

Skate parks proposals welcomed.

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Moves to extend skateboarding and BMX facilities across Perth & Kinross were welcomed by councillors yesterday.

Members of the Environmental and Consumer Services Committee heard that Tayside Police backed the initiative, believing it had benefits in tackling anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Iain Hunter said he had been working closely with a group of youngsters in Crieff who are keen to establish facilities in the area.

Committee convener Willie Robertson said that these were the type of projects that were to be encouraged where local youngsters were involved in the planning stages. Councillor Ken Lyall also supported the moves to create new sporting facilities in the rural areas. "this report will be warmly received throughout the Perth & Kinross, specifically Aberfeldy where the children have set up a fully constituted group to design and raise funds for a skate park facility" he said. "The group has the support of the majority of the town, along with help and assistance from parents, Perth & Kinross Council's environment and community learning departments, the police, Aberfeldy Community Council and many other groups."