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CIC 36

Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company¹

Please complete in typescript, or in bold black capitals.

Company Name in full

1881 Club

Community Interest Company

SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

1. We, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community². The Community includes residents of the whole of Bonnyrigg and Lasswade districts. ³

The company's activities will provide benefit to ...

the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade communities, in particular to encourage members of the Community to participate in the development and sustainability of the Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club's historic ground, facilities and Social Club building at New Dundas Park, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, all established in 1881. Members of the Community will be able to become "stakeholders" in the current and future development of New Dundas Park.

The "1881 Club" was set up in March, 2024, by a group of eight residents and supporters of Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club. The initial group of eight formed a committee and Constitution. A Bank account was opened as a constituted Club. The group began to raise awareness of their intentions for improvements and the redevelopment of New Dundas Park through social media and local fundraising events and by early August, 2024, the membership had increased to 40 with several notes of interest from other supporters. Membership to the "1881 Club" is through monthly voluntary donation of nominal amounts from £10 to £18.81 per month, depending on affordability for the member. The membership nominated the five directors listed in this application.

The "1881 Club" shall have no influence or involvement in the function or development of the Football Team.

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SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company’s activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible as to what the company is being set up to do. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

<p>Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)</p>	<p>How will the activity benefit the community? <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i></p>
	<p>New Dundas Park is situated in centre of the local community and has long been part of the community. However we believe that the ground can be more accessible and attractive to more people and groups . We believe having access to improved facilities at New Dundas Park, Bonnyrigg will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add to the limited community amenities at local schools and church buildings.• Provide additional disability access and usage at the Football Ground.• Improvements to the currently under used Social Club to provide for use by local groups such as Dance Group, Choir, and clubs for the elderly, as well as providing a suitable meeting place for other Community Groups.• Encourage the use of the ground for other football and sports groups with better facilities

<p>To encourage supporters of Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club and members of the Community to participate in the development and sustainability of the Club's historic ground and facilities at New Dundas Park, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.</p>	<p>Bonnyrigg Rose FC is financially self sufficient but there is a general acceptance that the ground in its current state is not as inclusive to the whole community as it could be. For example, there is limited covered seating and toilet facilities This in turn has an impact on club revenue and local engagement. In early 2024, many members of the community and supporters of the Football Club began to meet and discuss how they could assist in the development and sustainability of the historic ground. A committee was elected and a group now known as the "1881 Club" was formed, governed by a Constitution. It was quickly realised that the formation of a Community Interest Company would provide transparency and legitimacy to the intentions of the "1881 Club" and allow members to become stakeholders in future development by way of membership donations.</p>
<p>If the company makes any surplus, it will be used for... (If donating or fundraising for charities, please include the wording 'with the consent of the CIC Regulator') only maintenance, sustainability and development of New Dundas Park, Bonnyrigg, in line with the Scottish Football Association UEFA Club Licensing And Financial Sustainability Regulations 2023. Directors of the company shall be volunteers as outlined in Sections 25 and 26 of the Articles Of Association.</p>	

Activities (Continued)

The Scottish Football Association licensing criteria require various improvements to be made to football grounds within a stipulated time period.

Given the scale of the proposed re-development, activities, they are planned to be carried out in the short, medium and long term, depending on if and when funding becomes available for particular planned projects.

In the **short term**, priority is given to improving disabled access and disabled facilities at New Dundas Park.

- The 1881 Club would look to assist with funding for these improvements
- The 1881 Club is also working with the Football Club to better coordinate volunteer activity
- The 1881 Club is also working in conjunction with staff at the adjacent Social Club to encourage greater use by community groups as a hub.

Medium and long term

projects are also determined by the SFA Licencing Criteria, In particular the levelling off the current pitch and an additional 500 seats under cover (ideally in a purpose built stand.)

Benefit to the Community (Continued)

A substantial demographic of the population of Bonnyrigg and Lasswade who attend or would like to attend the football at New Dundas Park are elderly people and people with disabilities. Current facilities such as access, seating and toilets, although available, are currently limited, restricting the number of elderly and disabled people who are encouraged to attend. This is particularly prevalent during inclement weather or during the winter months. This means many in the community are denied the opportunity to see Midlothian's first and only SPFL team in action.

The 1881 Club and Bonnyrigg Rose FC is giving priority in the Short Term to raising funds to provide an additional disabled access gate at the west end of the ground together with additional seating, wheel chair access, and disabled toilet(s). The local Community and supporters of the 1881 Club will raise funding for this project through fundraising events, membership and individual private donations.

These short term improvements will enhance the experience of attending and supporting the Football Club for an increased number of elderly and disabled people in the Community.

There is now an active volunteer group which is ensuring funds are used sparingly. However, of equal benefit has been the physical and mental benefits for volunteers. We know that this volunteering is allowing people from different parts of the community to connect and break down barriers

In the adjacent Social Club, the 1881 Club has already liaised with the staff to provide funding to improve the large function hall to allow use by Community dance groups and pensioners. The 1881 Club has taken the lead on this by organising periodic pre match 'Pie and Pint' events. These generate a modest income but we know are increasingly appreciated by older supporters especially as a safe and welcoming place for chat and contact.

The 1881 Club will work closely with Bonnyrigg Rose FC and to agree on a medium and longer term plan for ground development. As well as meeting licensing requirements these will focus on fan experience (such as covered seating) and greater community inclusivity (such as facilities or other sport groups to use the ground) .

It is the intention of the 1881 Club to raise funding through local fundraising events and explore other avenues such as such as Crowdfunding, Sport Scotland and The National Lottery.

(Please continue separate sheet if necessary.)

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SECTION C:

1. We, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

- (a) a political party;
- (b) a political campaigning organisation; or
- (c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.⁴






SECTION D:

If this section is not completed your application will be rejected.

TYPED NAMES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AND WILL BE REJECTED

Each person who is a director of the company **must** sign the declarations.

[Signed, scanned or DocuSign signatures are allowed.]

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You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact

Alan Towers (Club Secretary)
153, Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg,
EH19 2PJ

information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Email: alant1962@gmail.com	Tel 07761573451
DX Number	DX Exchange

CHECKLIST

ALL Applications

- Have the first directors signed the CIC36? (typed names instead of signatures are not accepted)
- Is the company name consistent throughout?

Hardcopy Applications only

This form must be posted with the following documents:

- (a) Memorandum of Association
- (b) Articles of Association, which comply with CIC legislative requirements
- (c) Form IN01- indicating that the proposed company is adopting bespoke articles.
- (d) Any completed continuation sheets
- (e) A cheque or postal order for £35 made payable to Companies House

When you have completed and signed this form, please ensure it is placed at the top of your application and send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England, Scotland and Wales:
New Companies Section, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Northern Ireland:
Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

NOTES

¹ This form will be placed on the public record. Any information relevant to the application that you do not wish to appear on the public record, should be described in a separate letter addressed to the CIC Regulator and delivered to the Registrar of Companies with the other documents.

² The community interest test is referred to in section 35 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and is expanded upon in regulations 3, 4 & 5 of the Regulations.

³ E.g. "the residents of Oldtown" or "those suffering from XYZ disease".

⁴ A company is not eligible to be formed as a community interest company if it will be an "excluded company". If you are not sure whether the company which you wish to form falls into any of these categories, you should refer to the definitions of the terms "political party", "political campaigning organisation" and "subsidiary" (and of the related terms "election", "governmental authority", "public authority" and "referendum") in Regulation 2 of the Regulations before completing this form.