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Letter of Support for "The Shed Project"

I write to support *The Shed Project* proposed by Colinton Village Enterprise (CVE).

I understand the project aspires to purchase the historic outbuilding in Spylaw Park from The City of Edinburgh Council under Community Asset Transfer and recognise that this will help to establish a community heritage hub on the banks of the Water of Leith Walkway.

CVE have a proven track-record of running successful projects that capture local imagination and community involvement such as *Art in the Park*, *Arts by the Book*, *Colinton in Bloom*, *Christmas on the Corner* and the upcoming, free-to-attend *Curry in the Park*. I am confident they have the experience, vision, leadership, and local support to make a success of this project for the benefit of the community.

Currently, CVE have usage of the building but their plans for acquisition would allow them to renovate and refurbish the building. I believe the plans are well-considered and would create a community space for meetings, exhibitions, classes and use as a much-needed base of operations and storage for the other CVE projects noted above. It is clear to me that usage of the building would be part of a broader programme of ongoing projects.

I was pleased to see CVE recently become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) for the purposes of being able to undertake ventures such as this and I welcome the prospect of the building being preserved for the benefit of the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely


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