

Melrose Football Club

£10,000.00

Melrose Football Club is planning to refurbish the Engine Room on Gibson Park and construct an extension to provide a community hub and new changing rooms. This application to the Neighbourhood Support Fund is for funding to complete the appropriate RIAS* stages, as detailed in the project plan submitted alongside the application.

The new community sports facility will provide:

- Safe, secure, private changing facilities for players from Melrose FC and visiting clubs. This is particularly important for the girls teams
- A focal point on Gibson Park for Melrose Football Club with room to grow its service to the young people of the local area and improve physical and mental health
- A facility for use by the Melrose Primary School to grow their physical education offer to learners
- A new activity space for use by the Club, Melrose Primary School and the wider community that celebrates the town's heritage and history

Panel thoughts:

- The panel noted the significant number of positive comments by members of the public on the planning portal in relation to the planning application.
- The panel felt that there had been a lot of work put in by Melrose FC to plan this project and were impressed by the active work of the club to support this project using its own funds and by seeking additional funding from external sources.
- The panel were also pleased to see a strong community focus in the project, with plans to create a community hub from the space. The panel hoped that this would be strongly utilised by the local community in future years.

The panel recommends to fund this project.

* Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland