

## **CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**FROM:** Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 21/05/2021  
**TO:** Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81  
**SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – May 2021**

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This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects.

We re-opened Centre81 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Some of our groups have tentatively been returning as restrictions begin to ease.

### **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. As restrictions ease further, we will be having meetings/discussions with all our partners.

### **3 Centre81 Steering Group**

#### **Youth clubs**

The Art club which runs on a Wednesday at Centre81 started back on the 28th of April and is going well. The club is consistently at maximum capacity every week and the group has received feedback from parents stating that their kids have a great time and look forward to the club every week.

The Youth club which runs on a Thursday at Centre81 started back on 29th of April and is also going well, again with maximum numbers. A member of Peters Keepers attended the sessions teaching the young people football and other sport skills. This has proven to be extremely popular with the boys but has also been very good at engaging some of the girls in the sports too.

The group have recently started an I.T. skills and Homework group which runs on a Monday at Centre81. Staff have been helping the young people with homework and teaching computer skills.

#### **Projects**

With their Community Recovery Fund project the group digitally connected families with Fire Tablets. This was to tackle digital exclusion and help young people having a suitable device for home schooling. As part of this project youth workers helped families with 1:1 tuition, this was collaborative piece of work with the local primary schools. In particular with families and young people that were non-engages.

## 4 Gym81

A booking system has been implemented for all gym users, as well as a robust cleaning schedule. Since we opened, the gym has been busy with most slots booked each day.

## Appendix 1

### Projects & Funding

| Fund  | Project   | Update  |
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| Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)                           | <p><b>Growing Change for Good</b><br/>           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>We started back our cookery classes at the Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>The Project Officer has been busy organising volunteers for the garden and getting meetings set up for the Environmental Group.</p> <p>Bike donations and repairs continue to be busy as cycling has become very popular since the start of the pandemic.</p> |
| Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) | <p><b>Empowering Clydebank</b><br/>           This project will aim to deliver the following:<br/>           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>We have contacted all our delivery partners and are in the process of scheduling in/booking our classes and courses.</p>   |
| Sustrans  | <p><b>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path</b></p>   | <p>Work on the canal path is almost complete. The contractor will be on site over the next three weeks erecting a retaining wall. Once complete we will hopefully be able to have an official opening, sometime in June.</p>  |

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| Communities Recovery Fund (SCVO)                 | <b>Communities Recovery Fund</b>  | 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 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) | <b>Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lock-down project carried out by C81 staff)</b> | We were 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. In total <b>100</b> bikes were repaired.   |