs to ensure adverse local impact is reduced	High	High	Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council is responsible for the Park and has operational measures in place to monitor and maintain the facility.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - AD HOC FUNDING APPLICATION EVALUATION FORM – STANSTED SKATEPARK**SECTION 1**

Please provide brief details of the project in this section and attach supporting information separately.

The Stansted Youth 2000 multi-agency group involving young people was set up during the 1990s and consultation resulted in the need for a Coffee Bar at the Youth Club and a Skatepark being identified. The agencies involved on SY2000 were ECC Youth Service, UDC Leisure, Police, Railway and the Parish Council. The group still exists and continues to work towards providing facilities for young people.

The first phase of the Stansted Skatepark was constructed in 2004 with a basic set of equipment being installed initially. Since that time, fundraising has continued to enable further equipment to be purchased to expand the facility. The total cost of the equipment is £40,000.

Please state if a community project grant has been applied for and if not why

A community project grant has not been applied for because it was thought it might prejudice another request to the Council for a larger amount of funding.

Is the Funding being applied for capital, revenue and a one-off cost?

The funding being applied for is a one-off capital cost.

SECTION 2

The **purpose** of Uttlesford District Council is to improve the quality of life of the people who live and work or visit Uttlesford. The Council has identified five ways in which the quality of life can be improved and applications for funding will need to demonstrate how projects contribute towards these goals.

	GOALS	DEMONSTRATE PROJECT CONTRIBUTION	SCORE 5 points per goal
2.1	Provide strong community leadership and openness		
2.2	Protecting and enhancing the environment and character of the district		
2.3	Improving access to value for money services	Use of the Skatepark is free of charge and provides young people with an opportunity to undertake constructive activities in their leisure time.	5
2.4	Improving community safety and the health of the population	Providing a free use facility available during the hours of 7.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. in a location where the activity is clearly visible contributes towards young people congregating in other areas and possibly causing a nuisance to the wider community. Additionally, skateboarding is a physically demanding activity that improves the fitness levels of the participants.	5
2.5	Supporting lifelong learning and developing better opportunities for young people	Skateboarding is a skill that young people learn from each other and the facility provides opportunities for social interaction and young people to develop methods of liaising and competing with each other	5

SECTION 3

	EVALUATION POINTS (Items 3.2, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.13 to be allocated a score)	COMPLIANCE YES/NO	SCORE 2 points – fully met 1 point – part met
3.1	Is the organisation applying for funding a properly constituted body with a bank account/registered charity? Will that organisation be responsible for the project in the future (if not which organisation will)	YES, the Parish Council is the budget holder YES, the Parish Council will be responsible for the park	
3.2	Evidence provided demonstrating the need for this project	Consultation with young people has identified the need for the additional equipment	Score 2
3.3	Positive impact of the project	The Parish Council will operate the management plan and can therefore deal with any complaints by ensuring that the conditions of the plan are adhered to An enhanced facility will provide a more challenging and interesting experience for young people	

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3.4	Negative Impact of the project	It is likely that there will be some noise nuisance to neighbours on an ad hoc basis Might result in more injuries as skills are developed	
3.5	Is planning permission required for this project/development	No	
3.6	Is it necessary to obtain a lease for land required for this development	No	
3.7	Evidence provided that three quotations have been sought for the work required	Three quotations were originally sought for the scheme and the supplier has confirmed that prices will be held for additional equipment	Score 2
3.8	Evidence of Funding secured - 50% or 75% of funding must already have been raised	Approximately 50% has been raised i.e. currently £457 short of the target at the moment although further fundraising is planned.	Score 1
3.9	Details of further fundraising being pursued	Skatefest 4 September expected to raise £500, November 5 BBQ expected to raise £500, an application will be made to the ECC Community Initiative Fund	Score 2

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3.10	Evidence of numbers of individuals likely to benefit from this project	A survey of events has identified that there are approximately 100 regular users of the park	Score 2
3.11	Management or Business Plan Produced	An Operational Management Plan has been produced	Score 2
3.12	Longevity of project	The estimated life of the equipment is at least 10 years in terms of the maintenance programme with the supplier carrying out twice yearly checks	
3.13	Evidence of consultation carried out and outcome of responses provided	Consultation has been carried out with pupils from local schools i.e. Mountfitchet High School, St. Mary's, Bentfield and Birchanger primary schools. The consultation process has identified the need for the additional equipment	Score 2
	TOTAL SCORE		28

Points Scored	11 - 14	8 - 10	5 - 7	3 - 4	1 - 2
Percentage Payment of total requested	100%	75%	50%	25%	Nil