

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator

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TO: Management Committee

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SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – May 2020

This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects.

In line with current government lockdown guidance, Centre81 is currently closed to the public. At the moment, we have one caretaker on duty from 8am until 4pm each day.

The Trussell Trust, in collaboration with Cafe81 continues to operate a Foodbank from the Centre. The Centre81 staff and volunteers are all working really hard to ensure food parcels are delivered to vulnerable people within the community each day.

We have been awarded £52,900 from the Wellbeing Fund to deliver food parcels, cooked meals, children's packed lunches, food for BME residents and also on-line activity tutorials for children. This project will be delivered in partnership with Café81 and the Centre81 Group

1 Projects

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

4 Community Pot

We currently have c. £4.7k in our Community Pot, which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year.

2 Centre81 Steering Group

The Centre81 Steering group continues to engage with the local community as much as is safe and appropriate, supporting the local families they work with. They have been distributing activity packs for young people in the local area, which contain colouring sheets and arts and crafts materials. They will also be working in partnership with CHA and Café81 to delivering the Wellbeing Fund project.

They are also looking into ways where they can provide remote activities - be that with materials and guidance, or running some sessions and activity plans by setting up a YouTube channel to engage with their users. They have been working with WDC and Cafe81 closely on this, and the partnership working has been something they will be very keen to build on when lockdown measures are reduced.

Projects & Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<p>Growing Change for Good</p> <p>Growing Change for Good, will focus on continuing with past CCF funded projects, such as the developing residents gardening and growing skills, encouraging/supporting home growers, delivering low carbon cooking sessions integrated with Carbon Literacy information and supporting and encouraging residents to use bikes rather than cars or public transport. The project also aims to support the set-up of a constituted Environmental Group to help with the long-term sustainability of the project.</p>	<p>All classes and activities are on hold due to lockdown.</p> <p>Contracts have been issued to 3 members of staff for period from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2022.</p> <p>The Project Officer has been in contact with several Radnor Park tenants, who are keen to volunteer at the Community Garden, with a view to creating a new group who will eventually take ownership of the garden. Due to lockdown it is still in early stages, however the PO is in weekly contact with a couple of the key volunteers to ensure this group becomes established.</p> <p>We recently advertised our Grow Bag packs on Facebook. These are packs of compost, pots/raised beds, seeds/plants that local people can collect from the centre, to grow their own at home. We have had over 50 emails requesting packs and are currently busy getting these made up and distributed.</p> <p>We have been inundated with requests for upcycled bikes. We asked on our Facebook page for donations and have been completely snowed under. We currently have around 40 bikes donated. Our Bike Mechanic will be returning to work soon to get started on refurbishing and repairing the bikes.</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<p>Empowering Clydebank</p> <p>This project will aim to deliver the following: Digital awareness, College classes, CSCS courses, Language Café, Health and Safety/ Food Hygiene, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, Family group parenting classes and early learning, Youth club, Older residents' lunch club, Keep Fit classes, Sport, recreation and arts activities for autistic young people, ISARO</p>	<p>NO CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT</p> <p>We submitted our monitoring report (October 2019 to March 2020) to the Scottish Government on 24th April.</p> <p>We have received 6 months advance funding (up to 30.09.20)</p> <p>Course proposals have been sent to West College Scotland, in the hope that we can start our courses in August.</p> <p>The project is currently on hold, however we will endeavour to catch up with the project once things return to normal.</p>

	ethnic minority support and integration activities.	
Sustrans	Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path Update from SK	<p>There still remains a lot of uncertainty surrounding this project until such times as lockdown restrictions are lifted. A summary of the current position is detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preferred contractor has extended their tender expiration date for a further month to 30 June 2020. • We still await information from match funders to ascertain whether funding promised for 2019/20 will be carried over to 2020/21. • Sustrans (our main funder for this project) has agreed that our project/funding application can be moved into 2020/2021 (project previously had to be completed by May 2020 to receive funding) • The back-stop date for completion of the lease with Scottish Waterways has been extended to 30 June 2020.