

Subject	Date	Link & Photos
Online petition – 867 supporters	October 2018	https://www.change.org/p/jake-bishopston-skatepark Petition Signatures
Started Facebook page		https://www.facebook.com/BishopstonSkatepark/
Hand signed petition – 90 supporters		Hand Signed Petition Signatures
Murton Green Intro Video		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ60Jf1TQm0&t=2s
Community Council Presentation		<p>The Chair welcomed: -Jake Gates -Elliott Wadley -Jed Wood to the meeting</p> <p>The young people were then asked to present their project relating to a skateboard park in the Ward of Bishopston.</p> <p>The project was well presented in PowerPoint and video clips and it was apparent that the two options favoured were: Murton Green middle Area. Manselfield Green towards the top corner.</p> <p>A question-and-answer debate then took place where it was decided that Councillor Sam Donaldson would be the link between the Community Council and the Group for communication and policy matters. It was agreed that report be made available for the Recreation and Facilities meeting on the 12th November 2018 where a decision would be made, and recommendations to the Full Council, at the meeting on the 26th November 2018. The group was thanked for their attendance and the meeting moved on.</p>
Community Council said no to a concrete skatepark at Murton Green - Community Council Meeting Minutes		Minutes Monday 29th October 2018.@ 7.00 pm.
Community Council Meeting - Minutes	November 2018	<p>A letter had been sent from Councillor Lyndon Jones to Jake Gates regarding the skatepark project. The letter contained the Community Council's recommendations for the skate park proposal.</p> <p>A lengthy debate took place at the Community Council meeting and the final recommendations were that: Murton Green and Manselfield Green were not appropriate. Goose Hay Park was proposed to be under new redevelopment. It should try to be sited at Bishopston Leisure Centre and that Community Councillor Sam Donaldson will continue to liaise with the group in order to help progress the project.</p> <p>Minutes Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30.pm.</p>
Community online survey		http://bit.do/bish-skate-community Survey Responses
Survey & Stall – Christmas light switch on		

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Bishopston Skatepark

Sign the petition at [Change.org](https://change.org) with Jake Gates



change.org

This petition is to show support and to prove that there is a genuine local need for a concrete Skatepark in Bishopston.

The new skatepark will be a free-to-use, safe, inclusive and a family orientated sports facility for users of all ages, professionally designed and constructed.

Skateparks are proven to increase health, well-being, community cohesion whilst reducing social exclusion and anti-social behaviour.

The skatepark will not only benefit skatepark users, it will enhance the village and will be an asset to the whole community. Please support us and sign the petition change.org Bishopston Skate Park

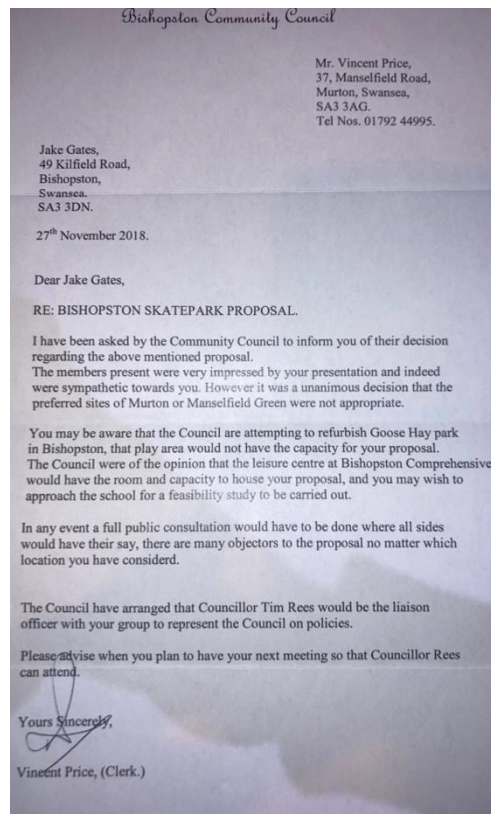
Thank you from Jake, Jed and Elliott.... watch this space after we present this to the Mumbles Community Council for funding.



Skate park proposal.

Several residents from the area around Murton Green and Manselfield attended the meeting wanting to know the situation regarding suggestions that a skate park maybe developed in one of those areas. Impact statements were available against any such proposal. Councillor Tim Rees addressed the meeting and explained the situation at the time.

At the last full Community Council meeting a presentation was given by three young people, Jake Gates, Elliott Wadley and Jed Wood proposing a skate park at 2 possible sites, at Murton Green on what is known as the Middle Area and Manselfield Green towards the top end, before Copley. After the presentation the full Community Council decided that the Recreation and Facilities Committee would examine all aspects of the proposal and send their findings to the full Community Council for decision. The R.F.C. met and their unanimous decision was that neither Murton Green or Manselfield would be appropriate for such a development. They felt that the playing fields at Bishopston would be more suitable. That decision was read out at the meeting and a letter be sent to Jake Gates informing his group of the Councils findings. Never-the-less a full debate took place around these matters.

[Minutes Monday 26th November 2018. @ 7.30 pm.](#)



<p>Article in Bishopston Community Council Newsletter</p>	<p>December 2018</p>	<p><i>A group looking towards building a skate facility in Bishopston has been formed by 3 local boys Jake, Elliot and Jed, who see a gap in provision for the young people of the village and have formed a Skatepark Project Team. Together they are hoping to have a new skate facility that will be a free-to-use, inclusive and family orientated for users of all ages, professionally designed and constructed. Children are spending more time in-doors, on Phones, iPad and Social media and the mental and physical well-being of children is suffering. They need a fun and engaging outdoor space for activities and to interact with one another to build vital social and interpersonal skills. This will have long term benefits and a positive impact on our community. The Skatepark Project Team will soon be working with the community council, local primary and comprehensive schools as well as youth groups in the area to generate interest and develop ideas. They are also looking at suitable sites for the facility and generating funding for the project. If you are interested in supporting this project in any way or have ideas to share, please e-mail the team they would be happy to hear from you: bishopston.skatepark@gmail.com</i></p> 
<p>Bishopston Primary governors meeting</p>		<p>The group presented a PowerPoint about the project to the Primary School senior staff and governors. They agreed that a skate facility on school grounds is possible but unlikely.</p>
<p>Ran electronic surveys in Year 7 and 8</p>		<p>http://www.bit.do/bish-skate-ks3 Survey Results KS3</p>
<p>Ran surveys in the Primary School</p>		<p>Survey Results</p>
<p>Agreed to host a skate session with ParkLives at Primary</p>	<p>January 2019</p>	
<p>Community Council Meeting minutes</p>		<p>A letter from the skate park team was read out and after discussion it was decided that Tim Rees would attend their meeting as the Community Council's representative, having already been invited to attend. The Community Council's position on the proposal as recorded in previous minutes did not change Minutes. Monday 28th January 2019.@ 7.00 pm.</p>
<p>Bike marking stall raise awareness</p>		<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9_RZfju3VA</p>
<p>Mr Bird meeting</p>		<p>Jake, Elliott & Jed met with Bishopston Comprehensive School headteacher Mr Bird to introduce him to the skatepark project and its vision.</p>
<p>Set up our idea on VocalEyes with Susan Seleri</p>		<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f_IIP1LiY8&t=16s</p>
<p>Meeting with Wendy Anderson – Swansea Active Young People Co-ordinator</p>		
<p>Free Stickers sent by Animal, Patagonia, Globe & Tiki to give away at our next events</p>		

Donated custom chocolate from The Chocolate Factory for the upcoming skate session

February 2019



Hosted a skate session with over 100 visitors to raised awareness for the proposal



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGORIm919Tk>

Featured in the South Wales Evening Post

March 2019



Wendy Anderson (Active Young People co-ordinator from Swansea Council), councillor Lyndon Jones, Jake Gates and William Lanchbury (Street Games Activity Worker from Swansea Council).

Getting their skates on to boost park bid

A POP-UP skating and activity event at a Swansea primary school attracted scores of youngsters and their families.

Street Sport Swansea organised the event at Bishopston primary.

Councillor Lyndon Jones, who is leader of the Conservative group on Swansea Council was among those attending.

He said: "About 150 children along with their

families from the village attended the event, which was a huge success.

"Jake Gates was on hand to promote the building of a skateboard park in Bishopston, who along with his team, were the driving force locally behind this fantastic event.


"Many congratulations to them all for making this happen and to John Owen, the head teacher, for all his help and support."

Set up a website and an emailing list

<https://www.bishopstonskatepark.com>

Got a new logo created for free by Sam Johnson



<p>Guts Surf shop created T-Shirts</p>		
<p>Community Council Meeting - minutes</p>		<p>Report from Tim Rees regarding the Skate Park proposal.</p> <p>The skate park experience took place on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at the Junior School car park and it was a well-attended event. It appears that the group has to get the site right before progress can be made, they are also considering a pump track. There seemed to be a willingness that a site at the school was acceptable.</p> <p>Further information will be needed for this</p> <p>Minutes. Monday 25th March 2019. @ 7.30 pm.</p>
<p>Easter Skate session – cancelled due to weather</p>	<p>April 2019</p>	
<p>Skatepark Project presented to Community Council Meeting with new Pump track proposal - Community Council Meeting Minutes</p>		 <p>Presentation by Jake Gates and Jed Wood regarding the skate park proposal, it now appears that the preferred facility now is a pump track. The presentation was well received and the Community Council through the Chair and others thanked the young persons for their professionalism.</p> <p>A question and answer session took place. All agreed in principle to the project but the site at Murton Green was not an option, the preferred site should be at the area at the school alongside Providence Lane.</p> <p>Minutes. Monday 29th April 2019. @ 7.00 pm.</p>

Met up with Sargent Richard Jeavons & Cllr. Lyndon Jones to discuss the project and he wrote an article for the survey

Lyndon R. Jones
 ★ Favourites · 29 Apr 2019 · 🌐

I was pleased to meet both Jed and Jake from the Bishopston Skatepark Project, who called in to a joint surgery I was holding earlier with PC Richard Jeavons, to show us the promotional film they had prepared about the project.

Well done to them both.



👍 16

👍 Like 💬 Comment

PC Richard Jeavons

I am the local Police Officer for Gower, Bishopston, Murton, Penclawdd & Three Crosses area.

"I met Masters Jake Gates and Jed Wood whilst holding a joint surgery with Councillor Lyndon Jones at Murton Community centre on Monday 29/04/19. I sat through their presentation to the Community Council and thought they did a thoroughly professional and commendable job, especially given their young age. Their concept and commitment to this project, and all the work they are putting into it, is to be admired I have to say. From a local Policing perspective, I believe the proposal should be given the attention and consideration it deserves. If such a project can attract local youngsters and they channel their energy into a sporting activity like the Skateboard Park. This will potentially negate them causing antisocial behaviour elsewhere in the locality. That can only improve the quality of life all round for everyone.

I think the zeal shown by Jake, Jed & Elliott is great to see. They are going about things in the correct way, showing courtesy, respect and are clearly passionate about the area and project."

May Day stall at Murton Green. Very positive feedback with some more free chocolate

May 2019



Met with SCVS

Met with Eleri Williams from the Swansea Centre for Voluntary Services to seek advice for further actions the project needs to make.

Skate session at relocated Pennard Park



~ Skate - Scooter - BMX - Music - Fun - Chocolate ~

bit.ly/BishSkate
 @Bishopston_skatepark_project
 @BishopstonSkatepark
 Bishopston.skatepark@gmail.com

Come and share your views on a Skate Facility in Bishopston



Lyndon R. Jones
 ★ Favourites · 28 May 2019 · 🌐

Earlier, I was pleased to call in to support Jake Gates and Elliot from the Bishopston Skatepark project, at the Skate, Scooter and BMX session, organised by Swansea Council Streetsports.

In the photo, I am with Ania Negele, Nathan Jones and Will Lanchbury from Swansea Streetsports, with Jake and Elliot from the Bishopston Skatepark project, either side of me.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54-pHKZjk2l>

Started working on the whole community survey and gathering prizes

Started selling hoodies and t-shirts in Guts Surf Shop



Support Bishopston Skatepark Project



Get your Bishopston Skatepark Project T-shirt and Hoodie from Guts Surfshop!

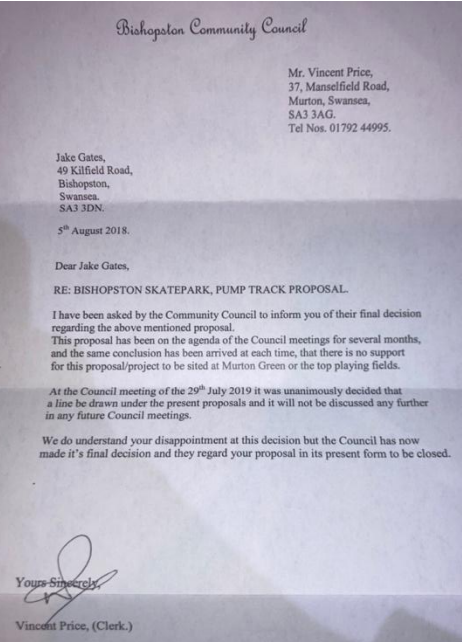
T-shirt - £15
Hoodie - £25
+£5 for adult sizes

60 Pyle Rd
 Bishopston
 Swansea
 SA3 3HJ

SURFBOARDS
 Supporting the project



Working on survey	June 2019	
Community Council Meeting minutes		<p>Skatepark leaflet.</p> <p>Tim Rees and Councillor Lyndon Jones had met with the skate park group relating to the content and format of the leaflet and its distribution. It was agreed that the leaflet should be unbiased. There was concern from the members of the public attending that a police statement had been made which was not in accordance with the police policy on such matters, but was a personal opinion of one Police Officer and his comments should be impartial. Tim Rees and Lyndon Jones explained that they were not happy with the format and content of the leaflet and that the group should re-visit the proposals which may or may not be to the Council's approval. An issue rose relating to the distribution of the leaflet which was suggested could be included as a flyer in the Community Council's newsletter. It was felt by the members of the public that to do that would indirectly show that the Community Council supported the proposal and it's preferred location, which is not the case. Also, the group felt that the Police Officer's statement was important and should be kept.</p> <p>A full discussion took place regarding the skate park in general and the Community Council's stance on this matter has not changed and is well documented in our minutes.</p>
Got drop in boxes in Co-op & Murton Post Office for survey		
Constitution signed		<p>A constitution was signed, making Bishopston Skatepark project a legally-recognised constituted group.</p> <p>Signed Constitution</p>
2 nd article in Mumbles times magazine	July 2019	
Community Council Meeting minutes		<p>A full discussion took place and all present were supplied with a draft copy of the leaflet. First, the Chair reiterated that the leaflet was a draft and had not been agreed and in fact there were several issues that were not acceptable.</p> <p>There is now a fundamental change that project has now implemented from a skate park to a pump track. The Chair explained what a pump track was and a brief explanation was included in the leaflet. It was felt that the leaflet was not impartial and indeed weighed in favour of the project.</p> <p>The suggested survey did not fully explain all the sites that were considered, and the photograph of Murton Green was shown when the group had already been told that Murton Green was not an option. It had been passed in Council meetings that Murton Green would not be the site.</p>

		<p>It also suggested that Councillor Lyndon Jones supported the project at Murton Green which is not the case as the Chair had been present on several occasions when Councillor Jones had ruled out Murton Green as a site. Also, the area at the football/cricket pitch was not acceptable as it was too small and can you imagine the chaos when a cricket match or football match is taking place.</p> <p>There was also concern about the article written by PC Richard Jeavons which did not identify the on-going problems at other skate parks which have either been closed or removed and what supervision will take place. P.C. Jeavons's comments must be his own as we are not sure if that is force policy and was certainly was not impartial.</p> <p>A school survey was also produced which did not support a skate park at the school - this was produced by the skatepark project team. The reason given not at the school also applies to Murton Green</p> <p>Minutes Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30.pm</p>
<p>Met with Patrick Tribe, the person running the Clyne Cycle Path Project</p>		
<p>Community Council Meeting - Minutes</p>		<p>Once again the issue of the skate park/pump track was raised. A full discussion again took place relating to the local Police Officer's opinion, the content of the leaflet as a survey also the School children's replies to the school survey, the comments passed there were relevant to Murton Green. The possible introduction of a Skate park at Mumbles which they are pushing for early next year would suggest that there is no need for skate park at Murton. A vote was taken relating to the sighting of the Skate park/ Pump track at Murton Green which unanimously agreed that Murton Green would not be an appropriate site. The Clerk to send a letter to the Skate park proposal group informing them of the Council's decision which is final. It must also be noted that the Council have received no correspondence from the Group which was arranged with Councillor Tim Rees as their liaison officer.</p> <p>Minutes - Monday 29th July 2019@ 7.30 pm</p> 

Community Council
Public Update

August 2019

Bishopston Skatepark Project
Published by Jake Gates · 19 August 2019 ·

Hi all, we would like to take his opportunity to thank everybody who has commented in support of the Bishopston Park Project, as well as everybody else for their open and honest opinions. We would like to update you of the current situation as we understand it. Further to a significant amount of feedback surveys from some members of the community, primary and comprehensive schools.

We have listened to the feedback and changed our initial proposal from a Skate Park to Pump track, which is better suited to users of all scooter, skateboards, bikes and children and adults of all levels, as well as being more aesthetically pleasing for the look and feel of our community. We have been waiting for the community council to agree for us to deliver a survey to the residents of Bishopston. Unfortunately they did not agree on the content of the survey.

It is correct that the Council members present in the last meeting have decided amongst themselves that we cannot have any land on Murton Green. Even though over 1000 residents support this project and you have not had the opportunity to officially have your say. We are disappointed that the council has just had a vote themselves just after we requested a formal survey to be delivered to the residents of Bishopston ward.

We will therefore be delivering a survey independently with the help of Lyndon Jones shortly. We will collect the information and share the outcome with you, the community, as well as the Community Council.

Again, thank you all for your support. It is also important that we encourage everybody to complete the survey so that we can show the level of support in the community for this project.

5,131 People reached 832 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

👍👎🗨️ 26 11 comments 19 shares

Surveys printed by
Lyndon Jones

September 2019



Community Council
Meeting - minutes

A suggested leaflet produced by the skate park project group for inclusion with the newsletter. A full discussion took place and all present were supplied with a revised copy, it was agreed that the leaflet would not be included in the newsletter, but we will allow their comments on the situation be published. Clerk to arrange.

[Minutes Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.](#)

Recap video on
project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAUALyQlpw&t=104s>

Surveys delivered w/ help of community to all Bishopston



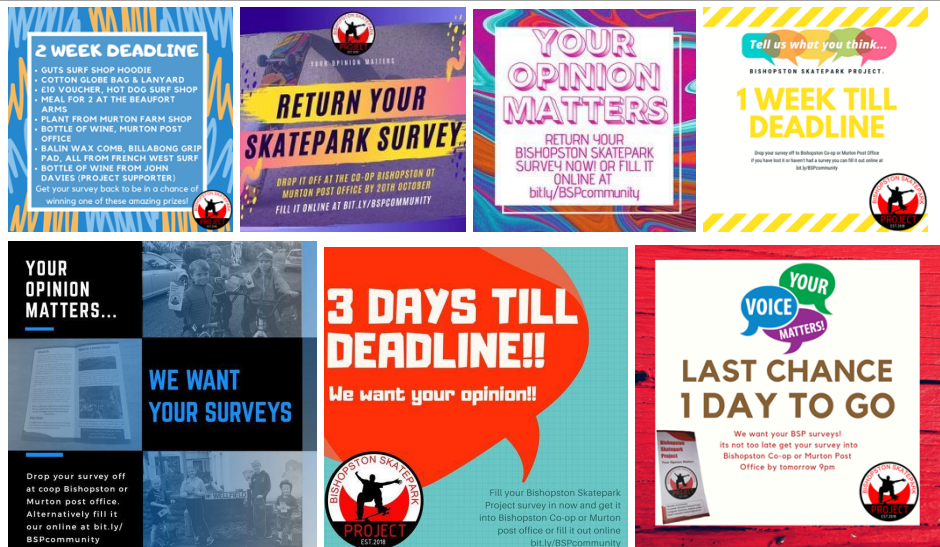
Community Council Meeting - minutes

Once again the issue of the Skate park/Pump track was raised. A full discussion again took place relating to the content of the survey which the Council reiterated was not fair or represented the Councils position, it may appear that the survey was not impartial and in fact was misleading.

[Monday 30th September 2019@ 7.30 pm.](#)

Getting more people to fill in survey at primary school & lots of advertising on social media

October 2019



100s of survey results typed up

bit.ly/BSPcommunity

Swansea Bay Young Achiever awards – We attended with Cllr Lyndon Jones & also met the Mayor of Swansea



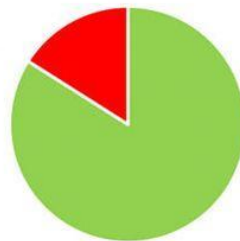
<p>Announced prize draw winners</p>		<p>After partnering with 8 local businesses, we gave away many prizes in return for survey responses.</p>
<p>BSP 1 Year as a project</p>		 <p>Wendy Anderson (Active Young People co-ordinator from Preswain Council), Councillor Lyndon Jones, Julie Gates and Wilma Lambourgh (Green Games Activity Worker from Swineshead Council).</p> <p>Getting their skates on to boost park bid</p> <p>A POPUP skating and activity event at a Swineshead primary school attracted scores of youngsters and their families.</p> <p>Swineshead Sports Federation organised the event at Bishopston primary school. Councillor Lyndon Jones, who is leader of the Conservative group on Swineshead Council, was among those attending the event.</p> <p>Swineshead, the village attended the event, which was a huge success.</p> <p>"The event was organised to promote the building of a skateboard park in the area, who along with the event, were the driving force behind this fantastic event."</p> <p>"Many congratulations go to them all for making this happen and to Julie Gates, that had members for all the</p>
<p>Community Council Meeting - minutes</p>		<p>Once again the issue of the Skate park/Pump track was raised. A full discussion again took place relating to the content of the survey which the Council reiterated was not fair or represented the Councils position, it may appear that the survey was not impartial and in fact was misleading. A letter to be sent to the group from the Council, Tim Rees to formulate as the liaison officer with the group. (This was later changed and Lucie Sudbury would write the letter after consultation.) To reiterate Murton Green would not be considered as a suitable site for this project.</p> <p>Minutes - Monday 28th October 2019@ 7.30 pm.</p>
<p>BBC Young Reporter competition interview</p>	<p>November 2019</p>	<p>The boys discussed the project on a phone call with a BBC representative after being nominated for the BBC Young Reporter Awards.</p>



"Do you support the idea of a pump track / skate facility in the village?"

86% Of respondents say YES

14% Of respondents say NO



"If the community is in favour of this facility do you think the community council should reconsider their decision about the location?"

84% Of respondents Agree

16% Of respondents Don't Agree

Total users in household **502**
Additional guest users **902**

75% - Positive Comments
25% - Negative Comments



We have had an amazing 36% response rate!

Sign up and join us! Visit <http://bit.ly/BishSkate>
email us at bishopston.skatepark@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram






The Clerk to communicate with the Gower Society and the Commoners in relation to this matter. The leaflet was discussed and it was felt that it was not impartial and that it should be subject to independent scrutiny. A letter had been sent to the group asking for more details in relation to the survey with a comment that Murton Green was not an appropriate site and the Councils decision is final. It was questioned why this matter was still being discussed and should be taken off the agenda. The Chair of the Full Committee had allowed them to present their findings to the Council which prompted the letter to be sent. The Commoners had informed the Clerk that they also would oppose the skate park at Murton Green and would support the Council in their decisions. The Gower Society would pass no comment as the green is outside the designated area of outstanding beauty.

[Minutes - Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30.pm](#)

December 2019

Lucie Sudbury from Bishopston Community Council volunteered to become the skatepark project's new Community Council liaison.

Community Council Meeting - Minutes		<p>We have to date received no reply to the letter sent by Councillor Lucie Sudbury to the skate park and pump track group. We will also reply to Mr. Jim. Bowen, on his request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding decisions the Council made on the Skate Park, Pump track proposals.</p> <p>Minutes - Monday 23rd December 2019 at 7.30pm</p>
BBC Young Reporter Top 3 in the Wales	January 2020	<p>The skatepark team were told they were in the top 3 for Wales in the BBC Young Reporter 2020 competition. They were then invited to London for the awards ceremony in March 2020.</p>
Helped with Bishopston Primary skate club	February 2020	
Community Council Meeting minutes – Copley Common Regeneration created		<p>Lucie Sudbury produced a comprehensive report with photographs of what could be achieved at Copley Woods which would be of benefit to all members of the community. The report was well received. A meeting to be arranged with the Commoners for 6.00 pm on Monday 9th March 2020 with Susan Dunce, Lynne Ellis, Nick Williams, and the Clerk. The Clerk. and Lucie to arrange the first meeting.</p> <p>Lucie's Report</p> <p>Minutes. Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.30pm</p>
Met up with Mike Greenaway from play wales for advice & support	March 2020	
Recorded our story for the BBC news in the community centre		
Silver BBC Young Reporter in Wales		 <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAQuMuQVrkY&t=1s</p>
Our project story broadcasted on the BBC		<p>BBC ONLINE ARTICLE</p> <p>TV NEWS VIDEO</p> <p>BBC RADIO WALES</p>
	April 2020	

Hosted 2 giveaway competitions for project supporters

May 2020

WIN WEST COAST SURF & SKATE WAX

Share
This post on your story

Follow
@bishopston_skatepark_project & @westcoastsurfwax

Tag
Your surf and skate mates (each tag counts as an entry)

GRIND SUPPLY CO.

BISHOPSTON SKATEPARK PROJECT

Giveaway!
Win a new Grind Supply Co deck and hoodie

LIKE THIS POST AND COMMENT BELOW WHY YOU WANT TO WIN! (SHARE THIS POST AND TAG US FOR A BONUS ENTRY!)

Posted a newsletter with all the latest info

June 2020

Bishopston Skatepark Project
Published by Jake Gates · 24 June 2020

Hi Everyone,

Here is a newsletter to keep you up to date with what's going on with the project 🙌 Most of Bishopston Skatepark Project has been on hold due to COVID-19. We will keep you updated.




We want to thank everyone for their continued support.

Many thanks,
BSP Team

Met with Josh from Summit Good who gave us advice and support

July 2020



<p>Met with: Helen Nicolas Susan Dunce Lucie Sudbury Lyndon Jones to discuss Copley Common Regeneration</p>		 <p>Gower Common History by Helen Nicolas</p>
<p>Meeting with Days Motors, Russel Day & Marketing Team</p>		
<p>Online meeting with Wendy Anderson & Mark</p>		<p>Wendy Anderson - Active Young People Coordinator Mark Evans - Active Young People Office</p>
<p>Article in Mumbles Times magazine</p>	<p>August 2020</p>	 <p>COVID-19 STORIES</p> <p>A message from Bishopston Skate Project</p> <p><i>Hi Jo just saw your post about stories over lockdown. The skatepark project has been asked to put together how skateboarding and biking has helped them over lockdown and why a local skate facility would be awesome</i></p> <p>Hi, I'm Jake from Bishopston Skatepark Project and over lockdown I have been keeping a healthy active lifestyle by Skateboarding and Biking in my local community. This has helped me loads with my well-being. When the Caswell Bay Carpark was closed, loads of kids and adults whilst socially distancing, met up to skateboard there every day which made it feel like a community park. This just proved to us all that a skate, bike and scooter facility is needed in Bishopston.</p> <p>Hi, this is Elliott. Over the past few months while stuck at home I have tried to do as much cycling as possible. This has been by visiting dirt pump tracks like the one in Clyne and also cycling long distance. For example, as soon as I knew the 5-mile rule had been lifted, I cycled to Morrision and back! Staying healthy has been a vital part of lockdown for me and I feel that in a post-lockdown world, we will need to do whatever we can to rebuild and reconnect as a community. Public spaces, especially outdoors, will come in handy so much in coming months when it comes to building those vital social connections again.</p> <p>Hi I'm Jed from Bishopston skatepark project over lockdown I have kept fit and healthy by surfing mountain biking and skateboarding.</p> <p>Hi, I'm Ianto Jed's brother, Skating in lockdown has given me something to do. I've missed going to the skatepark exist in town because it's been closed. I decided to raise some interest to support exist skatepark by doing a 1000 ollie challenge. I used the empty car parks to practice and I completed it in 2.5hours, I raised over £500. Having a pump track near my house would be amazing. I could meet up with friends, practice tricks and I could cycle or skate there by myself.</p>
<p>Met with Commoners, Community Council, Bishopston Play Association, Karen Jones, Helen Nicolas & Down to Earth to discuss Copley Common Regeneration plans</p>		 <p>Meeting Notes Minutes</p>
<p>Met with Jacki Rees Thomas in Murton Methodist Hall</p>		

Letters from
Bishopston
Community Council
& Commoners
association for
Pump Track to go
ahead

September 2020

From: Peter Lanfear <peter.lanfear@googlemail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 16:15
To: lucie.s83@outlook.com
Subject: Pump Track

Gower commoners have no objection to the proposed pump track covering an area of 20m x 50m. The exact site location is to be confirmed.
Gower commoners do not except any liabilities which may occur in its use or construction to be confirmed.

Best of luck with your funding!

Peter Lanfear

Chairman Gower Commoners

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL.
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDEILO FERWALT.

3rd September 2020.

37 Mansfield Road,
Murton,
SA3 3AG.
Mr Vincent Price (Clerk.)

Copley Regeneration Project (CRP)

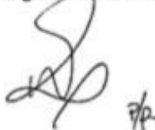
To whom it may concern:

This letter serves to confirm that Bishopston Community Council, landowner of Copley Common - the proposed site for the Copley Regeneration Project, agrees to the land being developed and used by CRP as set out in the proposals and documents as presented to us on Jul 27th 2020.


Use of this land as per the regeneration proposal is conditional upon the Gower Commoners' Association grazing rights being maintained and upon the area being used solely for the purposes outlined in the proposal for the ongoing benefit of the whole community in relation to leisure and outdoor activities.

Bishopston Council, while giving permission for the identified area to be used as above, reserves the right to review the ongoing use of the land and ensure that it is being used for the purposes set out in the proposal.

Signed on behalf of Bishopston Community Council



Mrs Susan Dunce
Board Chair

Launched Spacehive Crowdfunding Page - £4000 Raised		Spacehive Page Link Copley Common Regeneration Video
Laurie raised £200 for the project		https://gf.me/u/vzyuk9
Online meeting with the National Lottery to discuss funding options		
Meeting with a Commoner to discuss project		
Swansea Council Press Release		<p>Praise for active young pals as skate campaign goes on Comment from Cllr Lyndon Jones, As the local Councillor, I am pleased to have supported Jake, Jed and Elliott from the Bishopston Skatepark project from the start in 2018.</p> <p>They are inspirational and the professionalism they have brought to their campaign for a Pump Track facility locally is something that the BBC recognised, when they became one of the three winners in the BBC Young Reporter Competition, taking the silver award for Wales. The Pump Track would be a real asset for the community for years to come and will bring great benefits to young people, encouraging them to be fit and healthy, while enjoying the outdoors.</p> <p>Read the full article here https://www.swansea.gov.uk/SkateActive</p>
South Wales Evening Post article		 <p>The image shows a newspaper clipping from the South Wales Evening Post. The headline is "Praise for skateboarders who have set good example". The article is dated Thursday, September 24, 2020. It features a photograph of three young boys, Jake Gates, Elliott Wadley, and Jed Wood, who are the subjects of the article. The text of the article is visible, discussing the Bishopston Skatepark project and the boys' involvement in a crowdfunding campaign. The article is written by Robert Lloyd and is part of an advertising feature.</p>
2 years as a project	October 2020	2 Year Celebration Video

Mumbles Times article

>> Our Community



The Community Council & Bishopston Skatepark Project and other community groups have come together to create the NEW COPLEY COMMON REGENERATION PROJECT.

Preserving the environment to create an accessible eco-friendly community space. Some of our ideas include a woodland pump track and more.

The Bishopston Skatepark Project have been working hard over the last few months behind the scenes from the safety of our homes via Zoom and other platforms. We have put together a video on what we want to achieve.

We have released a survey and a crowdfunding page to collect the community's feedback and to raise funds for studies, planning and early design costs.

Please visit <https://www.spacehive.com/copley-common> to watch the video and hopefully donate.

We are finally working with the Community Council and other community bodies to create an eco-friendly community space with a pump track, nature walks, outdoor games and more. This will be located on the land opposite Murton green (Copley Common)

What is a pump track?
A pump track is designed for all things on wheels. By combining rolling jumps with turns they are accessible for all. Teaching the basic skills of carrying momentum, balance and speed by using your arms and legs to pump your bike/board/scooter around the track. A feature that a 5-year-old can roll through can be used as a gap jump for a professional.

Please have a look at our NEW Copley Common Regeneration Facebook page for the latest news and updates

Thank you to everyone who has already donated we really appreciate it. Thank you for being a hero

Fill out our survey to get your ideas:
<http://bit.ly/copleycommon>

Are you a Business able to help us with a donation, advertising or materials please get in touch!
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Skate session planned but cancelled due to COVID-19

We are excited to announce our next Half Term Street-sports Sessions at Bishopston Primary School on Tuesday 27th October! There will be Foot-golf & A Skate Session You MUST book in advance to attend the session. Please ensure you can attend the session before booking
Booking Site - Bit.ly/StreetsportsBooking

Article in Play Wales Newsletter

November 2020

Play in lockdown

Children have been greatly affected by the physical and social changes that restricted their lives in an unprecedented way during the time Wales was in lockdown. Here, Sumaya aged 10 from Cardiff and Jake, Jed and Elliot, all aged 14 and Ianto, aged 12 from Swansea share their experiences of playing during lockdown.

Bishopston Skatepark Project is a child-led project in Swansea which has been working for over two years to create a space to meet, socialise, and have fun in a free-to-use environment.

For Jake, keeping active by skateboarding and biking in his local community was important. He told us:

"This has helped me loads with my well-being. When the Caswell Bay Carpark was closed there were loads of kids and adults skateboarding there every day, it was like a community park. This just proved to me that a skate, bike and scooter facility is needed."

Elliot told us that staying healthy has been a vital part of lockdown for him:

"As soon as I knew the five-mile rule had been lifted I decided to Mountain and back! I feel that in a post-lockdown world, we will need to do whatever we can to rebuild and reconnect as a community. Public spaces, especially outdoors, will come in handy so much in coming months when it comes to building those vital social connections again."


Jed agreed that being out and about mountain biking and skateboarding helped his mental health and well-being:

"During lockdown I have found it a struggle to find somewhere to skate around the village and nearby. I know this has been the case for many others."

Ianto missed going to the skatepark in town when it closed. He decided to raise some interest to support a local skatepark by doing a 1000 OLLIE Foundation challenge.

"I used the empty car parks to practice and I completed it in two and a half hours. I raised over £500! Having a pump track near my house would be amazing. I could meet up with friends, practice tricks and I could cycle or skate there by myself."

When lockdown started, Sumaya was happy at first because there was no school! Here's what Sumaya had to say about her play experiences.



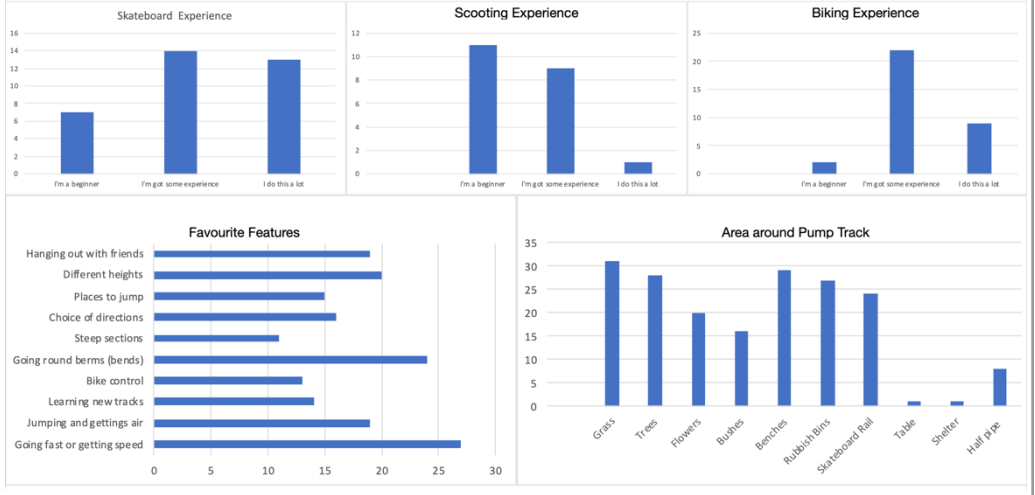
December 2020

Pumptrack Design Ideas Survey

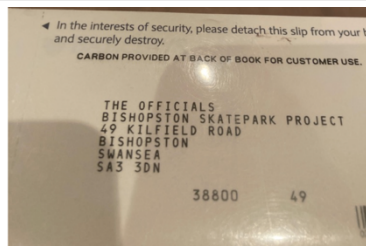
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[Survey Link](#)

Here are the results from a survey we ran to see what the community wanted in the design of the Pump Track



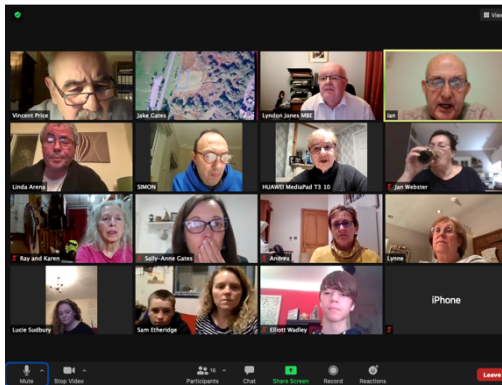
Project bank account created



BSP presented its latest news to Bishopston Community Council – Meeting minutes

February 2021

Presentation and update from the Skate park Pump track team. A full update on the project was given with a slide presentation and a question-and-answer session. The session was well received and the progress made was excellent. It appeared that the funding was being sorted and a decision was made on the materials to be used. A word of caution was raised on the materials (tarmac.) in particular as some peoples prospective is that tarmac may not be conducive to the overall outlook of the area. The Chair thanked the boys for their presentation which was informative and clear in their objectives. Also, Councillors Lynne Ellis and Lucie Sudbury wished to add their appreciation for the hard work done by the group. **PROJECT ON-GOING.**



[Minutes Monday 25th February 2021 at 7.30 pm.](#)

Met with Ollie from C&K Contractors

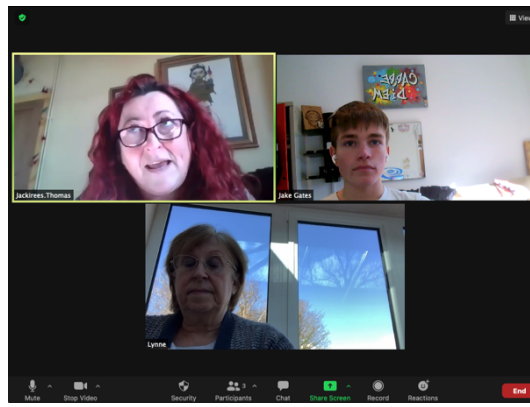


Met with Helen from Gower Unearthed & Karen from Bishops Woods



[Ecological Site Overview by Karen Jones](#)

Zoom call With Jacki Rees Thomas Play Officer for Swansea & Lynne from Community Council



We Cleared the Site for the pumptrack



Community Newsletter Update

[Press Here For Newsletter](#)

Pump Track Design & Covid resilience survey

[Survey Results](#)

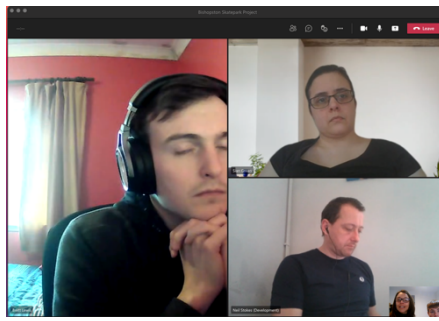
Becky Jacket school pastoral worker.

Pump Track size mapped out



Teams Call with swansea RDP to discuss funding

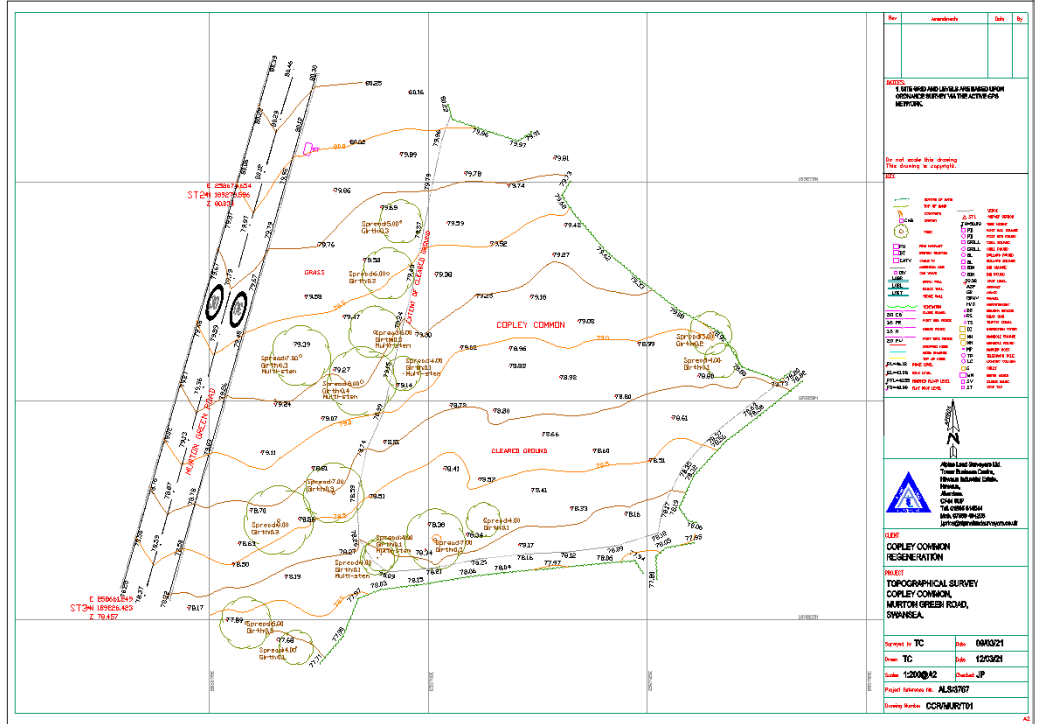
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£3000 Grant Recived for 3D Pumptrack Designs

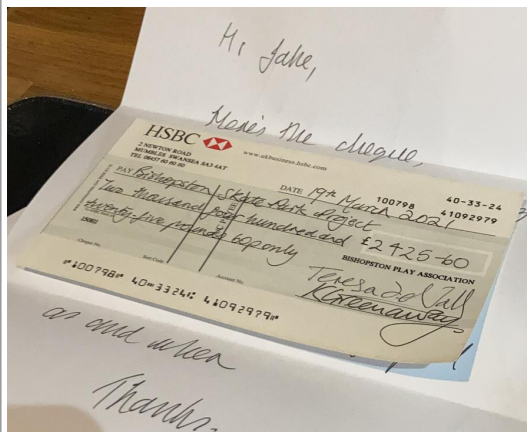
Thank you for your application to the **2nd ROUND** Play Sustainability Fund 20/21 on behalf of Bishopston Skatepark Project. I am pleased to be able to offer you the sum of **£3000**. This grant is issued with conditions which will be explained within this letter. Please complete and return the accompanying form to confirm your acceptance.

Free Topographic Survey of site completed by Tim Coombs from Alpine Land Surveyors



£3,600 paid for designs C&K Contractors

£2425.60 Cheque Cleared from Space hive Crowdfunding



CC Newsletter Update

Support Common Regeneration

We would like to thank the community for their ongoing support over the past 2 years. We hope that we can bring a fantastic community facility to Bishops Cleeve which will be used by generations to come.



Crowdfunding Campaign

On the 9th September we set up a crowdfunding page to raise money for the planning of the track. We had large donations from Swansea Council, Day's Water Group, Cllr Lyndon Jones, HM Brickwork, Cymru'r Ffoc and Guro Surf-shop. Most importantly we had 60 individual donations from the community particularly of a financially difficult time for many families which shows the fantastic community support we have for the project. A young member of our community called Lorian decided to raise money for the project by going around the Pump Track in Swansea 100 times for a Sponsor Challenge where he raised a fantastic £200! We absolutely smashed the goal of raising £2500 by raising just over £4000!

Meetings

We have met with Oliver from C&K Contractors along with Lyvian from the Community Council who visited the site to find a reserve wooded area before we engage for 3D designs to be drawn up for planning permission. We also visited the site with Helen from down Ullswater and Kame who is the Bishops Woods Project Manager to find the best location there a minimum ecological impact. From the information we received from these meetings, the best location which suits both ecological and construction perspectives is the area opposite the top end of the carpark which was overgrown with Brambles and Blackthorn and does not sit in the Climate & Community Project overlays. We have met with the Bishops Community Council and The Gower Commons Association who are also very supportive of the project.

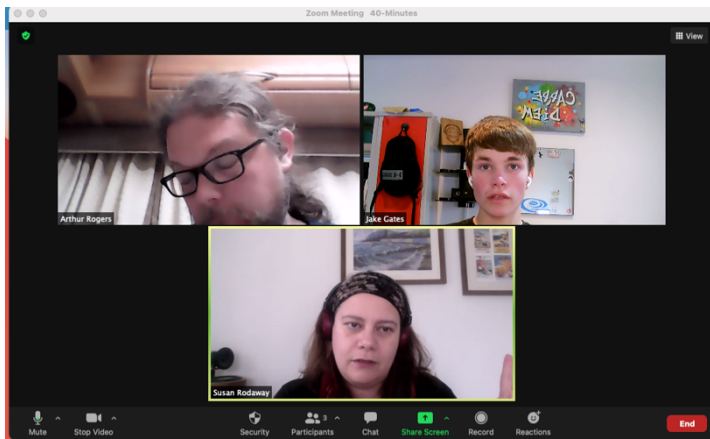


Clearing Site



On the evening of 27th February we had to clear the site because nesting season starts on the 1st March. We removed the brambles & blackthorn and coppiced the willow. We also created an ice bath for the loag. We gathered a crew of local landscapers from Hazelwood Landscaping, D. Waby Gardens & Landscapes and also a few community volunteers to help with the mammoth task of clearing the overgrown site. We all made sure we were socially distanced! We started work at 9am and managed to clear the site with a fantastic effort from everyone involved! Have a look at the before & after photos also the 360 Photo Linked below! This means we are now ready for 3D designs to be drawn up and then to apply for planning permission. Then we will need to apply for a grant and then finally build the pump track!

YVA Pennard Bike Repair Station



Meeting with Andrew Lucas RPS Director

April 2021

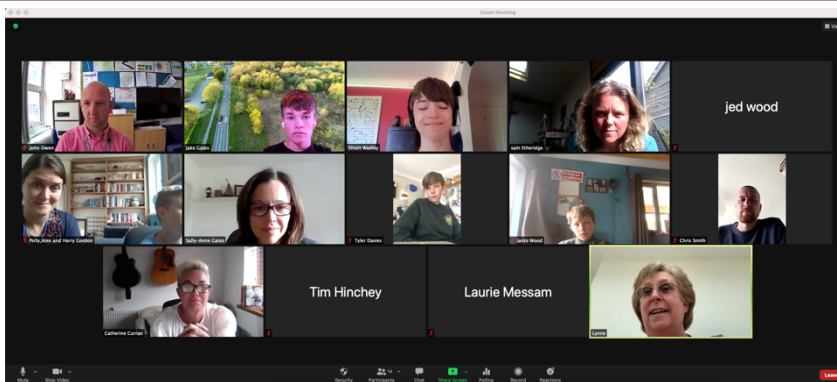
Recived Pump Track designs from Clark & Kent contractors.

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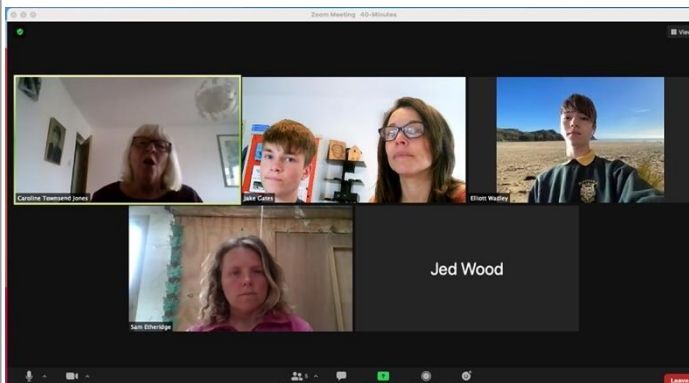


Pre Planning application submitted to Swansea Council

Pump Track Design Release Event and community feedback



Met with Carrie from Co-Op and have applied for the Community Fund



Met with Alison from Kier contractors who will help us with future planning



Go fund me page trampoline fundraiser Kes, Finn and Harri Raised £1000


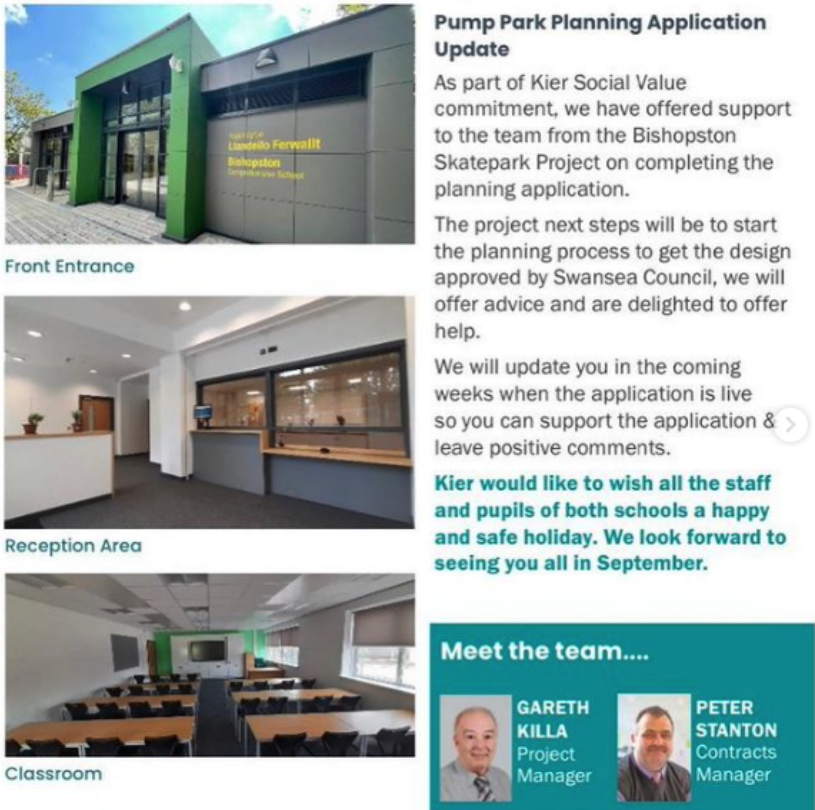
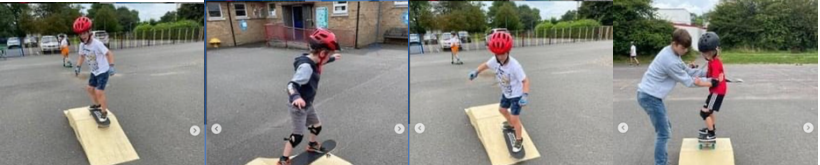
June 2021



Working With Swansea Council Parklives team to host 3 Skate Events in the Summer Holidays

Meeting with Bishopston Community Council to update them with the latest plans for the project



Meeting with 4theregion about project		https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOf7FDukl-CrB_a02DUiU3g
Winners of Big Ideas Wales start something good competition Won £100 For the Project		https://businesswales.gov.wales/bigideas/start-something-good-winners
New Member WCMX Charlotte Houlton Zoom	July 2021	
Over 40 Letters recived from Bishopston primary school in support of the pump track		https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GXsfhR2K8CDLAmvQ-NqjCI2heMDyrw-2/view?usp=sharing
First Summer skate session @bish primary		
Mentioned in KIER group newsletter who are building Bishopston Comprehensive School and offered support with the planning process		 <p>Pump Park Planning Application Update</p> <p>As part of Kier Social Value commitment, we have offered support to the team from the Bishopston Skatepark Project on completing the planning application.</p> <p>The project next steps will be to start the planning process to get the design approved by Swansea Council, we will offer advice and are delighted to offer help.</p> <p>We will update you in the coming weeks when the application is live so you can support the application & leave positive comments.</p> <p>Kier would like to wish all the staff and pupils of both schools a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September.</p> <p>Meet the team....</p> <p>GARETH KILLA Project Manager</p> <p>PETER STANTON Contracts Manager</p>
2 nd Summer Skate session at Bishopston Primary School hosted with	August 2021	


Swansea Council ParkLives Team		
3 rd and final summer skate session hosted a Bishopston Primary School		


We visited the Melyn Mynach Pump Track to help record a documentary for Play Wales about the importance of Free Play Facilities, The film will be released in 2022		
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Swansea Council Pre Planning Negative Response	September 2021	The full councils response is available on the council website planning portal
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Newspaper Article on South Wales Evening Post following Swansea Council's NEGATIVE pre-planning response!		
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Wales Online Article	https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/bmx-skate-project-backed-teens-21535545?utm_source=linkCopy&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sharebar
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Meeting with KIER and Sam the Architect from Lawray's to discuss planning	
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<p>application. Also Councillor Lyndon Jones.</p>		
<p>We were presented with Certificates & Hoodies as winners of the @bigideaswales Start Something Good Competition. We won £100 to go towards the project.</p>		 <p>Project, Swansea.</p> <p><i>Jake, Elliott & Jed's idea is to design & sell hoodies, T-shirts etc which help to promote the Bishopston Skatepark project as well as raising funds for the long-term maintenance of the pumptrack.</i></p> <p>The charity that Jake, Elliott & Jed has chosen to receive £100 is: Bishopston Skatepark Project</p>
<p>Pupils @Bishopston Comprehensive School for doing a 5K cross country run around Bishopston Village. The Bishopston Skatepark Project was selected as one of the charities for this year.</p>	<p>October 2021</p>	<p>Watch the drone video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSMpiQNuMe0</p>
<p>We were selected as a Co-op Cause for the year to host free skate sessions in the community.</p>		<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CVEBBUEopsp/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CVaL0Ezof0b/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61412</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/279097236146526/posts/926482338074676/?d=□</p>
<p>officially 3 years as a project</p>		<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CVR-y0Rsg1p/?utm_medium=copy_link</p>
<p>We were successful for a £200 grant from sported and Always that would allow us to host a girls only skate session at Exist Skatepark</p>	<p>November 2022</p>	<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CXR6PAxoU-E/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>The session was a massive success</p>
<p>Second Skate session held sponsored by Coop</p>	<p>December 2022</p>	<p>https://www.instagram.com/reel/CXjXNd-oNIL/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/reel/CXs2popokZc/?utm_medium=copy_link</p>
<p>Working with BRD sports team holding sessions and helping</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CZaJBsaKtmh/?utm_medium=copy_link</p>

<p>funding and managing our project plan.</p>		
<p>Free Bike, Scooter and skateboard marking at community hall organised by cllr lyndon jones</p>	<p>February 2022</p>	<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CZh-0AHodt0/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>the success of the marking sessions show the need for the pump track facility in bishopston</p>
<p>Third free skate session held at exist skatepark with a big turnout</p>		<p>https://www.instagram.com/p/CZujpV4o6X5/?utm_medium=copy_link</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/reel/CZumMleoFUf/?utm_medium=copy_link</p>
<p>Free open skate session held in Bishopston sports hall in conjunction with BRD Gravity</p>		 <p>TUESDAY 15TH MARCH @5:15PM</p>
<p>Free skate session in Bishsopston sports hall</p>	<p>March 2022</p>	

4th region conference in Swansea Arena



Girls only skate sessions held in Exist funded by Sported UK and topped up by Cllr Lyndon Jones community fund

April 2022

Project Update

May 2022

Mayday celebrations stall held at Murton Green

Bishopston Skatepark becomes local cause for CO-OP funding

June 2022

Join Co-op Membership and select us as your local cause

£3 off when you spend £10*

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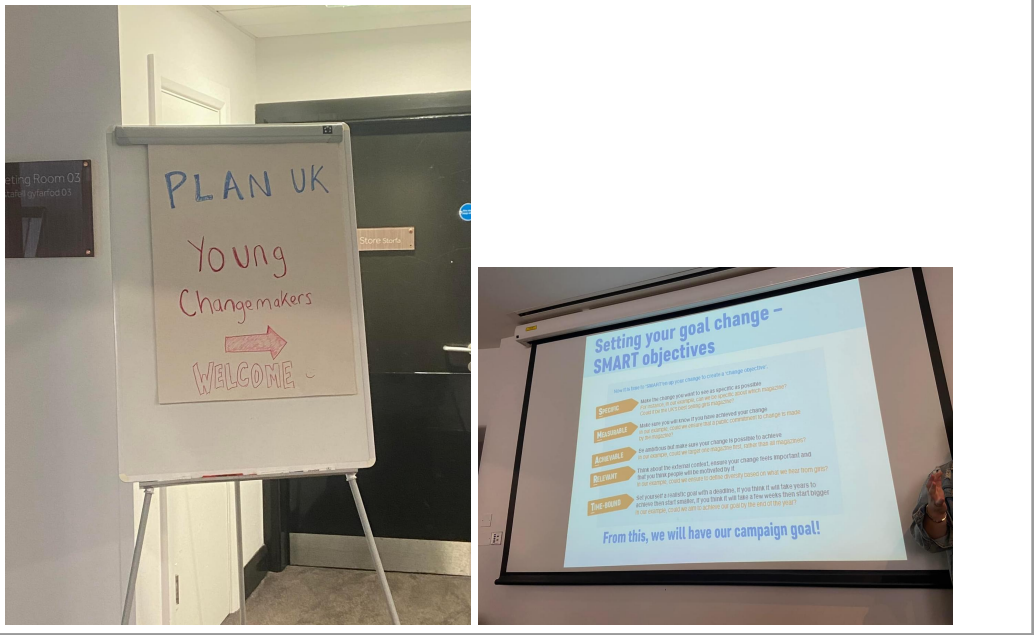
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Recruitment undertaken for new project members

September 2022

Attended Plan International UK inspire event in Cardiff

October 2022



Plan International funding secured for girls only skate sessions

General free skate session held in Ramps Skatepark Fforestfach

November 2022



Girls only free skate session funded by Plan International UK held in Ramps Skatepark Fforestfach

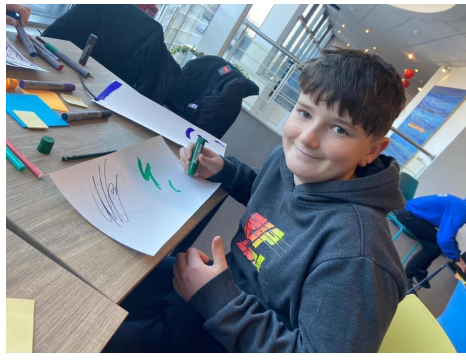
General free skate session held in Ramps Skatepark Fforestfach

December 2022

Girls only skate free skate session funded by Plan International UK held in Ramps Skatepark Fforestfach

Plan International UK Inspire event attended to learn about gender equality and sharing our story with other young changemakers in South Wales

January 2023



Mixed free open skate session at Exist Skatepark funded by CO-OP

February 2023



Shortlisted for the 2022 Swansea for getting Swansea active with our free skate sessions

Getting Swansea Active Award sponsored by Eyst Wales



**Ethnic Minorities
& Youth Support
Team Wales**

Tim Cymorth
Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig
& Ieuenctid Cymru

- Paul Davies
 - Sophie Pennino, Ellie Pennino, Annabel Williams
 - Bishopston Skatepark Project
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Applying for pre planning for potential pump-track sites

Attended Bishopston Community Council Meeting to update on project progress

Filming undertaken at Mumbles Skatepark for project documentary

Free girls only skate session at Exist Skatepark funded by Plan International UK

March 2023

Swansea
4theRegion
Conference 2023
celebrating youth
voice area created
by Bishopston
Skatepark Project
sponsored by Plan
International UK
aim to highlight
youth projects
across Swansea
and the
surrounding areas



 Hosted by:  Youth Zone Sponsor:  For children and equality for girls

CELEBRATE YOUTH VOICE

29 MARCH 2023 | SWANSEA ARENA



Swansea Conference By:  4theRegion
WORKING TOGETHER



Swansea sports awards 2022 awarded finalist in the 'Getting Swansea Active' category



Bishopston Community Council pumptrack consultation commenced

April 2023

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL: PUMPTRACK CONSULTATION



Free open skate session at Exist Skatepark funded by CO-OP



Plan International
UK Young
Changemakers
Awards celebration
event attended in
London



Stall at Murtons
Mayday
celebrations

May 2023



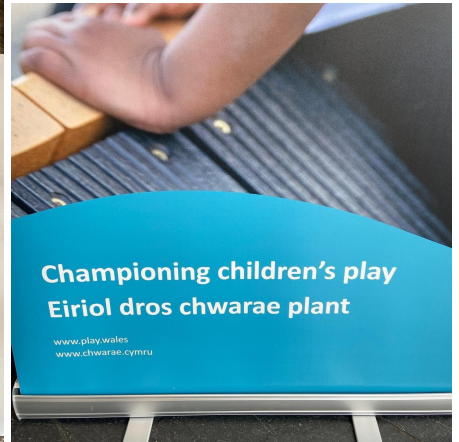
Bishopston
Skatepark Project
winner of the
Global Right To Play
Award 2023

June 2023



Attended a screening of 'This Is Why Play Is Important' documentary by Play Wales in which BSP feature

July 2023



Bishopston Community Council discussed the consultation from April 2023

September 2023