

We recently held a public meeting where we revealed the new design for the skate park which was very positively received. We are now looking at moving forward with planning and funding the skate park.

Originally, Skate Langport CIO was set up to manage the project on the basis that CIO entities were eligible for the widest range of grants and other funding opportunities, with the three trustees managing the workload associated with the creation of a significant public asset.

As we progress through the project we would like to change the way we run things to keep all stakeholders better informed and also to run finances in a proper way. We propose the following:

- We would like to submit planning and run finances through LTC. The reason for this is so LTC are able to claim VAT back as the council will be funding a facility (through money raised and donated by us) to be built on council owned land. Although there is a joint custodian trusteeship, we need to run this through a single entity.
- To be completely clear we obviously wish to run this project in tandem with both councils (and the Memorial Trust) and as such we also propose to set up a working group with councillors representative of all three stakeholder groups. This provides a channel through which they will be able to feed back to their respective bodies and also forward concerns and questions to ourselves.
- No extra burden will be placed upon the councils, we will still do all the work of raising money and managing the project through the CIO. This is purely based around establishing a close working relationship and ensuring the most efficient use of money raised.
- As we have mentioned in the past, on completion of the build phase the CIO will remain in effect to manage the skate park and ensure that it is maintained accordingly.

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Trustees

Skate Langport CIO

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