



Proposal – Saltmill Skatepark

Junkyard

A small but dedicated team whom have successfully managed and delivered JY skatepark for 7 Years. Within those 7 years we have held; youth night sessions, competitions, under 10 sessions, skate schools and open access sessions for members of the Saltash Community and wider. The skatepark was designed and built by Martyn Tambling who utilised the space expertly creating an indoor skatepark fit for use by those who ride, skate and scoot.

We have been awarded small pots of charitable funding throughout our 7 years which we have utilised to keep costs low for our young people, to maintain the space, to pay our rent and other associated costs and cover any expenses for our team of volunteers.

For 7 years we have engaged with and supported some of our most vulnerable local young people utilising the skills of our volunteers supported by our JNC youth worker. Our young people have received support, advice, guidance and encouragement along with a safe and secure space to develop their confidence and skills.

We have been present as JY Skatepark at Saltmill skatepark during our 7 years hosting competitions and community events along with making small gestures to maintain Saltmill and keep it relatively safe for use, this has been done on a volunteer basis primarily for our young people and community to have access to the skatepark in a way that is safe and pleasant.

Our Vision

We would like to lease Saltmill skatepark for a variety of reasons. Currently the space has been left in a manner which sees it as unsafe, unkept and being utilised in a way which is potentially not friendly and/or safe for our children and families. Ultimately we would like to, over time change the space through redesign and restructure being ran, managed and maintained by Junkyard. Our vision is to secure funding to allow us to bring the ultimate vision to life ending with a multi-function community hub incorporating a world class skatepark facility – Something which the space absolutely lends itself to. Our intention is to have a committee whom will assist with this vision and have overall responsibility for the skatepark in terms of its redesign and maintenance. We will hold regular community consultations and utilised both of these avenues by way of supporting funding bids throughout the lease term.

Our Vision – 1 – 4 Years

In the first instance we will be looking to undertake all small repairs on the skatepark in order to make the space safer and more user friendly along with a repaint to once again disperse the graffiti and create a more friendly looking space. We will immediately source funding to undertake these necessary jobs in order to initially provide an overhaul of the space in its current format. We will promote our involvement to the community by way of social media and the voice of our young people and set up our committee in order to begin sourcing bigger and more sustainable funding. We will host a community engagement event whereby our local community can voice their views and

opinions regarding the skatepark making links with Safer Saltash, the local policing team along with other youth and community providers. We would explore the installation of CCTV and our team will immediately begin having a presence at the skatepark. We would like to erect and install a tuck shop/out house in order to house our equipment including safety helmets and pads for us to utilise during our presence at the skatepark. In addition we would seek to host competitions and events as a way of securing funds and a wider community interest in the skatepark capitalising on our knowledge and wider team of professional and world class riders and skaters.

Our Vision – 5 – 10 Years

We will seek in this time to upgrade the full space through restructure and redesign exploring funding to support such an overhaul. We benefit from Martyn Tambling whom has undertaken and delivered numerous projects of this scale having been involved in skatepark designs both nationally and locally. We would explore the creation and sustainability of a community youth hub from which we can offer a café/tuck shop but also lessons, and coaching for the overall extreme sport which Saltmill lends itself to superbly. From the restructure we will be in a positive position to host international competitions drawing world class sportspeople to the space allowing us to promote and utilise social media in way which is beneficial seeking to put both Saltmill and our local talent 'on the map'. We will maintain the space regularly seeking to keep it safe, secure and useable for the local community encouraging and supporting ownership of the space. Our local links and community engagement will allow us to continuously evolve in way which supports our involvement with the space – We will increase our presence ensuring that the overall responsibility for the skatepark is ours.

Our Vision – 11 – 15 Years

Our intention is to year on year grow and sustain Saltmill skatepark capitalising on our knowledge, dedication and expertise. At this point we would like to have a fully functioning and safe Skatepark hosting regular committee meetings, competitions, coaching opportunities and youth engagement activities. From our community youth hub we would be seeking to host workshops and maintenance opportunities potentially exploring recognised qualifications relating to extreme sports yet also community engagement and personal development programmes. We envision by this point providing our world class skatepark facility capitalising on our expected successes and utilising our developed relationships with our local and wider communities.

Overall our vision is to utilise the skatepark space to the maximum. We have a proven track record of applying for and receiving funding. We have existing and positive relationships with the local community and have a good working relationships with Groundwork South. We would provide updates to all required and invested parties regarding any plans we have and are able to provide a 3d model of what the skatepark could look like which we would seek to host somewhere like The Guildhall welcoming feedback and input from others.

Ultimately we are looking to create a safe, secure and welcoming space for our local and wider community. We have the knowledge and skills by which to do this and welcome the opportunity.

Our Questions

1. How long can we have the lease? At what cost?
2. Are we able to work 'breakers' in to the lease contract?
3. We will receive backing from Cornwall County council for future funding bids?
4. Through the lease will we have full autonomy to redesign and restructure the skatepark where necessary?
5. What links do you anticipate us having with Groundwork South?
6. What is the reporting structure between us and Cornwall County Council?