#### **CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator/Chief Executive DATE: 19/11/2019

TO: Management Committee REF: \AM\C81

**SUBJECT:** CENTRE81 UPDATE – November 2019 (Decision required)

This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding and current and potential projects. Information relating to Gym81 and current activities can be found in Appendix I.

## 1 Upcoming Events

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 12-3pm, we will have a table top sale, homemade soup and refreshments on sale and Santa Claus visiting for the children.

We will be holding our Bingo Christmas Lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Tickets almost all sold out!

#### 2 Events held in October/November

CCF Project staff held a meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and we now have 4 volunteers who are in the process of establishing an Environmental Group Committee to help with the long-term sustainability of our CCF-funded activities. The group are planning to meet before Christmas, date still to be confirmed.

West Dunbartonshire Libraries held an event to celebrate Scottish Book Week on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Food writer, author and journalist Jack Monroe did a cooking demonstration and afterwards held a question and answer session in the main hall. Over 60 people attended and were treated to a free cup of soup from Cafe81 (using one of Jack's recipes). The event was widely publicised on social media and STV news were also there interviewing Jack, which was fantastic publicity for Centre81.

#### 3 Projects

Appendix II provides a detailed breakdown of ongoing and proposed projects.

#### 5. Community Pot

We currently have c. £4.3k in our Community Pot which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year.

#### 6. Centre81 Steering Group

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 6pm-8pm at Centre81.

### 7. New Contacts/business

No new business this month.

**Gym Statistics** 

Month	Active Members	New members	Leavers in month & reason	Promotional work done
As at 21/11	698	3	8	Text messages, word of mouth, Centre81 & CHA Newsletter

# **Current Activities at Centre81**

Yoga	Monday	9.30-10.30am
How to Work IT	Monday	1.00-3.00pm
Learn to Sew	Monday	6.00-8.00pm
Pilates	Tuesday	9.30-10.30am
Circuit Training	Tuesday	6.00-7.00pm
ISARO Drop in	Wednesday	11.00am-1.00pm
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30-7.30pm
Family History Group	Thursday	1.00-3.00pm
Bingo and lunch club	Thursday	1.00-3.00pm
Kettlebells with William	Thursday (£4 per class)	7.00-8.00pm
Slimming World	Thursday	5.00-7.00 pm
Tai Chi	Friday	2.00-3.00pm
SAS Autistic Club	Friday	6.00-8.00pm
SAS Autistic Club	Saturday	10.00am -12noon

Fund	Project	Update
Climate	Growing Skills, Growing	Project is on track and all outcomes expected to
Challenge	Spaces	be met by March 31st 2020.
Fund (CCF)	The aim of this project is	Garden – Harvest season now over.
	to develop a holistic	Concentrating on preparing the gardens for
	approach to carbon	Winter and school visits.
	management within	Cooking – 3 blocks complete so far. New block
	Clydebank; ensuring	started on 15 <sup>th</sup> November, fully booked.
	residents are able to	Bikes – We have hit our target for bike
	address carbon emissions	donations. Due to the winter season, cycle rides
	across all aspects of their	are on a break until the Spring.
	lives. This project will aim	Home Energy – Project Officer will be out and
	to increase the skills of	about in Linnvale in the coming weeks carrying
	local people across a	out home energy visits.
	range of different areas	
	including bike	
	maintenance, cooking,	
	gardening and upcycling,	
	awareness of carbon	
	literacy, their carbon	
	footprint and ways to	
	minimise it.	
Sustrans	Access Ramp from	We continue to write and submit funding
	Centre to Canal Path	applications to secure the match funding required
	(Decision Required)	to progress the project. We have c. £244k
		secured with c. £80k outstanding. The deadline
		for match funding to be in place is end of January
		2020.
		We are also beginning the process of negotiating
		a lease with British Waterways to enable us to
		carry out the work on their land as some funders
		require this to be in place before we can submit
		funding applications.
		It is proposed that the Association contributes to
		the project via our community benefit clauses in
		procurement contracts to the sum of c. £10k-30k
		dependent on requirements (c. £10k already
		secured) and this is a match for the £30k
		promised from 2 WDC funding pots (total £60k).
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predicament as in order for us to submit some funding applications, we require having proof of a British Waterways lease and of course this comes at a cost (c. £3k). This would mean that essentially the Association could be out of pocket by c. £8k if the required match funding is not secured and the project does not go ahead. However, Sustrans is aiming to circumvent this as the Association's project predates the change. In the meantime, I would welcome the Management Committee's views on funding the additional £3k to progress the lease of the land to enable further funding applications to be submitted. Scottish **Empowering Clydebank** Government

Fund	Project	Update
	Growing Change for Good	Our funding application was submitted before the deadline
		of 12pm on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November.