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CLYDEBANK RESIDENTS 'BOWLED' OVER BY NEW HOMES

-CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND THE JR GROUP UNVEIL NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES DEVELOPMENT AT JOHN KNOX STREET-

The JR Group, Scotland's leading building and construction firm, has handed over a landmark housing development to Clydebank Housing Association with a ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark its completion.

New resident Barry O'Donnell joined Councillor Gurpreet Johal, Councillor Sophie Traynor and representatives from Clydebank Housing Association and The JR Group at the newly completed development, located on John Knox Street – at the former site of a bowling green at Clydebank Bowling Club – to celebrate the new chapter for the area.

The development which includes grant funding from the Scottish Government and loan funding from CAF Bank includes 18 new flats containing a mix of one and two-bed properties, with two of the flats specifically adapted for wheelchair users.

The creation of the affordable housing development also helped secure the long-term future of Clydebank Bowling Club, which was able to invest in the remaining facilities. During the build process The JR Group and Clydebank Housing Association also continued to support the club as part of their community benefits programme.

Partners including MAST Architects, engineers Cowal Design, development consultants Macdonald & Cameron, NBM cost consultants and energy and sustainability specialists Carbon Futures, as well as Clydebank Housing Association, worked with The JR Group on the project, which has also been given the support of Sportscotland.

Lynette Lees, Chief Executive of Clydebank Housing Association, added, "We are thrilled to be here today and to be delivering these new homes to our residents. Our management committee is committed to increasing its affordable rented housing stock for the benefit of current and future tenants, so it's wonderful to see this project to come to life.

"The JR Group has delivered these homes to an exceptionally high standard and has helped us meet the high demand for social housing in our area. These homes will go some way to meeting our current waiting list demand for affordable rented homes. "This development is in the heart of our area of operation and will be a valued addition to our housing stock."

Gary McGregor, Managing Director for The JR Group, said, "It is great to be able to hand over this project to Clydebank Housing Association today. It has been fantastic to progress this site and we are incredibly proud of the results, creating warm, energy-efficient homes, fit for the future.

"Not only will the flats be a great addition to the West Dunbartonshire area, but by carrying out the project we've been able to support Clydebank Bowling Club, which is a trusted and important part of the local community. We wish all the new residents a very warm welcome to their new homes."

Founded in Govan in 1995, and now based in Paisley, The JR Group started as a scaffolding business and has grown to become one of Scotland's largest building and construction firms – employing around 200 staff. The JR Group has a proven track record of delivering outstanding projects for leading UK housebuilders, registered social landlords and private clients across Scotland and the North of England.

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