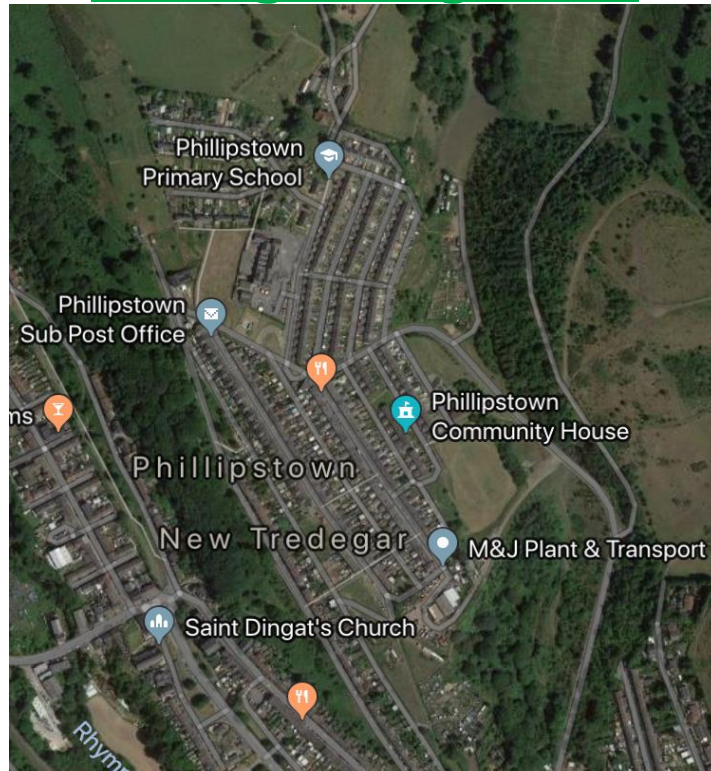


ANNEX 1

Invest Local Phillipstown

Driving Change Plan



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1. Introduction and the story so far

In May 2016, the community of Phillipstown accepted the invitation offered to them by Building Communities Trust to take part in the Invest Local programme.

Invest Local has £1 million to spend in Phillipstown over 10 years, with the community deciding on what that money should be spent on.

Between early 2017 and summer 2018 a number of things have happened.

The Phillipstown Forever group has been set up, made up of interested community residents and representatives from local community groups.

The Community group is there to make sure that as many people as possible find out about Invest Local and have the chance to be involved.

Our group has been meeting regularly to talk about how to find out what is important to the community (the priorities) and deciding on what activities and events should take place to let people know about Invest Local.

£20,000 of the £1 million has been made available to help run different activities and events to listen to people about their priorities and to help raise the profile of Invest Local. This is known as the 'Get Going' fund.

- So far we have:
 - Supported Lunch clubs
 - Held Halloween Disco and Workshops
 - Held a Community House Open day
 - Football club shirts and sponsorship
 - Held an art competition in the local primary school
 - Supported the school fete
 - Supported equipment for youth Club
 - Had a Community fun day event
 - Carried out a community door knock/consultation.
 - Held an activity and information day for over 50's
 - Set up local art classes

The group appointed a local Fund Holder in September 2016, this was Coalfields Regeneration Trust for the first stage of the programme. In June 2018 the group re-appointed a new Fund holder, the White Rose information and Resource Centre for the Driving phase stage of the programme.

2. Phillipstown Community Profile

Phillipstown is a small but distinct community within New Tredegar in the upper Rhymney Valleys, Caerphilly and is made up of approximately 1205 people. It is neighbouring to another Invest Local area, Cefn Golau.

Of the properties in the area, they are either council or privately owned.

- 2 Local shops and a post-office
- A social club
- Playing Fields
- Play park
- Community House
- Community Centre
- Primary School
- Fish shop
- Daisy Fields
- Allotments
- Local businesses

There are a number of community buildings and facilities within the area which include:

- 2 local shops and a post-office
- A social club]Playing fields
- Play park
- Community House
- Community centre
- Primary school
- Daisy Fields
- Allotments
- Local Businesses

There are very few social and community groups that run out of these community buildings, but activities provided include:

- Parent and Toddler activities
- Youth activities
- Karate
- Coffee mornings
- Employment support/Job Clubs
- Credit Union
- Lunch Clubs
- Bingo
- Parent Network
- After School Activities
- Art Classes

Key facts about Phillipstown

- Population – 1205;
- Average house prices are lower than across Wales with a higher than average percentage of houses in the lower Council Tax Bands compared to the rest of Caerphilly
- 44% of children live in poverty (compared to the Welsh average of 23%)
- 27% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Phillipstown compared with 23% across Wales
- 26% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Phillipstown compared with 36% across Wales
- 52% of people have no qualifications in Phillipstown compared with 26% across Wales
- 43% of households have no car in Phillipstown compared with 23% across Wales
- Crime rates are higher than the Welsh average.

3. Deciding our vision and priorities

A range of consultation exercises have been carried out with people across the community. Consultation was carried out over the period of September 2016 through to summer 2018 and varied in how it was done from sessions held community activities through to a conversations at a community fun day to questionnaires completed via a door knocking exercise.

Over 268 people gave their views; the majority of whom were between the ages of 25-75 years of age.

We would expect to continue these consultations over the course of this plan in order to reach more people particularly those of a younger age group and the over 75's.

From these consultations we found that;

People in Phillipstown value:

- The people
- The community spirit
- The local Community Buildings

What's important to people in Phillipstown:

- The Community and bringing people together
- Children and young people – the importance of providing a safe secure place for them to grow up
- Community safety
- Road Safety
- More Social activities

What people would like to improve:

- Providing/maintaining activities and facilities for young people
- Running regular Community activities
- Improved safety
- Improve the environment
- Improved transport
- Better park
- Stronger relationships
- Supporting and maintaining local Community buildings
- Sports activities

Using all of this information, our community profile and our local knowledge the Phillipstown Forever Group held a series of community action planning sessions which involved members of the group and other organisations.

This has resulted in *Our Community Vision* and the priorities that we think will help us achieve this vision over this first, and future, years.

4. Our Vision for Phillipstown and how we're going to get there

Our vision for Phillipstown is.....

- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To promote a more positive image of the people within the community to those outside of it
- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
- To be a happier and safer community
- To have stronger relationships

Our Priorities

- Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown
- Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

5. The main projects or activities that will help us to meet our priorities

We recognise that all of our priorities are important but that some of the activities we've identified to deliver these priorities need more work than others. As this is our first plan, we're planning on taking forward projects that can happen straightaway and start to build foundations for the delivery of activities in our next action plan.

Please note: These priorities are not listed in any particular order.

Priority A - Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities

From the very initial conversations and throughout the whole consultation process to date, the community buildings and outdoor play have come up as both strengths within the community but also areas of great importance to the community.

Phillipstown is very lucky to have two local community facilities however each come with their own challenges and this is why the group felt quite strongly about having a more specific priority regarding a longer term strategy for both sustaining and developing.

The Community House is already owned by the community and is run by the Residents Association committee. The committee have already identified alongside the Phillipstown forever group about improving some of the current provision in order to provide a more up to date IT suite to support local residents with Universal credit claims as well as a whole host of other things. More information on this can be seen under priority B below.

The Phillipstown Forever group have been looking at other ways to support the Community House.

The Community centre is currently owned and supported by Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC). There is a committee who run the centre and a paid caretaker. The cost of the caretaker and repairs/maintenance is covered by the CCBC and all other costs are covered by the Committee. CCBC has recently proposed to close the community centre down due to cuts. This has meant that the committee is now working with the local councillors to explore options of an asset transfer. The centre has been offered a one year grace period and in that time the Phillipstown Forever group would like to support the committee in order to save this community asset and help to develop it for the future generations and create income for their community,

The group would like to look at covering the running costs of both building for a one year time period, in order to allow a more strategic business plan to be developed in order to look at:

a) The buildings themselves and any renovations that may be required.

- b) Activities and groups that would be run
 - c) Seeking support from Coalfields regeneration Trust on Asset transfer support.
 - d) Longer term sustainability, including reducing outgoings and looking at possible renewable energy sources.
 - e) Strengthening the current committee's and increasing volunteers and community engagement.
- The group would also look to employ a cleaner/caretaker for the Community House.

Another theme that came across strongly from the offset was to improve play provision in the area. This data has been further supported by consultation done in the area by WHQS environment department who were looking to support the residents of Phillipstown. The Phillipstown Forever group agreed to joint fund a brand new skate park initiative which was offered by Caerphilly Homes. The skate park will be maintained and insured in the longer term by the Council's parks department. This is a great joint partner initiative which will allow the community to have a fantastic new asset and play provision for the community.

In the first year we will look at:

- 1. Supporting the local Community House and Community Centre, including employing a cleaner/caretaker.**
- 2. Developing a new skate park in partnership with Caerphilly Council**

Priority B – Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown

When we asked people what was important to them about Phillipstown, some of the main responses were a safer community and there was also enthusiasm to see more activities and facilities for children and young people in the area as well as other age groups.

Many ideas for activities have been put forward from walking clubs to healthy cooking classes. We would like to see the formation of new groups in the area as well as any existing groups to grow stronger with increased community involvement.

We would like people to feel proud and part of our community. We would like to support and organise a series of Community activities that bring people together and allow us to talk about what other ideas people have for our next plan. This will help us broaden our engagement, give people more opportunity to contribute and ensure that the activities we're including are the right ones.

At present we do not know exactly what all these activities or events will be, but they will be developed in response to the ideas proposed by local residents and groups.

With Phillipstown being an area of high numbers of young people with very limited social opportunities, we felt it was important that this was addressed sooner rather than later.

In line with the consultation findings, we have decided to look into opportunities for young people of all ages.

High levels of antisocial behaviour have also been highlighted and work carried out by partners in the area in order to support local residents.

The lack of youth provision for 13years to 25years is quite apparent in the area and this is something that the group wish to address in order to allow additional opportunities for young people to get involved with and change people's perception of them in order to increase pride and make the community feel safer.

The community profile for Phillipstown shows the area has high levels of unemployment and child poverty and low levels of qualifications. We have also looked at the services currently available in the area and this highlighted the low level of opportunities available.

This linked with the consultation feedback showing the need for more services in the area and the new risks emerging from Universal Credit. Together with partner agencies and the Residents Association are looking to develop a project which will create access to many services and opportunities for local residents.

One of the first projects that we will be working on will be the refurbishment of the IT suite in the Community House and then create a schedule for agencies who can provide I.T training, Job Club, money advice and support to Universal Credit claimants as well as homework clubs and digital inclusion.

In order to support all of the proposed activities, the group will be looking to employ a part time community development worker who would support the group members to run the community activities on a day to day basis.

In the first year we will look to:

- i. Support, develop and sustain community activities. (Art Club, street games, youth clubs, Phillipstown Carnival) including employing a community development worker.**
- ii. IT suite refurbishment and co-ordination of a support service for the community**
- iii. Supporting youth provision in the area by bringing in sessional youth workers**

Further details of these projects can be found at the back of this plan.

Priority C. Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

We think it is very important that we tell people what is happening with Invest Local and other local groups.

We have already held a community fun day and used social media but we want to use this first year to communicate even more.

To do this we will create a logo, produce a community newsletter, a website and increase the amount of information on the Invest Local Facebook page.

In this first year we will look at:-

- i. Improving communications including website, newsletters and social media.**

In Summary, in Year 1 Phillipstown Forever will be focussing on the following key ideas:-

1. Developing a new skate park in partnership with Caerphilly Council
2. Developing and sustaining regular community activities and events
3. Employing a community development worker
4. Improving communications including website, newsletters and social media.
5. Supporting the local Community House and Community Centre.
6. Employing a cleaner/Care-taker
7. IT suite refurbishment and co-ordination of a support service for local residents.
8. Supporting youth provision in the area

Ongoing items for the Phillipstown Forever Group will include:

1. Regular Phillipstown Forever steering group meetings
2. Continuing the conversations and speaking to local community members we haven't spoken to yet.
3. Explore ideas that build on the community's vision and priorities.
4. Involving the wider community in the planning for the next Plan.

6. Links between our vision, priorities and projects

	Vision
A	To have a stronger sense of community pride
B	To promote a more positive image of the people within the community to those outside of it
C	To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
D	To be a happier and safer community
E	To have stronger relationships

	Priorities	Linked to which part of the vision	Action/Project to meet the priority
A	Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities	A,B,C,D,E	Developing a new skate park in partnership with Caerphilly Council Supporting the local Community House and Community Centre. employ a Community House caretaker
B	Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.	A,B,C,D,E	Support, develop and sustain community activities. (Art Club, carnival, youth activities) IT suite refurbishment and co-ordination of a support service for the community support youth provision in the area employ community development worker
C	Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown	A,B,C,D,E	Improved communications including website, newsletters and social media.

7. How will we know if we're being successful?

There are a number of ways we can find out if what we're doing is successful. These include a number of things we can count, but also people's stories. We've already done some thinking about what these successes could be as part of our action planning; as this is a one year plan we would expect the successes listed below to be built on and extended in future plans. We have worked with the Invest Local evaluators People and Work Unit, to make sure that we're measuring the right things for all of our projects and priorities, through an outcomes workshop held in May. Please see below our agreed measures and methods of monitoring outlined in the table below.

Black text = suggests that community members measure this, blue text = suggests that the ILO or external evaluators measure this.

Project / Activity	What change will this lead to?	How will we know?	How will it be measured?
1.	Support the local Community House and Community Centre		
	Both buildings to be sustainable	more use of the building	annual venue bookings
		community centre would be owned by the community	asset transfer
		Buildings break even	annual accounts
	Provide on-going community activities and events	Amount of activities held	Register of activities
		increased footfall into youth groups	registers
Bringing the community together (with reduced ASB)	The community spirit increase in confidence and self-esteem	Questionnaires or part structured interviews, case studies or stories	

		Improved perception of safety	from users and community members a comments book
2.	Improving communications-raise profile of IL and community activities		
	Increased community media presence	Number of media interactions (Twitter/Website, newsletters and Facebook)	Built in recording software
	Increased involvement in group activities	Numbers of residents attending community meetings, activities and events	Registers and monitoring data collected
	More people informed of what is happening in the community and increased access.	Numbers of people who feel better informed	Questionnaires or part structured interviews, case studies or stories from users and community members. Evaluators community survey
3.	Community I.T Suite		
	Improved access to services	Number of people accessing the computer suite and support services	Register-partner agency records Numbers of people accessing the services
		More people will be aware of support services available such as digital support, job searches, job club, homework club, employment and training and support with Universal credits	Partner agency records
Improve	More people who feel happier as a result of	Questionnaires or part structured	

	well-being of residents	accessing the facility and support services.	interviews, case studies or stories from users and community members
4.	Developing and sustaining regular community activities and events		
	Reducing social isolation	Number of regular activities and events held in the community	Activity timetables
	Increased resident participation and greater partnership working with agencies and services	Number of residents attending activities and events	Registers
		Number of partner agencies running and supporting groups in the area	Register of partners and groups
more activities for young people	<p>Reduced anti-social behaviour</p> <p>increase opportunities for Young people</p> <p>provide additional youth work provision in the area</p>	<p>Records of numbers of young people taking part</p> <p>numbers of youth work session held</p> <p>evaluation feedback from Youth Workers</p> <p>Questionnaires or part structured interviews, case studies or stories from users and community members</p> <p>local statistics</p>	

For projects and initiatives that have not yet been finalised, we will create project plans and the appropriate measures of success as progress.

8. How long is this plan for and when will we review progress against it?

This first plan is for one year. We will use this year to focus on communications and building our community. We recognise that we haven't engaged everyone in our community yet but we will continue to talk to people and using the findings to create our next plan.

We will review our plan towards the end of the first year to make sure the priorities are still relevant and the activities to be included in the next plan are the right ones. We will work with our Invest Local officer to develop simple evaluation methods to use as highlighted above.

9. Who else are we working with to help deliver parts of our plan?

We recognise that we need to work with others to deliver some part of our plan and will be talking to a number of organisations within Caerphilly to help make this happen. These include (but are not limited to):

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

White Rose information and resource centre

Street games

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Positive futures

Youth Service

Parent Network

Community Regeneration

Centerprise

Smart Money Cymru

Citizen's advice Bureau

Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Phillipstown Primary School

Welsh Hearts

Age concern

Gwent Police

Fire service

Probation service

Trussell Trust

Mens Sheds Wales

New Tredegar Community Council

New Tredegar Partnership

10. Our budget for the first year

This proposed budget is for the first year of Phillipstown Forever Invest Local plan. The budget for future years will be developed through the evaluation and review process.

Priorities and Activities	Year 1
A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities	
Developing a new skate park in partnership with Caerphilly Council	
Match funding with CC	£30,000
Fund holder admin fee 5%	£1,500
Sub-Total	£31,500
Supporting the local Community House and Community Centre.	
Community Centre	
One years running costs for community centre	£9,000
Community centre upgrade budget	£6,250
Feasibility study/business plan building survey costs for both buildings	£20,000
Asset transfer support	£10,000
Community House	
One years running cost for Community House	£9,845
Support costs for community House	£5,650
Community House part-time cleaner/caretaker	£5,616
shared community resources	
Community training and development Budget	£5,000
Sub-total	£71,361
Fund holder admin fee 5%	£3,568.05
Total Project costs	£74,929.05
B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown	
Support, develop and sustain community activities.	
Art Project	£2,000
Training for street games initiative from community centre	£2,000

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Christmas community lunch at community centre.	£1,500
Community centre activities	£5,000
Community House activities	£5,000
Community Carnival Budget	£10,000
Other Community projects and initiatives not yet decided	£5,000
Community development worker additional costs	£31,000 including management fee and admin costs/mileage etc.
Support Youth provision in the area	
sessional youth workers	£5,000
IT suite refurbishment and co-ordination of a support service for the community	
Funding already received through Getting Going	£5,146.37
Additional match funding received	£6,032
Sub-total request for this plan	£66,500
Fund holder 5% admin fee	£3,325
Total Project costs	£69,825
C. Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown	
Improved communications	
To include, production of videos, website and marketing	£10,000
fund holder admin fee 5%	£500
Total project costs	£10,500
Phillipstown Forever meeting costs	
Room hire and refreshments	£1000
Fund holder admin fee 5%	£50
Total project costs	£1050
Subtotal of request this plan	£187,804.05

11. Individual Project Plans

Skate park Development

1. What will your project do?

Provide a new, safe, open access Skate park facility – used by local people - creating a healthier, vibrant and safer Phillipstown enhancing the current play and outdoor provision.

2. What will it achieve (what will happen when it ends)?

Local residents and agencies have highlighted the need for diversionary activities for young people to curb the levels of anti-social behaviour and the drinking of alcohol by these age groups. The community is desperate for a place where people can play safely and in turn hope to see a reduction in levels of anti-social behaviour. Whilst the group recognises that sports activity will not prevent underage drinking, it will be a positive diversionary activity that will curb it.

More local young people to participate, exercise, have fun, meet new friends and develop new skills.

The new skate park will be a catalyst for other proposed future developments i.e. playground improvements, additional youth activities. A launch event will be important as this will be the first major tangible investment on the Estate (via this fund); it'll help raise the profile of what we do and be a statement of intent that the vision can be implemented.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

A new facility will give the community a sense of pride in their place.

It will provide access to a new free facility for the community to use.

Providing the facility will give a designated area for children to play on Bikes, Scooters etc. as they are currently using the roads.

It would have an impact on all five factors of the vision for the area:

- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To promote a more positive image of the people within the community to those outside of it
- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
- To be a happier and safer community
- To have stronger relationships

4. Which objectives/priorities (one of more) does it contribute to?

The project will contribute to the specific priorities, as identified at Phillipstown Forever meetings, specifically:

- A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.

5. How do you know if it has been successful?

Seeing people use the facility

Young people having fun

Young people participating in activities

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Caerphilly County Borough Council will be working with the Phillipstown forever Group to get the project up and running. There is potential for Community Regeneration and the community to do skateboarding days and events using the facility.

7. Who will run the project?

CCBC will make any necessary arrangements with procurement and will take on responsibility for the Skate Park and maintenance.

8 & 9 What is the budget, and how did you work it out?

The overall budget for the production of the skate park is £60,000.00 but the cost to the Phillipstown Forever Group is £30,000.00

It was agreed with CCBC and Phillipstown Forever Group in meetings arranged by the group.

10. Have you looked at any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

The project is being match funded by CCBC.

Improved Communications

1. What will your project do?

Raise the profile of Invest Local within our community by a variety of communication materials. We will do this by producing community newsletters, producing videos and a website. We will also look to increase our social media presence and have allocated a small budget to do so.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

More people will know about Invest Local and will understand what the programme is all about. We also hope it will help the Community group to recruit new members and will also help contribute to the development of the next plan if we use it to ask people what they think both about our first plan and about future projects.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

Our vision shows that we would like improve access to more opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown, to promote a more positive image of the community and to have a stronger sense of pride.

By promoting Invest Local in our local community and communicating about the projects that are coming out of our first action plan, people will see that what they said does matter as we're using their opinions to develop projects.

Knowing what is going on in the community will also help people to become aware of the opportunities and services available to them. We also think that providing a way of promoting all of the work done by the local groups, buildings and organisations already in our community we will help them to work better together and hopefully improve their standing in the community. It will strengthen relationships with agencies, groups and organisations working inside and outside of Phillipstown.

4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

We feel it contributes to two of our three priorities:

- Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.
- Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

5. How will you know if it has been successful?

We will work with the independent evaluators to develop this further but we would hope that it would result in more people knowing and talking about Invest Local, more people taking part in Invest Local activities and more people being aware of Invest Local.

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Yes, it will complement the activities taking place during our first Driving Change action plan

7. Who will run the project?

The Phillipstown Forever group will oversee this project.

8. What is the budget?

£10,000 – this includes the production of videos, setting up websites, marketing materials and community newsletters amongst other items.

9. How did you work it out?

Through quotes from local service providers and general cost enquiries to provide an overall budget that the group can access during the year.

10. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

No, this is a specific Invest Local activity therefore we as a group have not looked for funding from elsewhere

Community I.T Facility

1. What will your project do?

The project is a four stage plan to improve access to services and support for the community through the improvement of facilities, greater partnership working through improved co-ordination and shared vision.

The three stages of the project are:

- a. Refit of the I.T suite, secure broadband provision and agency support to address the issues around Welfare Reform and digital exclusion.
- b. Improving facilities at the Community House to ensure it is accessible and fit for purpose.
- c. Link with the community development worker to develop and maintain agency presence and service delivery.
- d. Looking at longer term future sustainability and long term use.

The project will provide I.T equipment, software and support for Universal Credit claimants, school children and young people who are digitally excluded and the wider community who struggle to access online services.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

The project will provide much needed access to computers, scanners, and broadband for the many people on the estate who will be impacted by Universal Credit. It has been identified by the local authority, agencies and DWP that many claimants will not have the skills or access to technology that is required in order to make claims, become verified and manage their ongoing relationship via an I.T portal.

In addition, the facilities and equipment will also be used to support home-work clubs, job searches and other online service such as booking hospital appointments, searching for cheaper energy deals etc.

The role of community development will be essential once the project is established to ensure that agencies and organisations who can offer support are coordinated and are delivering what they should be into the community. In addition, as the usage increases there will need to be someone present at the community to house to ensure any I.T issues are quickly resolved, services are promoted and taken up and further partnerships are developed that will increase the opportunities for people living in Phillipstown

Ongoing alongside this the committee will be looking at longer term sustainability and community building. Whether it means to improve the current facility or consider alternative future plans.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

Our vision identified the need to address the lack of services and facilities in order to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

In particular, this project will improve educational attainment and support people into work which will address issues around poverty, self-esteem and benefit dependency.

4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

We feel it contributes to all 3 of our priorities:

- Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.
- Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

5. How will you know if it has been successful?

We will keep signing in books, track usage, and liaise with the school and other agencies to gather data related to the activities that will be facilitated by having this equipment and support. Examples would include:

People accessing digital support
Young people attending homework club
People supported to access services
People assisted with job searches
People gaining skills & training qualifications
People supported into employment and/or training.

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Yes, the project will be working alongside the Residents Association, Communities for Work, Communities for Work Plus, credit union and the local Council

7. Who will run the project?

The Residents Association will oversee this project in partnership with the Phillipstown Forever Group

8. What is the budget?

£5146.37 received through Getting Going
Plus an additional £6032

Total £11,178.37

9. How did you work it out?

Through quotes

10. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

Yes – we have applied for additional match funding in order to increase the opportunity available.

The sums of £5216 and £816 have been successfully applied for and received on top of the getting going funds.

Developing and sustaining regular community activities and events.

1. What will the project do?

We as a committee would like to support and organise a series of Community activities that bring people in the community together and allow us to talk about what other ideas people have for our next plan. This will help us broaden our engagement, people will have the opportunity to contribute and we can make sure that the activities we're including are the right ones.

At present we do not know exactly what all of these activities or events will be will update the project plan when these have been developed further. Confirmed activities include:-

Art project

Setting up a street games provision

Christmas lunch

Community carnival

Youth clubs

As well as specific activities targeting the local community spaces.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

This will allow us to have continued conversations with the community, to allow the committee to involve the community with their plans, reduce social isolation by having more community activities running, increase use of local facilities and increase confidence and involvement of the local residents with the Phillipstown Forever group as well as other community activities.

3. How does it contribute to the vision of your area?

It meets all aspects of the community vision:

- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To promote a more positive image of the people within the community to those outside of it
- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
- To be a happier and safer community
- To have stronger relationships

4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

It would contribute to the following priorities

- A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.

C. Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

5. How will you know if it has been successful?

More people will be accessing local groups and events
More people would be sharing their thoughts and views with us
More people will be involved in the programme

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Yes we look to work in partnership with other local service providers and organisations to run activities and events on behalf of the group this would include the Community Centre Committee, Residents association, community regeneration team, parent network as well as individuals in the community and others we will know once the activities and events have been confirmed.

7. Who will run the project?

Members of the Phillipstown Forever group will run this project with the support of partners.

8. What is the budget?

Setting up of street games provision in Phillipstown-please see project form £2000
Art workshops £2000
Christmas lunch event £1,500
Community center activities £5,000
Community House activities £5,000
Community carnival budget £10,000
Other community events/activities £5000
Sessional youth workers £5000
The budget for this is £31,500

9. How did you work it out?

The group looked at costs for running events and activities and estimated the figure to cover a one year period.

10. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund the project?

As these will be activities run by the group, no other funding has been sought as this stage.

Supporting the local community house and community centre.

1. What will the project do?

One of the things that has been brought up since invest local has been introduced into the area has been the need to support the two local community buildings, the community house and the centre.

Both of these hold a great deal of importance to the community and are key to all their future activities.

The community House is now owned by the community itself and run by a committee, however looking at threat in the long term if it cannot be sustained.

The community centre is currently council owned however the community have recently been informed that it is at threat of closure.

The group are hoping to be able to support the **community house** to cover the basic running costs incurred by the committee for one year and to do some basic renovations, in order to make the house more inviting and suitable for activities and to cover its running costs for one year whilst the volunteers and committee members make plans for sustainable ongoing activities. This will be further supported by adding a caretaker/cleaner role or the community House.

The group are also going to support the current **Community Centre** committee to explore options to take over the community centre as an asset transfer Come April 2020. The committee will be supported by having its running costs covered by the Phillipstown Forever group whilst they establish a future development plan.

In order to do so they will be receiving support from an external agency to conduct a feasibility study and support the current committee; which will create a business plan and highlight the areas of support and investment needed in order to develop the community centre into a long term sustainable model. Whilst this is being undertaken, the community centre committee would be looking to do some basic changes to make the venue more fit for purpose and allow more activities to be carried out. In order to carry forward with this work one of the things the group are looking at is a community co-ordinator role which would to be created to look over both facilities and to organise and promote regular activities.

The community centre caretaker role is currently covered for this financial year by the local council, however they will look at what their future needs are during their feasibility study. Therefore for this year's plan we will be including the role of a caretaker/cleaner role for the Community House.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

This will allow us to have viable options for ongoing community activities and events, it will continue sense of pride, achievement and ownership of local assets and strengthen the community.

3. How does it contribute to the vision of your area?

It meets all aspects of the community vision:

- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To promote a more positive image of the people within the community to those outside of it
- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
- To be a happier and safer community
- To have stronger relationships

4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

It would contribute to the following priorities

- A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.
- C. Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown

5. How will you know if it has been successful?

The group would be putting a further developed plan in the following years plan.

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Yes we look to work in partnership with both the Community Centre committee and the Residents association, the local council as well as bringing in external support to carry out any surveys/feasibility studies required. We would also work with other local service providers and organisations to run activities and events on behalf of the group.

7. Who will run the project?

The initiative would be led by the Phillipstown Forever group alongside the committees of both the community House and Centre.

8. What is the budget?

The budget for this is

Feasibility study and survey costs £20,000
Asset transfer support Costs £10,000
Community house running costs £9,845
Community centre running costs £9,000
Community centre upgrade budget £6,250
Community House upgrade budget £5,650

Training and support for community members £5,000
Caretaker/cleaner for Community House £5,616
£71,361

Community House upgrade budget consists of:-

Carpet £4,000
Blinds £700
Hand driers £450
Roof repairs £500

Community Centre upgrade budget consists of:-

Internal painting decorating £1100 already received through Getting Going
White goods for the kitchen £1000
Upgraded telephone lines and TV license £1500
Youth club equipment £1000
Digital technology equipment including multimedia screen, projector, music and lighting equipment £2000
Kitchen equipment for bakery £750

9. How did you work it out?

The group looked at costs for building surveys and feasibility studies amongst other items.

10. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund the project?

As this will be initially run by the group, no other funding has been sought as this stage.

APPENDIX

This section includes additional details on the Community development worker role

The Warm Arted project

The Street Games provision

The Youth Work provision

Sessional Youth Workers

1. What will your project do?

One of the key things identified in the consultation was the need to provide more activities for young people. The group will look to bring in youth workers to the area on a sessional basis as and when required. This would help to provide more activities for young people at the Community House and the Community Centre as well as on the new skate park and general outreach.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

It would allow interaction and engagement of young people from the different age categories.

It would allow for appropriately run sessions regularly in the community engaging with the varied age groups living in Phillipstown.

Engagement is crucial to building the trust of the young people and allowing them access to the opportunities available to them as well as general involvement in their community.

This would allow the group to explore the needs of the youth with the idea to look at employing youth workers for Phillipstown within 6 months to 1 year. Employing 2 sessional youth workers at 12 hours a week each would help support 4 sessions, possibly 2 at the Community House and 2 at the Community Centre. It may be useful to consider hosting 2 sessions at the House when there is bingo at the Centre and then 2 sessions at the Centre on the alternate nights, as well as more general outreach. The exact requirements would be decided by the group after further consultation.

11. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
- To be a happier and safer community
- To have a stronger sense of community pride
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12. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

- A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities

B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown

13. How will you know if it has been successful?

Attendance records and data collection,
Seeing young people attending sessions

14. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Community House, Community centre, White Rose centre, Street Games, youth service

15. Who will run the project?

The work would be overlooked by the Phillipstown forever group but future line management responsibilities would be covered by the employing body.

16. What is the budget?

We should be looking at youth worker costs based on upwards of £12.00 per hour. If we accept this, then we are looking at a cost of approximately £5,000 for the year

How did you work it out?

Looking at costs of similar provision.

17. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

No

'Warm Arted' community Art group project

1. What will your project do?

The art group was trialled out over the past year with the group growing month on month. The Phillipstown Forever group supported the costs of the facilitator, materials and venue hire over time and then in order to become more sustainable, members began contributing £1.50 per person in order to cover the cost of the materials.

The group has since chosen a name and is working closely with GAVO in order to become constituted and apply for its own funds in order to further develop.

The group members range from age 20 years to 70+ years and have regular attendance but numbers are growing.

The members are looking to go on visits to different art provisions and exhibitions and learn new techniques.

The feedback to date has been incredibly positive with many saying that this weekly art class is the only social activity they have and has made a huge positive impact on their well-being.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

More people in the community will be engaging in social activities including the older members of the community. People coming together and learning new skills and combating social isolation and building confidence levels.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

- It contributes to the following parts of the vision:
- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To improve access to the opportunities both inside and outside Phillipstown
- To be happier and safer community
- To have stronger relationships

4 Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

- Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown.

- Raise the profile and perceptions of the community of Phillipstown.

5 How will you know if it has been successful?

- People will feel happier and more confident
- People would have increased skills in creative arts
- The group will have accessed additional funds
- Increase in attendance

6 Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

The group is currently being supported by GAVO to become a fully constituted group.

7 Who will run the project?

Lynne Beale a local resident will continue to facilitate and run the project

8 What is the budget?

Each session is £40 we would look towards 47 sessions in a year
Totalling £1880

An additional £120 to cover any increases in costs

Total requested £2000

9 How did you work it out?

£15 room hire £25 tutor expenses

10 Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

The group are now looking to set up the group as a constitution and apply for additional funding from other sources for future projects. The members also contribute weekly to attend and that money also goes into the pot to cover material expenses etc.

Street Games project

1. What will your project do?

Provide training and equipment for a number of Phillipstown residents to gain sports coaching qualifications to initiate Street Games sessions to run from the community centre.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

Weekly sports sessions will be held for children to attend. This will provide an outlet for all children to get involved in physical activity, health promotion, social inclusion and educational opportunities. It is suggested that each child pays £1 per week to attend, with 50p going towards sustainability of the project and the additional 50p going into a savings pot to put towards a trip, eg. Trampoline Park – this will teach children the benefits of saving, potential to open a group Credit Union account for savings. Opportunities for volunteers and children to gain experience and qualifications.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

- To improve access to opportunities both inside and outside of Phillipstown
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- To have a stronger sense of community pride
- To promote a more positive image of the people of Phillipstown within the community to those outside of it

4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

- A. Look after our existing community spaces, both indoor and outdoor and develop new opportunities
- B. Increase access to a range of services and opportunities to improve the health and well-being of the community of Phillipstown

5. How will you know if it has been successful?

Attendance records – contributing to StreetGames data collection,
Seeing young people attending sessions
Community members with additional qualifications and experience

6. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

Community Regeneration, StreetGames, Credit Union

7. Who will run the project?

Phillipstown Parents and Toddlers Group

8. What is the budget?

£2000

9. How did you work it out?

Room Hire @ 2 hours per week x 20 weeks = £400 (£10 per hour)

Pack of 6 Dodgeballs @ £20

Footballs x 5 @ £30 (£6 each)

Sports Bibs @ £5

Cones @ £8

3 x Table Tennis Sets @ £45 (£15 each)

5 x Level 1 Sports Coaching @ £500 (£100 each)

3 x Level 2 Sports Coaching @ £450 (£150 each)

Additional £500 in case of price increases/delivery charges/miscellaneous spend

10. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

Grant funding from Community Chest, however from experience in other areas this is being difficult to obtain.

Community development worker

1. What will your project do?

A community development worker would greatly improve the opportunity to make more use of the community venues such as the Community House, Community Centre and other venues within Phillipstown which was supported by a significant majority of people who completed the invest local consultation.

The role of the development worker would be employed via White Rose Resource Centre or Coalfields regeneration Trust but be based in Phillipstown primarily shared between the Community House and Community Centre.

2. What will it achieve? (what will have happened when it ends)

Having this person in post to support the group to achieve all of the activities and relationships it is hoping to will allow far more people from within the community accessing social engagement, involvement in the Phillipstown Forever group and use of the communities facilities. This would also support the current group members to works alongside and gain experience and confidence.

There would also be a lot more going on in the community to suit all age groups.

3. How does it contribute to the vision for your area?

It meets all aspects of the community vision:

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4. Which objectives/priorities (one or more) does it contribute to?

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b. How will you know if it has been successful?

More activities would be taking place.
More people would be accessing exiting community venues
More community groups would be present
More partnership working
People would be more socially active

c. Is it working alongside any other projects or organisations?

It would work alongside the community House, the Community Centre, the White Rose centre as well as council provisions and other partner agencies and organisations.

d. Who will run the project?

The Phillipstown Forever group would oversee the work with line management being covered by the employing body.

e. What is the budget?

Approximately £25,000 salary costs including on-costs such as national insurance, pension and management fees
£1,000 to cover the office and admin costs of the post holder to include items such as a tablet, stationary and mileage costs.

£5,000 budget for office space in community House/Centre and anywhere else required

Total £31,000

This will run for 2 years with a review to extend after this point.

f. How did you work it out?

Looking at salaries of similar posts and general cost enquiries to provide an overall budget

g. Have you looked into any other funding to part fund or fully fund this project?

No, this is a specific Invest Local activity therefore we as a Forum have not looked for funding from elsewhere

