

Victory Park Wheels Park Update

The inaugural meeting of the Victory Park Wheels Park Working Group took place on the 13th January 2016 at the Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick.

The start of the meeting was taken up discussing the repair works to the existing ramps that had unfortunately not been done. These were due to have been fixed on two separate occasions prior to Christmas but works had to be cancelled by the playground contractor due to the inclement weather and the floods. As Rhino Ramps are based in the South of England, it has not been possible to find a suitable period of time for them to undertake the works.

There was some displeasure from the Wheels Park users and Councillors about the repairs not being completed as agreed at the meeting in November 2015. In addition, more recently the lighting at the Wheels Park and the adjoining MUGA has been out for a number of weeks too. An update was provided on the lighting repairs and the reasons for the delay in this work being done.

It was reported that the repair works for the ramps and the lighting (for both the Wheels Park and the MUGA) would be completed by the end of January 2016.

The main part of the meeting was taken up discussing what users thought of the existing facility, short term improvements that could be made and pieces of equipment/skate park models they would like to install/emulate long term.

It was agreed that to enable the group to move forward and apply for funding in the future, a plan including drawings and associated costs needed producing. To be able to have a proposal that was representative of what users wanted, it was decided that some public consultation should be undertaken.

It was agreed by the group that this would be done during February half term in Barnoldswick Town Centre and at Victory Park. In addition, there would be consultation carried out within the local schools either before or after half term.

The next Working group meeting is scheduled to take place at the end of February once the consultation exercise has been completed.