

Clydebank Community Sport Hub (CCSH)

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No. of staff: 0
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Clydebank Community Sports Hub has emerged from discussions between a group of local sports clubs namely Clydebank Rugby Club, Clydebank GTF Tae-Kwondo Club, Glasgow Gaels Gaelic Football Club and Clydebank FC Football Club. Everyone involved was passionate about developing a true community sports hub not only for future of their own clubs but also to support the local people of the Whitecrook area where they are based.



In the autumn of 2011, as part of the national Community Sport Hub initiative, West Dunbartonshire Leisure (WDL) offered clubs in the area the chance to pitch their ideas in return for support & potential identification as a community sports hub.

The clubs all based at or connected with the Dean Street facility wrote a convincing outline business plan and early in 2012 they were selected by WDL as the first hub development project in the area.

Their proposal focused on the re-development of the facility, currently leased from the local authority by Clydebank Rugby club, and for it to be upgraded to meet the needs of all the clubs and to become a true community hub.



The team at Clydebank CSH have been painstaking in their approach to implementing their new idea engaging architects, consultants and legal advice. Some of the funding for this expert help has come from a community sports hub development budget held by WDL but the rest has involved applying to funders and support agencies like Just Enterprise and The Big Lottery. The team would be the first to admit that the experience has led them up a fairly steep learning curve.



CCSH are now at the stage assessing which of the options for development of the site are most suitable and achievable and are keen to address any gaps in their consultation with the community.

Over the past 15 months the CCSH team have engaged regularly with the Sport & Social Enterprise Coordinator, have taken advantage of signposting to support and have engaged with Senscot legal re their future legal structure and around funding applications.

As a result they have submitted an application to Investing in Ideas to complete the final stages of their business plan, have tapped into small pockets of funding for club development & a new heating system and are due to explore options for revenue funding for a Development Officer.

Hallhill Sports Club

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No. of staff: 5
Turnover/ Trading %:



Hallhill Sports Centre, a community sports club based in Dunbar, has in the past 2 years chosen to take control of its own destiny, appoint a new board of directors and found a new focus to develop the facility in a way that will provide both social and sporting benefits to the local community.

There are currently seven sports clubs who call Hallhill their home and activities include football, rugby, running, hockey, cricket & squash as well as several other physical activity programmes.

In June 2012 after a successful funding application to The Robertson Trust, a Sports Development Officer was appointed to deliver on the vision. The greatest challenge in such an environment is meeting the wide ranging needs of each of the clubs and user groups.

Hallhill is in the early stages of being considered as a Community Sports Hub fitting as is does with the key criteria of multiple sports operating from the same facility.

The development officer has been connected to all regular social enterprise resources, connected with Sports SEN Members plus the local geographic SEN and has engaged in a one day workshop as part of the Just Enterprise programme entitled Budgeting for your Organisation and Funding Applications.

She was supported with her ultimately successful Awards for All funding application where the focus was to provide sports and activity programmes during holiday periods to engage local young people which in turn may timately lead to an increase in numbers of club participants.

Unfortunately the postholder has tendered her resignation with effect from 1st July however intends to ensure all publicity and organisational aspects of the programme are put in place prior to her departure.

Reach for the Sky Basketball (Update)

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No. of staff: 4
Turnover/ Trading %:



Over the past 12 months, Reach for the Sky Basketball has experienced ever increasing highs in terms of participation and feedback while continuing to address the omnipresent challenge of long term sustainability.

Undaunted by that challenge they have focused on delivering affordable activities for young people, and as a result, Graham and his team of

young coaches and youth workers have engaged with almost 9,000 youngsters since 2011.

In addition to the activities in South Lanarkshire, the organisation has extended into South Ayrshire and is in discussion with the local authorities in North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire and a local housing association in North Glasgow.

With a true finger on the pulse Reach for the Sky not only deliver in schools and their own academies but are a partner with the local Community Sports Hubs and continue to deliver street ball initiatives to disengaged young people.

"Reach for the Sky have enhanced the life of our school but more than this have created a positive and enduring impact in our community and all those communities it operates in"

Throughout this journey Graham has retained his passion and belief in the sport of basketball. Ever keen to see the sport grow he actively connects with established clubs supporting them to develop their own grass roots programmes and recently saw two players from the Reach for the Sky academy programme selected to train with the Scotland squad.

"An innovative and astute contact for the university as Graham not only provided placement opportunities but also seeks to develop the individual student and addresses their weaknesses as well as developing their strengths"

It shows the respect that Graham and the work of Reach for the Sky Basketball has gained when previous funders including The Robertson Trust agreed to additional funding to ensure the on-going growth of activities. This respect and recognition also led to his participation in the Scottish Government, Health & Sport Committee review on Community Sport.

With a lot of hard work and exemplary feedback from players, parents, schools & Glasgow University, it is perhaps no surprise that early in 2013 they were awarded a total of £106,000 jointly from the People & Communities Fund and the Young Start fund.

Graham always welcomes support from external sources having used the Sport SEN Coordinator as a sounding board over the past 3 years in terms of funding, signposting, and general feedback. He is also now connected with the Sported business mentoring programme.

Letham Community Sports Club

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Turnover/ Trading %: n/a



Letham Community Football Club was founded in 1960 and over the years has played a prominent role in the development of youth football within Perth, growing as a club to encompass 19 teams of varying ages and for both boys and girls.

Letham is now one of the biggest clubs in the east of Scotland and is pioneering in the fact that it is the first community club in Perth with a catchment area not only including Letham but also the a number of neighbouring estates.

The teams play the majority of their matches at Seven Acres Park Newhouse Road, Letham, Perth although due to the sheer number of teams some games do have to be played at other venues.



It was this challenge re pitch availability plus a desire to make a more wide reaching impact on their local community that led the club to embark on their latest venture with the setup of Letham Community Sports Club as the vehicle to further these aims.

Their vision included a phased development of their current leased facility with phase one including the installation of a 3G pitch and phase two being the development of the pavilion. Alongside and to complement their capital plans they wanted to make an even more deliberate impact within their local community.

It was at this point, having been signposted by the SFA, that the club contacted the Social Enterprise & Sport Coordinator who began working with both the Club Chairman and the Development Manager to explore the suitability of the social enterprise model.

To this end, assistance has been provided with revenue focused funding applications including to The Robertson Trust however challenges with capital funding for the pitch project have taken precedence with hopes for installation later in 2013.



Never one to rest on their laurels the club, with some revenue support from the SFA, have already starting delivering classes for under 5's, engaging with local schools and are building relationships with the local further education college. They are also engaging with the Perth & Kinross Social Enterprise Support Programme which includes input from Community Enterprise, one of the key delivery partners of the Just Enterprise programme.

Murieston United

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No. of staff: 1
Turnover/ Trading %:



Murieston United Community Football Club was formed in 1985 and is based at Bankton Mains in the Murieston area of Livingston. The club have a lease with the local authority on their premises where they administer the pavilion plus the grass and astroturf pitches.

The club has over 400 active participants with ages ranging from 5 to 70, holds the SFA Quality Mark Award - Community Award and was one of the first to have a 3G facility allowing their teams to train and play on an excellent surface all year round.



Although MUCFC are still formulating their vision of the future, with encouragement from the SFA, they are applying for charitable status as befits their new desire to engage more fully with the community.

The club has indicated a willingness to become a sports social enterprise and in 2012 appointed a Club Development Manager. She has actively engaged with the Sport SEN, attending training events, connected with peers and once signposted has taken active steps to seek funding and support

As a result the club successfully applied for a CARES Urban Renewable Grant to replace their heating system and provide solar panels although other enquiries for support e.g. from Just Enterprise will require more evidence re their planned social enterprise activities.