

Friday 30th September 2022

Sandy Stevenson, Treasurer
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Dear Sandy

On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to congratulate all those involved in the Millbrook Skatepark Project on your tremendous work to date. Thank you to you, Hetty Kalantar and Dawn Bebe for attending the Full Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 27th September 2022. The Parish Councillors thoroughly enjoyed the Crowdfunder video and thought it was very professionally done.

I have also had feedback from members of the public who have said what a good project this is.

I have detailed below the Council's involvement.

Noise complaints

At the end of 2020/early 2021 the Council started to receive complaints about the noise from the skatepark. Cllr Wilton recommended approaching your Chairman, Aaron Barrett, to see if he had any ideas on mitigating the noise. Cllr Beadnall and I got in touch with Aaron and by coincidence Aaron was thinking of getting in touch with the Council.

Working together

On 16th February 2021, Aaron Barrett, attended the Full Parish Council meeting. Aaron acknowledged the ramps could be noisy adding they are hollow like a drum, whereas although concrete is more expensive it is solid so less noisy and would last longer. Aaron was involved when the skatepark was first developed back in 2008. He said to the Council that the skatepark has been monumental for the young people of the community and that he would like to work with the Council to put together a few ideas.

Councillor Beadnall and I started a WhatsApp group with Aaron, we talked to the users of the skatepark group and following Aaron's recommendation others joined the group.

Community consultation

In March 2021, Millbrook Parish Council set up a community consultation Facebook group page titled 'The Friends of Millbrook Skatepark' (which was later renamed Millbrook Skatepark Project Group).

Team Rubicon event

On 20th April 2021, following a suggestion from Torpoint Town Council, Millbrook Parish Council voted to allocate £1,000 towards an event hosted by Team Rubicon at Millbrook Skatepark (Minute 269b). The event took place on 19th September 2021. Between these periods a committee was formed, and fundraising commenced.

Local fundraising

The group sought and acquired considerable local support, which included donations and, with a lot of input from Councillor Beadnall, raffle prizes from sixteen local businesses and organisations.

Local shops sold the raffle prizes and the draw took place at the Team Rubicon event.

Council and community event support

The Team Rubicon event was attended by Parish Councillors. The Parish Council promoted the event and shared pictures on our Facebook page. Over £1,300 was raised from donations and the sale of raffle prizes.

Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert Support

The Parish Clerk assisted the group in applying for Community Chest grant funding for the purchase of bespoke merchandise, using the Millbrook Skatepark Project branding. Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert has supported the project throughout and was pleased to offer a grant of £400.

Millbrook Parish Council Community Engagement Event

On 24th May 2022, Millbrook Parish Council held a community engagement event. We were very pleased that, along with several other invited community groups, Millbrook Skatepark Project team were able to attend.

Millbrook Skate Jam

On 28th June 2022, Millbrook Parish Council voted unanimously to approve Millbrook Skatepark Project group's request to host a Skate Jam and also approved funding towards the event of £374.00.

Moving forwards

The Parish Council very much looks forward to working together and seeing the plans for Millbrook Skatepark develop and the project completed.

I am pleased to officially confirm to the following:

- (i) Millbrook Parish Council voted unanimously to conditionally pledge £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) towards the Crowdfunder project, Minute reference 84c(ii).
- (ii) Millbrook Parish Council voted unanimously that Cllr Matthew Beadnall represents the Council on the Millbrook Skatepark Project Steering Group.
- (iii) Millbrook Parish Council voted unanimously to undertake to be responsible for all future maintenance of the finished skatepark.

Yours sincerely



Karenza Heald
Clerk / RFO