## Press Release



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## A celebration of a unique community

Clydebank Housing Association (CHA) held a wonderful celebration dinner to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Radnor Park multi storeys. The event, on Thursday 23 May in the Radnor Park Hotel, was a chance to celebrate their unique, thriving community of 392 two-bedroom homes spread over 7 blocks.

Many original tenants are still resident in the blocks and some were able to attend on the evening. A gift was presented to the original tenants of the first block constructed, Cowal View and Tom Winter, Chairperson of CHA's Management Committee, gave a short speech about his memories as an original tenant before all 60 guests enjoyed sixties style celebrations.

[Mr & Mrs] Molly & Michael McGinley of Castle View thoroughly enjoyed the sixties theme – with Molly dressing in a hippie fashion [pictured far right in a photo below]. Mr McGinley said, "It's been a wonderful night. Best we've had in a while. Thanks to Clydebank Housing Association for the lovely spread and the 60's disco".

Mr & Mrs Deas [pictured to the left in the photo to the left below] were original tenants who were presented with a gift. Mrs Deas said, "We're still delighted with our flat 50 years on. We kept visiting to check on their progress as they were being built, as we were so excited we had been allocated one. It's unbelievable that 50 years have passed. It's been wonderful of the Association to have held this celebration event".

Several of our approved contractors, working in Radnor Park, supported this event – some of whom have fond memories of visiting the blocks when they were younger. Our sincere thanks to eti Scotland Limited, Bell Group, GOC Engineering and Lift Maintenance Limited for all their kind donations.









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**Notes to Editor:** 9 original tenants remaining in the first of the 7 blocks constructed, Cowal View. Rent for these two bedroom properties then, in 1963, was two pounds, fourteen shillings and twopence a fortnight! Rent at the moment is £245.10 per month (equivalent to £113.12 per fortnight).

The 392 flats enjoy a very high standard of maintenance, with state of the art communal laundry facilities, a £1.4m lift replacement programme completed in 2010 and UPVC windows and new bathrooms programmed in the next few years. They also enjoy the attention of 3 on-site caretakers and have an active residents group.

As you may be aware, Radnor Park has received a lot of local, national and worldwide media attention in the last 8 years due to the construction of its Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant. The plant provides heat and hot water to each of the two bedroom flats for just £44.56 a month (including VAT) and of course, the electric car hire scheme which we provided for our customers, run from the electricity produced at the CHP plant, which just ceased recently.