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Radnor Community Garden Go Ahead!

Work begins on Clydebank Housing Association's (CHA) new community garden in Radnor Park.

Planning permission has been received for the change of use of vacant, grassed land in Radnor Park to be transformed into a fantastic community growing space.

In April 2017, CHA was successful in securing funding from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) for their Community Gardening and Cycling Project.

The project will expand CHA's community growing project already in place at Centre81, Whitecreek, to Radnor Park by creating its own community garden as well as including a cycling aspect to promote wellbeing and sustainable transport. The funding allowed CHA to bring on board 2 staff members to manage the project, a Green Project Officer, Andy McCann, and Community Gardener, Donald Campbell.

Sharon Keenan, Chief Executive of CHA, said, "Of course all of this will not just benefit our Radnor Park residents by providing a community growing space for them to get actively involved in but it will also go some way to address climate change by reducing carbon emissions in the process.

We have already received interest from some of our Radnor Park residents to get involved and we hope that this will increase and extend to other members of the community, the local schools and nursery groups as the project gets up and running."

If you are interested in volunteering to establish and/or maintain the garden, please contact Andy McCann or Donald Campbell on 0141 533 7070 or communitygarden@clydebank-ha.org.uk

Photocall: We could arrange a photo on site with our staff if so wished. Otherwise, please find enclosed photos as follows:

1) Andy and Donald



2) Garden logo



3) Vacant land to be used



Notes to Editor:

Background on Clydebank Housing Association...

As at 31 March 2017, our housing stock totalled 1,122 units including 47 Shared Ownership units. In terms of size, we are currently the largest of eight, community based Housing Associations in West Dunbartonshire and we employ 29 permanent and 4 temporary members of staff (FTE 29). We factor over 600 properties. We are run by a Management Committee made up of mainly local volunteers. We are low engagement from the Scottish Housing Regulator (March 2017). We own and manage Centre81 and have a wholly-owned subsidiary, CHA Power Ltd.

The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) is a Scottish Government grant programme, managed and administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful. The CCF provides funding and support for community groups to help tackle climate change by running projects that reduce local carbon emissions. 622 communities across Scotland have benefitted from CCF grants totalling £85.8 million.



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