

Full Council

West Wheels Track as recommended by Pump Track Working Party

1	PROJECT PROPOSAL									
1.1	To give final approval to the funding structure and commissioning of the West Wheels Pump Track.									
2	INTRODUCTION									
2.1	In response to feedback from local young people, Councillors identified that a pump track facility in West Swindon would be highly desirable.									
2.2	<p>Since 2018, the Parish Council has taken steps towards the creation of a pump track in West Swindon. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying Rivermead as the preferred location - tendering for designs - public consultation - shortlisting a preferred contractor - refining the design to achieve a more accessible, multi wheels track - councillor-led fund raising - applying for external grant funding 									
2.2	In response to feedback, the design was amended further to act as an extension to the existing skate park whilst also functioning as an accessible multi wheels pump track. A new lane was also designed that enables a person in a wheel chair to enter and exit the track independently without additional assistance.									
2.3	This project has since been successful in achieving funds from sources other than the Parish precept, including, Councillor-led fund-raising and an award from the Crapper & Sons landfill grants combined with Community Infrastructure Levy funds.									
3	PROPOSAL									
3.1	<p>Following a meeting of the Pump Track Working Party, West Swindon Parish Council is now at the stage to formally commission the commencement of the West Wheels Track at Rivermead skate park. The original preferred design is attached as Appendix A. Original costings were as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #8B4513; color: white; text-align: center;">Kick-off meeting</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>No cost</i></td> <td rowspan="3" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-left: 20px;">EXTRA LANE</td> <td rowspan="3" style="vertical-align: middle; padding-left: 20px;">£9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final design process</td> <td style="text-align: center;">600</td> </tr> </table>		Kick-off meeting	<i>No cost</i>	EXTRA LANE	£9,000	Consultations	1,800	Final design process	600
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	Build stage	85,300		
	Open day	1,200		
	TOTAL	£88,900	TOTAL	£97,900
4	IMPACT			
4.1	Rivermead Skate park is the most frequently visited facility in West Swindon and is used all year round. The age range of users is significantly broader than any other play facility including visitors from primary age to adults. The skate park attracts users on scooters, bmx bikes and skateboards. .			
4.2	The Rivermead location is non residential and is accessible from West Swindon's cycle path network without requiring visitors to join main roads.			
4.3	Feedback to date has indicated that the mix of users is amicable however the design restricts who can use the space at any one time The proposal to extend the original skate park will reduce queuing times and allow for more users to enjoy the space at the same time.			
4.4	Typically pump tracks are designed specifically for bmx bikes and are not suitable for other wheeled users who are discouraged from using it. Access is usually difficult for wheelchair users who often cannot enter or exit without assistance.			
4.5	Feedback from the BMX Wroughton group has indicated that the West Swindon design is unique and will be suitable to meet the needs of local young people who will no longer need to travel to other parts of Swindon for this type of activity.			
4.6	Feedback from Swindon Borough Council Planning department has indicated that the height and design of the track will not warrant Planning Permission, it is also an extension of an existing facility and does not require change of use.			
4.7	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are aware of the project proposal and have indicated that it does not interfere with the wider conservation plans for the Rivermead site.			
5.	BUDGET			
5.1	Possible implications. The Parish Council has £91,000 in its annual play renewal programme of which £9272 has been allocated to date leaving £81,728. Of this, the Parish Council has approved approximately £15,000 for a refurbishment of Bess Road Toddler play area resulting in £66,728 in the budget for expenditure in 2021-22.			
5.2	The aim to achieve 50% of funding from sources other than the Parish			

	<p>precept has been achieved. There is also potential for further grants or donations to be realized before project completion. Cllr Gattapur has applied to Dialogue for a grant – the decision is pending.</p> <p>The funding proposal for this project at the current time is as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">PROJECT COST</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£97,900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£23,684</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LANDFILL GRANT</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>THIRD PARTY GRANT CONTRIBUTION</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£2,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COUNCILLOR FUNDRAISING</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,824</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PARISH COUNCIL PLAY RENEWAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£46,192</td> </tr> </table>	PROJECT COST	£97,900	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY	£23,684	LANDFILL GRANT	£22,000	THIRD PARTY GRANT CONTRIBUTION	-£2,200	COUNCILLOR FUNDRAISING	£3,824	 		PARISH COUNCIL PLAY RENEWAL	£46,192
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6	FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS														
6.1	Over 50% of funding has been achieved from non Parish Precept sources based on the contractors original tender. There is also another grant award decision pending. It is possible that the contractor will seek to re-profile their costs as it is over 12 months since they submitted their original figures. As the majority of costs are materials based, it is reasonably likely that there could be supply issues and increased costs as per the trend nationally. It would be prudent to allow for a contingency fund for this.														
7.	RECOMMENDATIONS														
7.1	That the Council notes the information in this report to formally commission the commencement of the West Wheels Track at Rivermead skate park based on the tender process previously agreed (Minute 695) with a tender award of £97,900.														
7.2	That this Committee makes a resolution to allow 15% (£14,685) contingency costs approving an overall expenditure of up to £112,585.00 .														

Paula Harrison,
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