

Name of building / venue / facility

Cathkin Park

Name of your organisation

Third Lanark AC

Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation

Charity *(please provide Charity No if applicable)*

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Company Ltd by Guarantee

Community Club/ Sports Club

Other *(please specify)*

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents?

(please provide a copy)

YES NO

Tell us about your proposal for the building/ venue/ facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.

In full conjunction with the local community, Third Lanark AC would seek to use the park and building as a base for its major exciting free football training for all kids in the local community. Use would be in agreement with the local residents on dates available and games for the kids teams would be played at the venue in addition to training, as we wish to ensure throughout, we meet local residents' agreement.

Through Grant funding, donations and fundraising the club are working on a project for all kids in the local area to be given free football training, regardless of age, gender and ability. The park is an excellent environment for them to enjoy football in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere. It is also anticipated that at some point in the future the club will receive funding to employ a member of staff full time at the park.

Children would be allowed to have access to changing facilities and a building base to change. Third Lanark would seek to consult extensively with those who live in the park, about times and days that they would be allowed to use the facility and would agree to abide by what times and days they could access the park and facilities in conjunction with local residents.

Contact has been made with local organisations and community groups to make them aware of the clubs aims and plans for free football training for all children in the Govanhill and Mount Florida areas.

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An informal talk has been held with another group named friends of cathkin park with stuart and Matt about working with them who have also put in a bid and will meet with them again.

Third Lanark AC would ensure the park remains open so local residents can carry out with the widespread daily use of the park through numerous activities such as walking, running, cycling etc and would not seek to be involved or interested in building a wall or shutting off the park from the local community. Third Lanark at all times will work with and respect the views of the local residents and would seek to have an official representative of the local residents on the club board in addition to those members of the club that actually stay in the Cathkin park area. It has been suggested that 2 local residents with no links to Third Lanark sit on the board to give the feedback of the community to the club as well as liaise with the club.

Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?

The club has made contact with a number of local groups such as Govanhill Baths Community Trust to indicate awareness of the policy to ensure free football for kids of all ages. The club's organisers ran a pilot project with Mount Florida Primary school a number of years ago in which free football training was provided and it is intended to roll this out to all kids in the Mount Florida and Govanhill areas.

Our committee is made up of people of varying roles, many of which are from the surrounding area around Cathkin Park, including living right next to the park. We have a fundraiser who has organised amongst other things numerous fundraising functions at Hampden Park and at a number of other hotels in the city, a Secondary school Head teacher, fully qualified football coaches, as well as volunteers currently working in the hospitality industry.

We differ from a number of other sports and football clubs in that there are fees for kids to pay, all training is provided free by the club itself due to the belief that children should see sports like football as something to get enjoyment out of, regardless of ability. The HiHi on life campaign would also provide kids and their families advice on health lifestyle and healthy eating campaign.

We have also had approached the Friends of Cathkin Park group of our interest in running the park and are very much looking to work with local residents who use the park every hour of the day for a diverse range of activities.

The children to benefit from this pioneering scheme will be local kids from Govanhill and Mount Florida, with future plans to roll out to Toryglen and Pollokshields.

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What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?

We have had an offer from a Music producer who loves the Third Lanark story to offer £20,000 to support costs for Cathkin Park
He then wants to hold a concert actually in Cathkin park to further raise funds
We hold memberships for Third Lanark for £10 a head
We have a dedicated experienced fundraiser who has held numerous functions at Hampden Park and hotels in the city centre
We have signed up to Easyfundraising
We intend to apply for grants from Sports Scotland Partnership trust and National Lottery

Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.

Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.

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Had informal chat with Stuart Minnis from Friends of Cathkin who are also interested in the park. Went well and happy to work with them.

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