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| **Report No. TC 01/11/2021**  **Agenda Item No.13** | **Council**  **Date of Meeting:** | |
| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** | | |
| **Report Author: Zoe Nealson** | | **Title: Oakham Skate Park Project** |
| **Subject: To discuss the possibility allowing a skate park to be built on land owned or leased by Oakham Town Council** | | |
| **Strategic Aim.**  **2. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play.**  **3. Improve and increase facilities within the town.**  **4. Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community.**  **5. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.**  **6. Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups.** | | |

**In February 2021 the council discussed correspondence received from young people’s services requesting a start up grant of £500 to get the Oakham Skate Park project up and running. This funding was agreed however due to lockdown and various other frustrations the project has been hibernated and the money has not yet been passed over. Oakham resident Jon Dixon, who’s son was part of the original steering group, is attempting to get this project back up and running so that things can move forward. If a suitable venue can be identified Jon and the original skate park steering group will be working together to move forward and obtain funding.**

**Whilst there are skating facilities at Cutts Close Park already it is widely acknowledged that these are, unfortunately, not fit for purpose. A purpose built skate park would enable skaters of all ages and abilities to have the opportunity to skate, scoot or bike free of charge throughout the year. This is a sport that is definitely up and coming, skateboarding was included for the first time in the 2020 Olympics and scooting is an activity enjoyed by children and adults. Having a purpose built skate park would enable residents and visitors to enjoy an open space.**

**The current stumbling block for the project is identifying a potential location for a skate park within Oakham. Oakham Town Council are therefore being asked to consider whether it would be possible to site a skate park on any of the pieces of land we own and maintain. Please note this paper is not requesting funding in any way nor is it requesting funding to be considered. This paper is asking for an agreement in principle only.**

**The suggested size of**

**Members are therefore requested to consider whether Oakham Town Council are able to offer the possibility of a skate park being built at either Cutts Close, Willow Crescent, Royce Playing Field or Centenary Field.**