



## Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council - Full Council Meeting 9th March 2026

### Rub-A-Dubs Application for Funding

#### 1. Proposer/ Applicant:

This application is made by the Rub-A-Dub Pre-School Committee, made up of mainly parent volunteers and some staff members, who as act as trustees on behalf of Rub-A-Dub.

Rub-A-Dub will also be referred to as RAD in this application.

#### 2. Contact Details:

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#### 3. Is the applicant a Registered Charity? (If so, give number):

Yes. Rub-A-Dub is a Registered Charity. In the summer of 2025 Rub-A-Dub successfully transitioned to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which is a corporate body with a constitution that is registered and regulated by the Charity Commission.

Registered Charity Number: 1210809

#### 4. VAT Status of applicant (if registered give number):

Not applicable.

#### 5. Short description of applicant seeking funding:

Rub-A-Dub Pre-school is a small, community Pre-school and After School Club based in the Lansdowne Hall, in the centre of Derry Hill. RAD was established in 1987 and has very much been at the centre of village life since its creation. Many families have sent their children to the setting at the start of the learning journey and they have benefitted from the warm, friendly and highly commended service offered by the experienced staff.

Children can attend the setting from the age of 2, through until they start Primary School. RAD also provides the After School Club provision for Derry Hill Primary School. Currently RAD has 36 pre-school aged children and 41 after school children.

Rub-A-Dub Pre-school is run by a group of volunteers who form the Committee, acting as Trustees, and day to day is managed by a group of staff (9 staff).

#### 6. Location of Community Improvement Idea (CII) (which Ward if within the parish):

The CII sought through this application will be located within the Pre-school setting. It will be in the New Meeting Room in the Lansdowne Hall when in use and stored in the storage facility to the side of the room when not in use.



This is within the Derry Hill and Studley ward.

**7. Amount of funding sought this year:**

Rub-A-Dub has not sought any funding from the Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council this year.

**8. Total amount of funding sought:**

The committee is seeking funding of £2,500.00 to support this Community Improvement Idea.

**9. If ongoing maintenance is required, how will it be funded?**

The warranty for the items sought is 15 years, therefore immediate maintenance is not anticipated.

**10. If Parish Council support with ongoing maintenance is requested, how much per year?**

Not applicable.

**11. If the total cost is higher than the funding requested, how will balance be financed?**

The total cost of the CII is £5,130.00 (see section 13).

Rub-A-Dub Pre-school will be funding the remaining balance of £2,630.00, therefore the funding we are seeking in this application will be 'match funded' by the pre-school.

RAD will be funding the remaining balance through fundraising in the academic year 25/26. In the year previous (24/25), we raised £2,800 via fundraising events and hope to do the same this year. Any shortfall will be covered from savings.

**12. Have you applied for funding for this project elsewhere?**

No

**13. Detailed description of Community Improvement idea (including how the project will be managed):**

Rub-A-Dub Pre-school is seeking funding to fulfil Phase 2 of its Furniture Regeneration Project. Phase 1 was completed in April 2025 and was financed solely by RAD.

Having completed an assessment of the furniture and inside equipment at the setting in 2024, the staff undertook an exercise to identify what furniture and equipment needed to be replaced and also what was missing and would add to the quality of the environment for the children if acquired.

Staff identified these pieces and worked with Community Playthings, a UK based company with a reputable history of providing high quality items to nurseries and schools.

The project was split into 2 phases, with phase 1 being items that were required immediately due to the current items not being fit for purpose. The project was also split into 2 phases from a financing perspective to stagger the spend incurred.

With phase 1 completed, we are now seeking to go ahead with phase 2. Please see attached *appendix 1* for the full list of items identified as part of this Phase 2 regeneration and therefore what we are seeking funding for.

The items will be used by the pre-school and after school club children as part of play and learning within the setting.

If funding is successful, the target start date for Phase 2 is the end of July 2026. The plan is to receive and set up the new furniture during the summer holiday break, in order to gain benefit from these when the children return to the setting after the holiday, for the new academic year 26/27.



Natalie Bolt, the Nursery Manager, will oversee the purchase and delivery of this project, working closely with Community Playthings. We can stipulate a date for delivery, ensuring that this is suitable for the village hall and would not cause any inconvenience to other hall users. On receipt of the items, Natalie will work with staff and trustees to receive, unpack and check the items in readiness for their use from the 26/27 academic year.

#### **14. Benefits to be delivered by the CII:**

##### *Children:*

The benefits of this CII will be felt daily by the users of the setting, therefore the children within the community and parish. Children learn through play, thrive in discovery and grow when they feel supported, and nurtured. With the provision of these items, the children will have the freedom to invent, imagine and create as they develop and achieve at RAD. The children will benefit from enjoying a safe, high quality learning environment.

The items identified as part of the phase 2 Furniture project are suitable for all children within the setting, which includes SEN (Special Educational Needs) children who attend the setting as part of the nursery and the After school Club.

##### *Community:*

The nursery provides vital childcare for families who have children that are in the Early years stages of education, as well as children in KS 1 and 2 who attend the village school. Therefore, RAD is one of the key providers of educational facilities for the local community. With this regeneration project, the nursery can ensure the offering is of a high quality, is safe and is market leading in its field.

##### *Rub-A-Dubs - a local charity:*

By regenerating the furniture at RAD, we will continue to improve the physical offering enjoyed by children using the setting. This ensures current and future users of the nursery are satisfied that the facilities are a good quality and have confidence in the offering. We propose that by maintaining the quality of the facilities, this plays a part in maintaining the required occupancy rates and therefore the success of the charity.

#### **15. Who will measure the delivered benefits and how?**

The benefits will be measured qualitatively due to the fact it would be difficult to measure this in a quantitative way.

Beneficiaries at a glance:

36 pre school children

41 school children

63 families

#### **16. Legislative requirements e.g. planning permission:**

No foreseeable legislative requirements.

#### **17. Alignment with Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2028 highlights Community Facilities and specifically mentions The Lansdowne Hall, which '*houses the local pre-school*'. This indicates clearly that the provision of the pre-school within the village is a key '*community facility*' that needs to be '*protected and improved*' in order to allow the community to '*thrive and increase*'.

With this in mind, the CII proposed here is a clear example of a project investing in the regeneration of a key community facility.



In addition, the CII is aligned to the Parish Council's Strategy 2023-2027. Specifically, Key Strategic Priority B - *'to enrich the local community by supporting local groups and organisations and providing grants where appropriate'*.

**18. Local Consultation - have local people been consulted about this proposal (how many and results)?**

The staff of Rub a Dubs were consulted in order to identify the items that form part of Phase 2. As one of the main users of the furniture and with the best insights into what the children would benefit from, we felt this was the most effective way to identify the requirements.

**19. Sustainability, environmental benefits and impact:**

The CII is to purchase items of furniture from the company Community Playthings. Community Playthings quotes that *'our environmental commitment is as solid as our furniture'*. The products are made with wood from responsibly managed forests and other controlled sources and is all FSC certified. As a mark of this, the company received the King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development 2025, recognising the companies long-standing commitment to creating high-quality, environmentally responsible products.