

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 17/02/2021

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

SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – Februray 2021

This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects. However, it is a brief overview as the Centre remains closed to the public.

At present, only our Caretaker is in the building for a few hours every morning. He is currently carrying out small paintwork jobs around the centre.

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

Since the New Year, the Steering Group have been providing services online, such as their daily Virtual Youth Group (via Zoom) sessions which helps with homework or school work or just to 'meet' up with friends. They will continue with the online sessions until restrictions ease.

They are also delivering Lockdown Activity Sessions, which are funded by our Communities Recovery Fund project. Activity packs are safely collected and the arts and crafts sessions are delivered online.

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 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)	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>All classes and activities normally held at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19.</p> <p>We have been holding our cooking classes via Zoom (online video/meeting platform). We will be delivering a 4 week block of bread-making classes starting in March.</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>Our Bike Maintenance has re-started (only open to key workers or NHS workers at the moment)</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	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>The next College course 'Allotments' will be delivered online for the first 6 weeks, with the hope that by the time the practical side of the course is due, restrictions will have eased to allow this. This course is due to commence mid-March.</p> <p>ISARO continue to deliver their ESOL classes, Parent club and career advice sessions online.</p> <p>For the last few weeks we have been delivering Yoga classes via Zoom. The classes have proved to be very popular and we have received great feedback so far.</p> <p>Strathclyde Autistic Society have been unable to deliver the Sports & Arts Club, however, we proposed that for the next eight weeks, they deliver one-to-one respite/support sessions for the children and families who would normally attend the club. This was approved by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Many projects have been heavily affected by the COVID19 pandemic, and our ICF project is no exception, consequently there</p>

		is a large underspend for the first year of our project. Approximately two thirds of year one funding will be returned to the Scottish Government.
Sustrans	Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path	Work commenced on the canal path on 9 th November. It is already looking great (see photos attached), and contractors have advised that it should be finished in approximately 3 to 4 weeks.
Communities Recovery Fund (SCVO)	Communities Recovery Fund	We have been successful in securing £40,805 from the Communities Recovery Fund. The project aims to help those most affected by the pandemic and includes a Tablet Lending Library, provision of fuel and food vouchers, Centre81 lunch club (once centre re-opens), food packages for local BAME families, support sessions for Strathclyde Autistic Society service users and the provision of Children's Activity Arts & Crafts packs.
Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK)	Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lockdown project carried out by C81 staff)	We have been awarded a further £3,000 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 meet the costs of essential bike repairs (£50 per bike). We are unable to deliver this at the moment due to lockdown, however will be back on track once restrictions ease.

Canal path progress so far



Light Box and Tree Grille Artwork for the path

