

ROOTS ^{OF} MOVEMENT

ROM meeting 26/11/11

In attendance

Chris Grant

Pete Mckee

Dave Barraclough

Gordon Tsang

Euan Gillespie

Kyle Smith

Kyle Edwards

John Hall (Hedge)

Angie Rupp

Callum Aitchinson

Sam Anderson

Stephen Ford (Peave)

Omercan Cirit

Apologies: Eugene Minogue from ParkourUK

Representatives from: Glasgow, Coatbridge, Edinburgh, Elgin, Fife, Shetland, Ullapool, Inverness

Progress report

Fife: Adult class in St. Andrews (6 people) started, setting up FPC

Shetland: Not much. 2 classes and an open jam regularly.

Inverness: Tried an outdoor adult class, no response. Extra outdoor Saturday class (10 people) has been added. Adult indoor class running.

Liability issues.

Matt the Director is experienced with liability issues and Chris spoke on his behalf:

Insurance can cost £30-£40 a month. So long as the disclaimer states the truth i.e. you are a practitioner not a coach and they are ok with signing it, it is safe. Don't be misleading with what you write on it.

Dave – is the disclaimer actually safe? Accountable. What if the knowledge given across is incorrect? Injury happens because a move is wrong.

Chris – So long as you are clear on your qualifications i.e. none. You are covered. Circus compares well. No official qualification. You can have 20 years experience. It is up to adults to decide whether or not you are experienced and whether you are trustworthy.

Dave – Industry standard. There are exercise standards. No PK standards. Should we not figure out how to introduce them?

Chris – ADAPT is meant to be the industry standard. It is attached to UK governing body. Not completely clear if it's the standard in Scotland yet, but if England endorses it, the Scottish body will endorse it.

Dave – What's the alternative to ADAPT and Parkour UK? It is not yet clear what they are doing.

Chris – Long conversation. Nothing really. More later in meeting.

Dave – What about redundancies, what if I get injured, it costs a lot to insure more people.

Peave – I am insured. I have people covered by insurance. It's never been an issue – redundancies are there with Sam and another person.

Chris- That's the point of the committee, to help solve all of these problems. That's why we're setting this up.

Funding Progress

Chris gave details of the big funding application. This body support arts organisations. They gave money to companies GPC has worked for. ~£50,000. Chris submitted a year long plan to set up a base standard and network of coaches and classes around the country.

Phase 1: Coaching boot camp. Also: Chris is designing a course on how to deliver PK for the arts.

Dave – What's the demand? Everyone gave examples including 16 NEDS waltzing on a stage

Phase 2: Money for an ADAPT course in Scotland. For Free. It would pay for about 10 people. Set up ROM coaches. AFP statement helps us recognise ADAPT therefore ADAPT isn't useless. At the moment it's a formality. But it's developing and turning into something really useable.

Phase 3: Set up PK summer schools in each region. No financial risk to the coaches. We help you but you do the work.

Sports development officers can also pay you to do a lot of it. Active Schools can help open doors.

Phase 4: ROM 2012.

Phase 5: Money to run a 6 month class (indoor) in every region

Hopefully funding will continue for another round of a lot of this. The next generation of kids get sent to do the boot camps and so on.

If we don't get this funding, we can apply for each phase separately.

The good thing about this is, there's no pressure. We're here to help if you want help.

Funding will go to those who are keen.

Forum for committee members should be set up to discuss all of this. Chris agreed to make this.

ParkourUK

Chris - We've been offered membership of ParkourUK. Is it a good idea?

What happened to the other groups setting up governing bodies? They've gone.

ParkourUK is now the national governing body.

What is good about ParkourUK? What can they give us? We are planning a discussion with the CEO (Eugene) about how they can help us.

What is the link between PKGen and ParkourUK? PKGen delivers ADAPT qualification but there's no affiliation. It is the same people who run both though.

If we chose not to affiliate, could we not set ourselves up as an alternative governing body? This process takes five years. Is it not better to change the group from the inside rather than fighting? The only way to correct the perception that ParkourUK is run by PKGen is for others, like ourselves, to join it. If we do join it, we could easily cancel our membership if we did not like where it was going.

The question was tabled: *Should we affiliate with ParkourUK?*

Pros: No risks, it makes us more official, it is best to change it for the better by joining

Cons: It's still not clear what they're doing, not sure where it's going. We need more information.

YES: 2

NO: 11

It was decided not to affiliate until the committee had a chance to question Parkour UK CEO Eugene Minogue.

ROMnorth

Is there anywhere else in the north we've missed? We do not think so.

Elgin: Following on from a discussion last meeting, we found them and they're here.

They had never looked beyond Elgin in 5 years. It had never occurred to them to look.

The minds of the rest of the committee were blown.

We should organise a big shout out loud event called ROMnorth. Inviting everyone to join us and try PK. Arranging for Northerners to spend more time training together and to flush out all the traceurs there could be. We could organise a big Jam and advertise it everywhere. Peave is nominated to figure out how to run an indoor northern event. Date is expected to be March. It should be run as an official event to gain the maximum impact.

Awareness

If you Google: Scotland Parkour – you should get ROM at the top. Chris agreed to work on it.

Jason Matten – Freemove

Freemove make Parkour parks. Made by Hags.

Jason wants to meet everyone. Partially for Parkour Parks. Partially to find out what's going on. He wants to make places that promote exercise. He's here from the 8th-14th December.

Parkour Parks: Are they good?

What use do they have? Could we not create parks with freely available structures that we've been climbing on for years? Exercise parks vs. Natural objects.

Pete: CBPK park is a public space. Anyone can use it. Lots of people are interested in it. It is an expanding space. There are so many good factors about it. When the CB park is useable, it gets used all the time. But at this time of year it's very wet. It needs concreted over. Very expensive.

What worth does the park have? We all need to ask ourselves in each place if it really is worth it. Is there a better way to spend the money? In some communities the answer may be yes, but in others it may lead to more problems as people resent it whenever you leave the park and return to the streets.

Authority

Police, how to deal with them. In Shetland the police know them. How can it work in Elgin where they have a problem? You have to come across as legitimate. You must know how to talk about it in front of the police. Qualifications and classes are a great way to appear legitimate in the eyes of the police. In CB, the police actually put money towards Parkour. Create a relationship with the police officers. In small communities, it's easy to get to know the police officers. Make them justify their actions.

Private security firms, how to deal with them? Be polite. But don't get pushed around. If they are telling you to move on from a place where they have no right to, that is a matter for the police. But if it is private property, move on. In the Shetlands, the police have been known to explain to locals what Parkour is and why it is not illegal.

Elections

The committee voted on electing Chris Grant as Chairperson, Peter Mckee as the Treasurer and John Hall as the Secretary. It was passed on a general aye.

Other

Chris was asked about GPC classes and their crossovers between Jams and classes. Less than half, maybe 20-30% of adults from class go to Jams. In the youth class, most are also at Jams.

Hedge – Jams are important. We should be promoting them as well as working on classes. Every area should have some form of regular Jam.

Peave asked about the Legalities: There are none. We are not responsible for them. Although you must clearly point out that it is an INFORMAL session.

Girls Jams – they're getting set up by Angie. Girls don't seem to stick to Parkour like boys. There is a higher throughput of girls. More start but more drop out. How are we going to encourage more girls to take part? Art stuff. Girls like art. Dancing is art.

Dancers like Parkour. No tangible solutions were offered, but in Glasgow, the girls classes have so far been very successful.

Setting up something official: Anyone can set up an organisation if they have a constitution. You can go further, but that is the starting point. This enables you to apply for funding and gives you credibility. It makes it easier for ROM to give you money. Bank accounts are rather vital. Not for profit does not mean you can't get paid.

Homework:

Edinburgh: Get a constitution. Look for a contact in the council to help you.

Inverness: Source equipment and space for ROMnorth

Elgin: Meet up more often up north

Shetland: Goto Orkney.

Fife: Work towards setting up your business model and expanding your classes

Glasgow: Invite everyone to your classes.

Everyone: Check up on the legalities of what we do.

Pete and Angie leave

Location for next meeting: Edinburgh. Late February. The date will be decided soon.

Could Shetland just Skype?

Ways to make money. Membership could be chargeable? Probably not. What can we add to membership to make it worth people's time? A newsletter of PK activities around Scotland?

Meeting was adjourned.