

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 18/06/2020
TO: Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81
SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – June 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.

We have instructed a consultant from ACS to carry out a full Covid19 Risk Assessment for the Centre. Some of our Centre tenants are hoping to get back to work in the coming weeks (although the Centre will still be closed to the general public).

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

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.


Staff and volunteers are shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog walking, providing a befriending service, delivering food bank parcels etc. to vulnerable and shielding people in the community.

The group are in discussion with WDC in terms of a summer programme. However, neither party are sure how this will look, due to covid19 restrictions.

The group have been giving out activity packs each week. Over 160 packs were distributed in the first 2 weeks. They have activity pack tutorials on their social media channels (Facebook, twitter & Instagram).

Projects & Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Scottish Government Wellbeing Fund.	<p>Wellbeing Fund. We have been awarded £52,900 to deliver food parcels, cooked meals, children's packed lunches, food for BME residents and also on-line activity tutorials for children. The project will be delivered in partnership with Café81 and the Centre81 Steering Group</p>	<p>Staff and volunteers are doing a stellar job on this project. Every week it is getting busier, receiving more referrals and requests for food parcels, lunches and cooked meals.</p> <p>On average each week 50 kids lunches are distributed, 150 ready meals delivered and between 80 and 90 food parcels delivered/collected. The numbers are rising each week.</p>
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<p>Growing Change for Good 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>We have given out over 40 grow bags and raised bed packs in just over 2 months. The project target for 2 years was 30 and we are still receiving requests for them. It's been a great success so far and we have received some fantastic feedback from recipients.</p> <p>The Centre81 Community Garden is blooming, our volunteers have been busy planting lots of different varieties of fruit and vegetables, as well as tidying up, weeding and planting flowers (which were donated by B&Q in Drumchapel).</p> <p>We have collected 18 bikes that have been donated by local residents. So far, 7 of these have been refurbished and given back out. We are contacted daily for bike requests, presumably due to lockdown and the recent increase in the popularity of cycling.</p> <p>The Radnor Park volunteers have been working away at the RP Community Garden, planting etc. and along with the recent sunny weather, which has given everything a real boost, it's really starting to look great.</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<p>Empowering Clydebank This project will aim to deliver the following: Digital awareness, College classes, CSCS courses, Language Café,</p>	<p>NO CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT We submitted our monitoring report (October 2019 to March 2020) to the Scottish Government on 24th April.</p>

	<p>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 ethnic minority support and integration activities.</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>
<p>Sustrans</p>	<p>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path Update from SK</p>	<p></p> <p>[Redacted text block consisting of approximately 18 lines of blacked-out text]</p> <p>The contractor has confirmed that their mobilisation period would be 14 days from receipt of tender acceptance – they also mentioned they priced the works on summer working so the sooner they are on site the better from their perspective. They also noted that in the context of Covid-19, they can work to the contract programme but there may be unknown delivery issues which they are sure they can work around with mutual co-operation.</p> <p>I again confirmed that we are still extremely committed to the project and believe it would have significant benefits to the community in regards to increasing active travel and to those using the canal path.</p>