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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL		
Name of building / venue / facility		
Barmulloch Community Centre		
Name of your organisation		
BCDC		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity <i>(please provide Charity No if applicable)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SC036648 (BCDC charity no.)
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	SC286657 (BCDC company no.)
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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> <p>Barmulloch Community Centre and Library is a vital community space that would benefit from having anchor tenants to increase usage and improve the sustainability of a much loved facility. BCDC are proposing a long term full rent and repair lease that would allow us to invest in the fabric of the building, and provide space for Glasgow Life, Alive & Kicking, and Toonspeak.</p> <p>We share the ambition of Glasgow Life to maintain a library at the centre, and propose that Glasgow Life become a tenant of BCDC for the space that they currently occupy. BCDC would have a staff presence at all times that the library operates, and would take responsibility for cleaning the premises subject to agreement.</p> <p>Alive & Kicking and Toonspeak would occupy office space that was exclusively theirs. Their tenancies would also include the use of the two main halls for service delivery. This would be in the form of Alive& Kicking delivering activities for older people during the day, with Toonspeak providing youth theatre activities predominantly in the evenings.</p> <p>Alive & Kicking are a long standing group that provides bingo, exercise, games days, concert parties, social events, and more for older people in the north east of the city. Since departing their long term home at Red Road, they are seeking new premises to operate from as well as a base of operations to deliver activities at other venues. Their hours of operation are generally during the week and daytime, with the occasional evening and weekend. They also serve meals that would be prepared at</p>		

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the kitchen in at the premises. Given the profile of the user group, vehicular access is also an important consideration.

Toonspeak are a youth theatre company established in the 1980's. They have a long history of working in Barmulloch and have been growing their operations for a number of years. Their main hours of operation are evenings and weekends, and they require space for rehearsals and performances. The venue they require must have vehicular and accessibility compliant for their users.

BCDC are confident that we could increase utilisation of the shared spaces at Barmulloch Community Centre and increase efficiencies for the organisations involved. We have spoken to Alive & Kicking and Toonspeak who have expressed interest in this proposal.

BCDC are ideally placed to deliver this project given our previous work owning and operating premises on behalf of the community. As the local development trust we own 3 large facilities in the local area. The board of directors is made up of 15 local volunteers who oversee the company and it's staff. They have been established in the area for 17 years and have helped regenerate other sites in the area, including the development of the award winning Residents' Centre on Quarrywood Road. BCDC would act as a vehicle to help secure capital and operating funding to deliver the aims of the community.

It is also essential that the public still feel comfortable and able to access the library, and we would have reception staff based at the front door during hours of operation.

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?

If successful in our application, we will improve and maintain a vital community facility and make it a positive destination for local people.

By ensuring that the library provision is maintained is of huge importance to local people. We can make this more economical for Glasgow Life than is currently possible by increasing the utilisation of the rest of the facility. The money generated by rental incomes from the tenants would be directly reinvested and help to employ local people at the same time.

Additionally, the new space would allow Alive & Kicking and Toonspeak to increase their capacity and provide more services than is currently possible. Numbers are restricted at the moment and growth has been stymied by the lack of access to a performance and theatre space. This solution would help overcome these issues.

Access to the centre for the public would be maintained, and hires of space at times when they are not being used would also be available.

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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?

BCDC would use revenue generated from leases to pay for the costs associated with operating the facility. To ascertain the exact level of charges, we would undertake a full business plan with financial projections.

Costs are cross subsidised by BCDC having a significant presence in the area, and we also apply on a regular basis for grant funding when appropriate. Alive & Kicking and Toonspeak are independent organisations with separate funding streams. This move will help keep them financially sustainable in the long term with the benefit of having improved shared facilities.

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

BCDC currently own and operate the Residents' Centre on Quarrywood Road, the Recreation Hall (former Church of Scotland) on Quarrywood Avenue, and the Broomfield Road Centre (former All Saint's Church) on Broomfield Road. We have an experienced staff team and board that help to provide affordable spaces for other community groups, as well as the direct provision of services in the community.

Our activities are guided by the needs of the local community and we work in partnership with Glasgow City Council, Wheatley Homes, and others to determine our strategic aims and operational goals.

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

We would welcome input from any part of the council family. Specifically, we would welcome the chance to write a business plan with reference to the experience of Glasgow Life.

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

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