

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2025/26 – ANNAN PLAY PARK STEERING GROUP

I am pleased to report that we have had more regular face to face meetings during the year of the Annan Play Park Steering Group and we were also successful in recruiting a number of new Trustees at the 2025 AGM, who have had a positive impact due to their enthusiasm and proactivity along with the rest of the Trustees. The recruitment of additional Trustees has allowed us to set up a Fund Raising Sub-Group which meets regularly and have a number of fund raising events in the pipeline.

With regards to the Weyroc site, following the completion of Phase1 which was the installation of the all-inclusive play park in 2021, followed by completion of Phase 2, the Cycle Pump Track in 2023, we have continued to progress Phase 3, which is the development and installation of a Skate Park - which will complete the projects at the Weyroc location.

The vandalism experienced in previous years at the play park has reduced significantly and we have successfully raised the funding to replace the damaged piece of play park equipment which was set alight with a new piece of equipment in the Spring of 2026.

For the proposed skate park, a successful consultation day was held in August 2026 at the Weyroc to allow us to take forward and shape the plans for this facility. This has been followed up with an online consultation via our APPS Facebook Page.

The project to reintroduce a Trim Track along the River Annan at the Everholm has currently been shelved.

The APPS Steering Group are currently actively seeking to recruit a new Secretary for the Annan Playpark Steering Group and I would like to thank our current Secretary, Louise Ross for the fantastic service she has provided in this role over the last decade. We are also seeking to recruit someone to the new role of Social Media Officer and would hope this would suit and attract a younger person.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Trustees and particularly all the Trustees who take on Officer Roles, for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

I would also like to put on record our appreciation as Trustees for the ongoing support from Council Officers, in particular Jaime Nicholson, Annandale South Ward Officer and Nicola Simpson, Senior Community Asset Manager.

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