

# King's Field Skate Park Redevelopment

## *Skate & BMX Working Group Meeting #3*

**Date:** 24 January 2009

**Venue:** KCafe

**Attendance:**

1. Marcus
2. Aaron
3. Kevin
4. Gareth
5. James
6. Mike
7. David
8. Vilita
9. Scott
10. Gaye
11. Martin

***Actions***

| <b>Action</b>                                                                | <b>Responsibility</b> |
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| Identify the 'Friends of King's Field' group and engage them in the process. | Working group         |
| Identify who is the 'Lead Member' on the 'Board'                             | Working group         |
| Identify the 'Lead Member of Finance'                                        | Working group         |
| Set up a petition at KCafe and online                                        | Working group         |
| Talk to Cantellocals about running skateboard / BMX workshops                | Working group         |
| Establish an identity, name / branding and website for the working group     | Working group         |
| Sort out portable ramp insurance                                             | David Lemon           |
| Identify technical issues e.g. flooding, drainage, soil type, etc.           | Richmond Council      |

***Next Meeting***

KCafe, 28 February 2009, 11.00am

## **Presentation by Martin Stanton was the Council project manager for the Cantellowes Skate Park project**

### ***Funding Opportunities***

- Richmond Council has existing sport funding to the value of £350K.
- Richmond Council has £150K allocated for upgrades to existing facilities.
- Skateboard and BMX magazines may be able to seek funding.

### ***Political***

Engage local councillors in the process and get them on board (no pun intended). Election is next year; this could be used as a way to encourage the local councillors to support the proposed redevelopment.

Conduct meetings with the three ward Councillors to inform them of the project, engage them in the process, seek their support, and identify any issues or concerns they may have regarding the project. The latter is important to identify early in the process so that their issues / concerns can be resolved through design, conflict resolution processes, and engaging with and involving the community. One of the Councillors is already supportive of K Cafe and plays tennis at King's Field.

Political process sequence:

1. Seek support from ward councillors
2. Engage with the Lead Member on the Board
3. Engage with the Lead Member of Finance

The bigger the group of supporters, greater chance of garnering the ward councillors support.

To have the park redeveloped by summer 2010, we need to convince Councillors by summer 2009.

The relationship between the working group, council, and design/construction company is crucial.

### ***Cantellowes Cost***

\$350k

### ***Construction company constraints***

Using overseas construction contractors becomes a procurement, insurance and ongoing maintenance issue.

### ***Floodlights***

Approximately £70k

Implications include:

- Planning issues
- Management / opening hours

**Benefits**

- The redevelopment of the skate park will directly positively benefit the KCafe and visa versa.
- At Cantellowes Skate Park, one year after it was opened the rate of women participating in skateboarding increased.

**Site Implications**

Access to the site for construction vehicles is limited.

Council needs to be aware of the technical issues e.g. flooding, drainage, soil type, etc.

**Additional facilities**

- Bike racks
- Storage space/lockers

**Timings**

Summer or spring is the best time for construction as concrete is temperature specific, therefore does not set well in cold weather.

**Expectations**

Inform existing users the existing skate park will be out of action for up to three months.