

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 20/10/2020

TO: Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81

SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – October 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. We hope to re-open soon, however our main doors will be locked (with a door entry system in place) all bookings and hires will be by appointment only, this will enable us to safely monitor all visitors service users and gym members, taking temperatures, contact details for NHS Test and Trace etc.

Safety is our top priority and we are 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 classes or activities can resume.

1 Projects

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

2 Community Pot

At the moment, we have c. £4.7k in our Community Pot, which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year. Once lockdown restrictions begin to ease we will start planning activities.

3 Centre81 Steering Group

During the October half term, the Centre81 Steering Group provided packed lunches over the six days, these were distributed to local young people. Approximately 50-60 lunches were provided each day. Activities for young people (primary school age only) were held in the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) over 3 days.

The after-school youth groups are operating outside until the end of October, each Wednesday and Thursday 3:15pm-4:30pm. As the dark nights and colder weather will be with us soon, the group will be reviewing this arrangement on 26th October.

As at 15th October, the Steering Group have delivered 15 outdoor sessions at the Centre81 MUGA for primary aged young people since the beginning of August. They have been very lucky with the weather with only one call off on 27th August. They are currently planning Halloween-themed activities for this week and next.

4 Gym81

We have scheduled a service of all our Gym equipment and once this has been completed, we will carry out a deep clean of the gym area and all equipment and kit. We will then be in a position to be able to re-open the gym (in line, of course with current Scottish Government Covid-19 restrictions). A booking system will be implemented for all gym users, as well as a robust cleaning schedule.

Projects & Funding

| Fund | Project | Update |
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| 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 normally held at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19. However, we have successfully adapted our normal delivery methods to allow us to deliver a good part of the activities. Feedback on the Bike Maintenance service, Garden Grow Bags and the Zoom cooking classes has been fantastic.</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>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 ethnic minority support and integration activities.</p> | <p>Our Horticulture course with West College Scotland started on Friday 2nd October. We have 12 learners on the course. Should lockdown restrictions tighten again, we will aim to deliver the class online.</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 assistance 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-</p> |

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| | | <p>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 re-opens, as some changes in times, delivery etc. will be required to be made, in order to adhere to social distancing rules.</p> |
| Sustrans | Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path | <p>Our architect met virtually with Scottish Canals on 19th October and the response to our proposals was positive. We are therefore hoping to receive permission to proceed by the end of the week. We have alerted the contractor, who has already indicated that works on site will commence around 2 weeks following being given the go-ahead from us.</p> |
| Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK) | Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lockdown project carried out by C81 staff) | <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).</p> <p>We have now fully completed the project with 41 repairs carried out. This project has been a great success and there has been so many lovely comments from customers picking up their bikes. In one example where we couldn't repair a bike, we provided them with a refurbished bike from our CCF project</p> |