



## CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 19TH MAY 2011

**SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY SKATE PROJECT GROUP**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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1. The Caerphilly Skate Group would like to request £1,000 of funding from the Area Forum Budget allocation for Caerphilly, to contribute towards the cost of purchasing new skate equipment for the Caerphilly Skate Park.
2. The Caerphilly Skate Project Group has met regularly over the last year to try and identify and secure funding opportunities to provide new skate equipment in the Caerphilly skate park. The skate park is located immediately behind Caerphilly Leisure Centre, next to a legal graffiti wall. Caerphilly CBC removed the skate equipment from the park at the end of last year due to it failing to meet the necessary RoSPA QSA safety standards. The skate equipment installed had previously been used in an indoor skate park and was not suitable for long-term outdoor use.
3. The local community want to put new skate equipment into the park due to the success of the previous facility and its high level use by young people, but also because of the role it played in reducing the level of Anti Social Behaviour and graffiti locally. The police have reported an increase in Anti Social Behaviour around Caerphilly town centre since the skate park equipment has been removed.
4. Caerphilly County Borough Council's Parks Department has agreed to maintain and insure the facility, should the Skate Park Group be successful in obtaining funding for the new equipment.
5. The Skate Park Group recently submitted a funding application to the Communities Facilities and Activities Programme (WAG) but this was unsuccessful. However, the Group has received feedback from WAG on its application and will address the issues raised and look to re-apply in October 2011.
6. In the meantime, the group is also in the process of identifying other suitable sources of funding that it could apply to – hence the request to the Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group.
7. £5,000 has recently been secured from Caerphilly CBC's Enhanced Maintenance Budget for the project. A £1,000 contribution from the Caerphilly Area Forum Budget would therefore mean that the group has £6,000 towards the total cost of the project. This will be extremely beneficial when applying for funding to external sources, as the majority of grant funding bodies prefer groups not to ask for 100% of the money, and some even expect groups to contribute 20% of the total project cost.
8. The Group is hoping that local young people will also do some of their own fundraising activities to help raise money for the facility, as this will give a further sense of local ownership for the facility and will also help to evidence that the facility is very much wanted by local people. The Group is aiming to get the local media involved in its fundraising campaign, and will acknowledge all funders in any publicity material produced.