The community building (hub) at Clay Park has planning permission for:

- A function room with kitchen for residents meetings and socials, as well as community events, private functions, and educational events (e.g. workshops)
- A small office for the CLT
- Shared laundry
- A guest room for residents family and friends, and visitors to Clay Park

Through community consultation, you’ve made it clear that you see this as an important part of Clay Park, both for the residents, the local community, and for visitors, and we agree. However we don’t currently have funding for the hub, and we may have to build something smaller.

We are intending the hub will still be built of natural materials including straw bale, lime and cob.

Exciting ideas for the hub include:

- Collaborating with Plymouth University’s EU-funded CobBauge research project to incorporate a cob wall, using hemp fibre grown on the Dartington Estate
- Opportunities for the residents and local community to get involved with building the hub – “community build”
- Training/workshops/education for e.g. young people, construction professionals, people with learning disabilities, potential self-builders

Funding ideas

- Grant funding for education & training and/or capital funding
- Loan finance against income from bookings
- Donations
- In kind support / non-monetary contributions / practical assistance