

Monthly report	
Subject:	<b>Camp Place Play Park</b>
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### 1. Play Park Grants

During the month, we heard that the FCC grant for £40,000 was successful, which covers the junior area of the play park, but the toddler/inclusive play area grant from SUEZ was not successful.

To obtain the remaining amount of funding Stirling Council and I are:

- Pursuing smaller grants through Stirling Council
  - Wooden Spoon Trust has already been applied to for £25,000
  - Stage 1 Viridor Credits has been applied for £25,000
    - Only one of these will be progressed as they are for the same toddler/inclusive equipment
  - Awards for All application in progress by CCC for fencing for £10,000
  - Community Pride will be applied for as contribution to wet pour surfacing for £1,500
- Callander Community Development Trust have agreed for the Hydro money originally applied for to cover the third party contribution for the SUEZ grant to be now spent specifically on two items of toddler/inclusive play omitted from other grant applications as over the limit.
- Smaller grants will be pursued through other local and inclusive play funding organisations as necessary
- Community support will progress if no other option.

Given the timing issues, Stirling Council may purchase all the equipment from the FCC grant with the toddler/Inclusive area to follow with a contractor then installing the entire playpark.

The DDA path has been ordered and the cleaning and painting of existing equipment is due to start in the next week or so once the frost has gone, using the £1500.00 Community Pride grant from Stirling Council already paid to and ring-fenced by CCC.

### 2. BMX Track – New Project

Following the initial discussions with Stirling Council, Moe Guertin (MG) organised a group of volunteers to clear the BMX track to identify its position. They did an excellent job weeding a large area with lots of residents and kids involved.

After last month's CCC meeting, a member of the public (Mark Nicols) came forward with 2 experts to discuss how to progress. The project now has a small organising group of community councillors (MG and MM) and local volunteers. A business planning meeting was held with the experts with bike track expertise. They advised that the track will need a professional design suitable for current biking styles, safety and land drainage. This is the next step, as we need to have this design with all its relevant details to be available before we can approach Stirling Council to discuss any go-ahead for the track reinstatement, which may take longer than first thought as funds are likely to be required.

We are awaiting advice from the experts as to how to proceed. In the meantime, they have provided funding contacts in case we need to cover costs for the track design.

MM has attended a training session on H&S requirements for community volunteers and also enquired more about insurance needed for community volunteers.

### **3. BMX User Survey**

An on-line survey was launched to both schools in Callander, the Youth Project and on various social media and has now closed, with over 130 responses in the couple of weeks it was open. Responses were almost entirely favourable to the track reinstatement.

Questions asked included:

- whether or not people used the play park now, and how often,
- whether they would use it more if the track was reinstated,
- would they like to see it reinstated,
- would they use the bike track,
- would they help maintain it.

Track design ideas and other comments were also asked for.

The outcome indicated that there was overwhelming support (over 95%) for the reinstatement of the track, with over 80% indicating they would use the park more if it was reinstated, and over 85% saying they would also use the track. Over 60% of respondents volunteered to help maintain it - there were a lot of adults who replied to this survey, some have already shown their active support, who were keen to ensure it didn't fall into disrepair again.

Leaflets were distributed to all the houses in Camp Place and Willoughby Court asking for any comments on the BMX track to be sent via email or via the Survey.

An article was provided to the Stirling Observer covering the above survey.

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