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PROPOSAL FORM

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Name of building / venue / facility		
Pollok Community Garden		
Name of your organisation		
The Well Community Church (Crookston Castle)		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)		
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? <i>(please provide a copy)</i>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Attached.		
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>Our organisation exists for the community and is run by members of the community; a number of us live within 5 minutes' walk of the garden and many others within 15 minutes' walk. We are committed to the area. We work in partnership with The Voice Project Scotland, which helps people to find their voice and promotes community by running choirs, which are made up of local people. We are already known in the community and have received support from them in our hope for taking on this space.</p> <p>We would like to look after the garden to create a place where the community can thrive and flourish. We want to help the community engage in activities which will bring relief from poverty, hopelessness, addiction and isolation and which will improve mental health. Taking on the lease for this community garden will mean that the garden is preserved for the community and that there is a space for people in the community to come and be outside gardening, which has proven benefits to</p>		

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mental health. We hope it will also provide a space which can be used for outdoor concerts by the community and youth choirs which we partner with; we have done this to good effect previously.

The community garden, like the building beside it, was previously looked after by SWAMP, who received some funding to improve the garden. When SWAMP moved out we hoped to take on the lease of the building but unfortunately this didn't happen. We have however kept an eye on the garden and spent time trying to tidy it up. However, recently the space directly beside the garden has become increasingly messy, with skips installed, and large amounts of rubbish have also been dumped in the community garden, which has encouraged others to add to with their own rubbish. We are keen to make sure that the garden is preserved for the community in line with the burdens placed on it on the deeds, and we hope that it can become a space which the community feels a sense of pride in again, rather than being a dumping ground. Keeping the garden well maintained and tidy will we hope encourage the community and bring hope.

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 benefits of creating a looked after outdoor space for the community to be able to use will help people's mental health in an area in the bottom 20% of the SIMD. It will create a space which the community can use and be proud of, in an area which is lacking this. Having an outdoor community space with a shared purpose will also reduce isolation, which is well documented as having a negative impact on mental health and the possibility of addiction.

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

We receive donations from our members, some of which can be spent on the garden, and we have already been in touch with our local councillor and MSP, both of whom have encouraged us to apply to the Area Partnership for some money. Initially we will need some funds for tools and to get the main pieces of work done, but upkeep will be able to be funded by donations.

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

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Various members of our organisation have experience of managing large buildings with multiple groups coming in and out, including event space, cafes, company buildings and churches. One of our trustees used to manage an event space in the city centre which both hired out space and ran a cafe.

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

We have the support of Councillors Elaine McSporran and Alex Wilson, and also MSP Humza Yousaf for this proposal.

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