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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL

Name of building / venue / facility

Penilee Football Pitch & Penilee Community Changing Facilities

Name of your organisation

Clyde Apollo FC

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 type="checkbox"/>
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? YES NO
(please provide a copy)

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.

We propose to reopen the football pitch at Penilee park which has lay dormant now for over 3 years. We will also be proposing access to changing facilities to ensure that this facility is fully operational.

We aim to operate this facility as a community facility which will be used not only by our club but by the community as a whole. Currently we offer free footballing opportunities which we pay for and this would allow to offer more free opportunities to the local community and surrounding areas.

We have goals of being able to do our part and give back to the community, we also aim to be an inclusive football club which has opportunities for all, regardless of any discriminatory factor. This proposal going ahead would play a huge part in allowing us to achieve this.

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?

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The major benefit will be that the pitch can reopen after 3 years of closure and the community can once again gain access to the pitch.

We currently pay a let for free community football elsewhere and it is something that we would be bringing to the pitch, with more plans in place to offer up more with this facility.

The South of Glasgow does not have access to as many football pitches as it should and this would play a massive role in allowing us to offer football back to the community of Penilee and surrounding areas.

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

We plan to offer pitch lets when it is not in use by our club or community activities which will be an opportunity to generate some income. If successful we also plan in time to upgrade the grass pitch to an all weather synthetic surface which will not only be to the benefit of the community, but also in that more income can be generated through lets as the weather would no longer be a mitigating factor. We will have access to funding from SportScotland the Scottish Football Partnership as well as other big funders as we are currently attaining our SFA Quality Mark accreditation.

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

Personally I have a background of landscaping experience and have already made contact with a supplier who will support us with maintenance equipment for the grass pitch. One of our sponsors is also a landscaping company who has offered its services.

We also have a pool of volunteers who are more than happy to get stuck in. On our committee we have the experience to manage this facility. Our treasurer for instance comes from a finance background working with Scotland largest landlord. We have a large network of support in place to ensure that the management of this facility would not be an issue.

What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?

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We would like the support to get the pitch to a maintainable standard and also that the changing facilities are segregated from the rest of the community centre to ensure that we have access.

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

During a meeting with GL at the facility, it was discussed that we would like to work in partnership regarding access to community spaces such as the gym, cafe and meeting rooms. In doing so we believe that our presence within this facility will be hugely beneficial to not only the community but to Glasgow Life as well. Our club work in partnership with the Sports Forever Foundation who do fantastic work around physical and mental wellbeing. Our partnership would allow SFF to offer a variety of activities and support to the local community.

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