

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 19/11/2020
TO: Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81
SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – November 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. Due to the new tighter Tier 4 restrictions coming in to play on Friday, the few classes that recently started back will stop. The Steering Group After School Club and our ICF Friday Youth Club which had only recently started back a few weeks ago, will now cease until restrictions ease. We are hoping that our Horticulture course will be delivered online.

We recently had a video door entry system installed and once restrictions ease again, 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.

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 can start planning activities.

3 Centre81 Steering Group

The Steering Group have continued to provide engagement and activities in the community through outdoor sessions with young people. They have also been delighted that, following submission of an approved risk assessment, to have been able to provide services indoor in a more traditional setting. This was welcomed given the poor weather, and following the correct guidance and safety precautions they were able to offer the services to primary school aged children and have had around 150 young people over six sessions.

Unfortunately given the new restrictions coming into effect on the 20th November, they will be unable to provide any services for the following 3 weeks, however they will monitor the guidance closely and look to engage in any way possible following that. In the meantime they will be planning remote

services. Understanding the wellbeing of the young people has already been severely challenged this year, and the Steering Group are keen to provide support and activities to help, and in the event of any further restrictions to school openings for example, they will be carrying out more proactive support.

4 Gym81

A full service has been carried out on all our Gym equipment as well as a deep clean of the gym. Once restrictions ease, we will be in a position 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
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 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.</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 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. As of next week, the college will aim to deliver this 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-school activities, such as creative writing, in the coming weeks.</p>
Sustrans	<p>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path</p>	<p>Work commenced on the canal path on 9th November. The programme of works</p>

		should last for approx. 14 weeks and is due to be finished mid-February 2021 (see Page 4 for photographs of the progress so far)
Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK)	Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lock-down project carried out by C81 staff)	We have been awarded a further £3000 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 meet the costs of essential bike repairs (£50 per bike).

