



CYAC

'Every child deserves a
place to play'

Clare Youth Association Committee

Press Release

BMX cycling mud jump project for Clare

In November 2008 a group of 10 young people approached the Parish Council in Clare for help in finding an area that they could use for riding their BMX and mountain bikes, which could have jumps and other features to ride over. This group made great progress and found a generous local landowner who had some land that they could use near the Nuttery in Clare. Planning permission was gained and detailed plans drawn up. Unfortunately this took quite some time to achieve and gradually momentum was lost and the project stalled.

Around came 2011 and a new group of youngsters got together and raised a petition in support of more facilities for the young people of Clare. With the help and support of Clare Parish Council, now Clare Town Council, a new Committee was formed in October 2011 named CYAC "Clare Youth Association Committee". The Committee was formed, a constitution agreed and steps put in place so that the young people on the committee could start to raise funds for their projects. The committee has members ranging in age from 11 years upwards. The purpose of the committee is to represent the needs and views of the young people of Clare and to support, promote and co-ordinate, as necessary, appropriate activities as well as to raise funding for the activities of the committee and for a purpose built Skateboard/ BMX Park facility.

A purpose built skatepark is a major undertaking and will cost many tens of thousands of pounds so the committee were really pleased to hear of the BMX mudjump project was still a possibility and would be much smaller project to start with. In fact one of the members of the CYAC committee, Harry Willats, was one of the original group who started the project 3 years before. Many details needed to be sorted and discussed, insurance, risk assessments, lease terms and requirements, which were all new to the committee but were all resolved with the lease being signed by the Clare Town council on Sunday 9th September 2012 at a CYAC committee meeting. Great news! A local, experienced, groundwork's contractor based in Clare has offered his help to construct the track and work is expected to start within the next 4 weeks, almost a year to the day the committee was formed.

CYAC welcome any ideas from the young people in Clare and would welcome support on the committee from young people and parents. The Committee has a Facebook page up and running and a website www.cyacweb.co.uk or alternatively e-mail secretary@cyacweb.co.uk

The picture shows Keith Haisman, Chairman and Peter Phillips, Vice Chairman of Clare Town Council handing the signed copy of the lease to Harry Willats with Harrison Brooks (current chairman of CYAC), and the CYAC committee members Dan Montano, Connor Snow, James Sheargold, Jack Hickford, and Will Finch

Steve Brooks Secretary CYAC 10/9/2012

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