

PROPOSAL FORM

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Name of building / venue / facility		
Nethercraigs Sports Complex		
Name of your organisation		
Pollok United Nethercraigs Community Interest Company		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity <i>(please provide Charity No if applicable)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please specify)</i>		
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? <i>(please provide a copy)</i>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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.		
<p>As per our Articles of Association our objectives are: Operate and manage a Sport and Leisure Facility, Nethercraigs Sports Centre, Glasgow. We will also actively encourage increased participation in sport, leisure or recreational activities from the local community & support training placements and client centred advice and support; activities are all inclusive and are therefore available to everyone regardless of age, race, and religion, social or personal circumstances. Make our facility, football pitches, running track, fitness studios, associated changing rooms and community room available for free or a subsidised rate to local Supported Needs Schools, Local Further Education, Community Youth Groups, Community Led groups and philanthropic activities.</p>		
The main services provided by the organisation are:		

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Providing sporting, leisure or recreational activities, with the aim of improving the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the community, as well as providing other associated social benefits. When we have the capacity, we fully intend to offer young people and local community members training and volunteering opportunities, with a view to improving their employment prospects, or to get them back into a routine etc.; we will also be offering work placements/vocational training opportunities to students of Clyde College, our local Further Education establishment.

The building consists of 8 changing rooms, 2 referee changing rooms, one meeting room/community room, staff office, fitness studio and gym along with various toilets.

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?

On behalf of Glasgow Life, we ask parents to complete a survey on how the reopening of Nethercraigs had impacted on their children and on their fitness levels. 96.4% responded that the reopening of Nethercraigs had resulted in their children being more active/a lot more active. We have had overwhelming positive feedback from our walking football group on how being outdoors and involved in activities has improved their mobility and made them feel more positive. The reopening of Nethercraigs has ensured that our teams have a venue to play at, it has benefited the health of the local and wider community and ensured that the whole community is not losing a valuable asset.

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

We secured £42,000 to make the necessary improvement to the outdoors facility. It would be our intention to seek and hopefully secure funding for some improvements to the main building. This will include painting and decorating both inside and outside of the building and CCTV system as a minimum. The Board of Trustees of Pollok United SCIO have agreed a loan of £5,000 for the initial cash flow required.

We will generate the vast majority of funding via the booking of the outdoor space and booking of the indoor fitness suite and gym (assuming the gym equipment will be left in situ). We aim to be innovative in how we enhance income and have appointed Community Enterprise to conduct a feasibility study to assist us to identify funding, community needs and potential income generating ideas. We have created a 3-year cash flow forecast and are awaiting confirmation via our Building survey of the reserves that will be needed for the main building.

Our only concern is that unless the athletics community come together and utilise the track that there may not be enough income generated to maintain this asset. In terms of the Astroturf, we are taking on assets that are already 6 years old and the reserves require to be increased to take into account the short timeframe to raise the necessary reserves.

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Through the Community Activation pilot and subsequent License to Occupy of Nethercraigs we achieved over 25,000 attendances and 1,200 outdoor bookings at the venue between the 10th of October until the 31st of May. This includes bookings for Netball, Athletics, MetaFit, Boxercise, American Football and Football. All in all we have worked with over 41 different clubs/teams and taken bookings from over 20 individuals. We have been inundated with requests to join football teams and our Minikickers and Mini tots has 40 children attending.

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

We have managed and maintained Dennis Donnelly Football Pitch since 2013 and took on the running of Corkerhill Community Hub in December 2019. We have been running the outdoor space at Nethercraigs since October 2020 including the maintenance of the Astroturf pitches and the cutting of the 4 full sized grass pitches.

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

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