

Go Underhill Update

April 2021

Read on for the latest position on the Go Underhill development

Funding

- The **£1.2m grant award from Mumbles Community Council** has now been confirmed, although this is subject to a tripartite lease agreement being signed. The grant will enable us to fund the development of the 4 changing room block and refurbished Pavilion with new toilets. It also includes £325k towards the costs of the all-weather pitch, subject to us finding the balance funding from other sources.
- The outcome of our grant application to the **Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme**, for funding towards the costs of the building development, is not yet known. If successful, this would enable the construction of an additional 2 changing room block and we hope to have news on this in early May.
- Despite our considerable successes so far in securing funding for Go Underhill, we still don't have all the money needed to enable us to deliver the full Phase 1 plans, including a new all-weather pitch. Alongside **exploring other options for grant funding**, we are also looking to **raise money** through donations from businesses and from local people who will benefit from the new facilities and opportunities which Go Underhill will bring.

An invitation only event is being planned for those interested in getting involved in giving valuable support to this exciting development, as **Joe's Ice Cream, Dawsons, Mumbles Old People's Welfare Association, Keith Harris, and an anonymous local business owner** already have... but there is no need to wait until then.

Regular or one-off donations can be made to Go Underhill via Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). Simply use the link on our website www.go-underhill.com/donate.

Anyone interested in making a substantial donation or in sponsoring Go Underhill can find out more about the scheme or our fundraising launch event by contacting **MCA Trustee Martin Rodwell**. Email Martin on info@go-underhill.com

Design & Build

- The final designs have been completed. Due to some minor changes resulting from the detailed design work, an application has been made to Swansea Council for approval for some minor material amendments. **Mumbles Community Association** is waiting to hear if the application has been approved.
- An application has also been made for the release of planning conditions, set when the original planning approval was given in November 2019.
- As required by law, applications have been made for Sustainable Drainage Schemes (SuDS) for our plans, which include the building work and the all-weather pitch.

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Here is the latest architectural visual of the refurbished pavilion and planned construction for the new community hub and café, six new changing rooms, and ancillary facilities



Timescales

- The final details of the tripartite **lease agreement** between, **Mumbles Community Association**, Mumbles Community Council, and Swansea City Council are being worked through. It is hoped that this will be completed soon.
- Based on all outstanding matters being concluded quickly, **MCA** are hopeful that we will be able to **tender the building development** in June. Provided the tenders are financially viable given our budget, **work would then start on site in early autumn 2021**, with the completion of the new facilities 12 - 15 months later.
- Any companies who have an interest in any aspect of the build or operation of the Park and its new facilities are encouraged to email us on info@go-underhill.com, so that we can get in touch at the appropriate time.

Get Involved

MCA is a charity set up to transform Underhill Park and safeguard it for future generations. Our Trustees are all local people who are giving their time to make this happen, and our plans are based on the desires and needs of the community. **MCA** will be responsible for the operation of Underhill Park once the building work is complete and we are already thinking ahead to that time. **Get involved and help us shape the future for Underhill Park:**

- We are still encouraging young people aged 11 – 18 year old to join our new **Underhill Park Youth Group**. If you are interested in helping us run this group or know a young person who would like to be involved, please get in touch.
- We have a **Stakeholder Group** set up to assist us – as a sounding board for our thinking, with ideas for how we deliver, and to give us practical support – and are grateful to those already involved who are freely giving us the benefit of their time and expertise. If you can help us, why not become part of the group? Get in touch to find out more. Email: info@go-underhill.com or contact us via Facebook.

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