

## **CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**FROM:** Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 23/09/2020  
**TO:** Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81  
**SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – September 2020**

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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. We hope to re-open soon with a booking system in place for gym users and a controlled door entry system in use at reception in order to manage the NHS Track and Trace, take temperatures etc. We are working hard behind the scenes to ensure all safety measures are put in place before we open to the public. Safety is our top priority and we will be operating within all government social distancing and safety guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our staff, tenants and users. We are currently gathering all users and tenants Risk Assessments for inspection, before any classes or activities can resume.

The Trussell Trust/Northwest Food Bank, in collaboration with Cafe81, continues to operate a food bank from the Centre. This comes to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **1 Projects**

Appendix 1 provides a detailed breakdown of ongoing and proposed projects.

### **2 Community Pot**

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

### **3 Centre81 Steering Group**

The Centre81 Steering Group have been able to continue to provide outdoor activities with primary school age children, and will continue to monitor Government guidance and restrictions to ensure they are providing the most appropriate and accessible services to the young people and their families.

Since reopening outdoor activities, they have continued to engage with around 40 young people each week, and are delighted to have been able to keep up this level over challenging times. This and the open data they are looking at, show the real need in light of COVID-19 of community engagement.

They are in the process of evaluating the success and approach they took over lockdown, and given further restrictions potentially coming, they will use this as basis for activities in the next quarter.

They are currently planning and looking into further funding streams to support the recovery of the local community

## Projects &amp; Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Scottish Government Wellbeing Fund.	<p><b>Wellbeing Fund.</b> 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.</p> <p>This project is being delivered in partnership with Northwest Foodbank, Café81 and the Centre81 Steering Group.</p>	<p>Over the course of the initial 12 week project more than 11,000 ready meals, 1,400 food parcels, 7,400 kids' packed lunches and 1,100 kids activity pack have been distributed to people in need in the local community.</p> <p>Due to the large number of food donations the project received, there was an underspend in the food parcels category and we were given approval from the Scottish Government to extend the project from the 11<sup>th</sup> September until 30<sup>th</sup> September. As well as continuing with food parcels, we were also able to expand the services delivered to include one to one support sessions for children with additional support needs and this was provided by one of our partners, Strathclyde Autistic Society. We were also able to purchase a stock of £25 Farmfoods vouchers for essentials.</p>
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<p><b>Growing Change for Good</b> 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 normally held at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19. However, we have adapted the normal delivery methods and have been able to still deliver a good part of the activities:</p> <p>We have been holding our cooking classes via Zoom (online video/meeting platform), which has been a great success so far. We supplied the participants with the basic ingredients and a recipe card and they joined in with a live cooking class from their own kitchens. The Clydebank Post ran a feature on the classes and our funders, CCF mentioned our sessions on their social media pages.</p> <p>We continue to liaise with our Grow Bag recipients via email and phone, to keep up to date with the progress of their raised beds and the produce grown and also to help with any gardening tips and advice.</p> <p>The Bike Maintenance strand of the project continues to be busy as demand for bicycles increases.</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<p><b>Empowering Clydebank</b> This project will aim to deliver the following: Digital awareness, College classes, CSCS</p>	<p>We will be starting a Horticulture course with West College Scotland on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Should lockdown restrictions tighten, we will try to deliver the class online.</p>

	<p>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 ethnic minority support and integration activities.</p>	<p>ISARO have recently started ESOL (classes via Zoom) and are running 2 classes per week (21 participants, beginner and intermediate) and hoping to add another class due to demand.</p> <p>They have also started Career Advice sessions giving employment advice and help with CV's and a Parent Club (again via Zoom). They have recently held a meeting with some of the young people and will be hoping to run after school activities, such as creative writing, in the coming weeks.</p> <p>We are currently in discussions with all our deliver partners to plan the rest of our classes once the Centre opens, as some changes in times, delivery etc. will be required to be made, in order to adhere to social distancing rules.</p>
Sustrans	<b>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path</b>	<p>The architect is currently working on the detailed design for the planting and sculpture to allow formal approval by Scottish Canals of these and the overall towpath design/specification. It is hoped that approval will be received within the next couple of weeks and thereafter, the work will commence on site. Once on site, the programme is estimated at 12 weeks.</p>
Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK)	<b>Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme</b>	<p>We were awarded £2,000 from The Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme, to help local residents with the cost of repairing their bikes e.g. fixing flat tyres, loose brakes and clunky gears. The coronavirus crisis hit many people hard and this fund has helped people pay for essential bike repairs (£50 per bike). We have currently completed 36 repairs and await parts to complete the remaining 4 bikes to complete this project.</p>