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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges".

Thank you for your letter of 22 May concerning the petition from the Forsythia Youth Centre (FYC), Merthyr Tydfil and specifically asking if there is a route to supporting projects like FYC through youth work following the closure of Communities First.

I am aware of the good work that has been carried out at the centre and the support being provided to the young people.

At present there are no funding streams available directly from the Welsh Government for local organisations. Funding for youth work provision is currently allocated to local authorities through our Youth Support Grant and to the voluntary sector through our National Voluntary Youth Organisations Grant.

Lead Delivery Bodies are responsible for deciding on what is funded during the transition year following the closure of Communities First and through the legacy fund. I would encourage FYC to keep in contact with the Lead Delivery Body in Merthyr as they are key in any decisions being made at a local level and should be discussing any changes going

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forward with their cluster staff and partners. Details of the Lead Delivery Bodies can be found at <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/communities/communitiesfirst/clusters/?lang=en>

Yours
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