

#### Attendees-

Darrell Kavanagh , Dave Diebold, Mat Ma, Joyce Moor, Robert Back, Paul Black, Cllr Ciaran Byrne, Martin SCA, Ciara Conlon, Ockie and Kai Clote, Pearce D 'arcy, Eoghan Byrne, Shane McInerney , Fionnan O Sullivan, Aidan O ' Keefe, Oscar Kelly, Adam Boyers, Joe Traynor, Connor Magunnigle, Neil Storey, Nunce McAuley

#### Apologies-

Michelle and Douglas deBeer, Ian Richter, Stephen Kampt, Mark Kinsella, Terry(TMG cycle)

#### Meeting-SSC

Date-4th Dec 2013

Location-Jo Mays ,Skerries.

Darrell opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking Martin Russell (SCA ) and Cllr Ciaran Byrne for their attendance.

Review of previous minutes.

#### Action-

Discussion of most likely site for proposed skatepark.

Following our last meeting ,the area between the community centre and mills was discussed further.With the proposed re development of this area for recreational use,focus remained here.However ,Cllr Byrne stressed that the proposed redevelopment of this area was at present merely aspirational.He would however endeavour to get further details on any plans.

#### Action-

Neil Storey is to make contact with Kevin Halpin head of Parks and Heritage Property Division.The Cllr assured he would be accommodating regarding preliminary enquires.

#### Action-

Possibilities surrounding future sponsorship was brought forward by Martin Russell who suggested a letter to Pepsi Ireland may benefit as Fingal Co Co would look favourably on the committees own actions to self fund.

Pearce D'arcy also added Keith Murphy a pro Irish Skater Champion is currently sponsored by Red Bull.

#### Action-

Further examination of successful exiting skateparks in Ireland.

Mat May and Paul Black both worked on this.Paul concentrated on Wicklow town s success .Mat presented an overview of costs and expenditure of Irish Builds including-Cork,Athlone and Gorey. Mat and Paul formed a sub committee which will continue to look at planning and location possibilities.

Pearce offered to reach out to those behind Kilkenny s successful Skatepark.

Further possible locations were discussed.Joe Traynor mentioned the overgrown grass area opposite the Church of Ireland at Churchfield.The ballast pit was also put forward.

The Cllr spoke of various areas of land owned by the council in the surrounding areas.

Neil Storey is to gather and highlight potential areas that could be used and are owned by the council on a web map.

It was stressed by the committee members the importance of having a great design(something aesthetically pleasing to the eye and landscape) was as important as function.

Action-

All local councillors and politicians are to be informed of the SSC. Darrell will draft an introduction to all including present Minister of Health Dr J.O Reilly.

Action-

Promotion of SSC-

The Skerries News were thanked for their promotion of the campaign in their publication. A promotional photo-shoot was well attended in The Well fit gym. Two surveys were taken of children (8 to 12 years) in the Educate Together and Holmpatrick NS to highlight the need for a skatepark facility.

An open forum whereby ideas can be exchanged and interest registered has been established. It is [scskerries@gmail.com](mailto:scskerries@gmail.com).

Shane McInerney and Eoghan Byrne, both transition students at Community College are going to explore the possibility of canvassing all second level schools in the surrounding areas to establish the need for a local skating facility.

They also added that takings from a future Battle of the Bands competition held annually could go towards fundraising efforts. This is to be looked at further. The Wicklow Skatepark committee raised 10,000 euros independently and this was key to their go-ahead.

Dave will reach out to local communications student Stephen Kampt to come up with an energetic short video showcasing what the SSC are about.

Darrell and Mat to meet independently to further discuss details of a campaign.

The meeting finished at 9:30

Next meeting will take place [on Wed 8th January @ 8pm](#) to 9pm, location to be decided.