

## **CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**FROM:** Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 18/08/2020

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

**SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – August 2020**

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

In line with current government lockdown guidance, Centre81 is currently closed to the public. At the moment, we have one caretaker on duty from 8am until 4pm each day.

We are following Scottish Government guidance closely regarding the re-opening of the Centre. We recently instructed a specialist company, ACS to carry out a comprehensive Covid19 Risk Assessment, to ensure Centre81 is safe and to support our staff, tenants and user groups.

We have also been implementing new cleaning procedures and carrying out deep cleans throughout the centre, to prepare for opening.

The Trussell Trust, in collaboration with Cafe81, continues to operate a Foodbank from the Centre.

### **1 Projects**

Appendix I provides a detailed breakdown of ongoing and proposed projects.

### **4 Community Pot**

We currently have c. £4.7k in our Community Pot, which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year.

### **2 Centre81 Steering Group**

The Centre81 Steering Group have continued to support community activities within Centre81 and Whitecrook area over the summer through the following work:

- Kids activity packs, part funded by CHA's Wellbeing Project.
- Food deliveries from Cafe81 as part of the Welbeing Project
- Community shopping, prescription pick-ups, dog walking, befriending service, food bank deliveries

Following the end of summer holidays and the end of the remote activity packs and online tutorials, the Steering Group have begun providing outdoor, socially distanced activities, with the Thursday after school club taking place again.

The Group has also continued to connect with their committee members, partner organisations and service users through electronic reports and social media updates.

They will continue to open up services as Covid19 restrictions continue to ease, and will continue to look for options to offer more activities and services in the local area.

## Projects &amp; Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Scottish Government Wellbeing Fund.	<b>Wellbeing Fund.</b> We have been awarded £52,900 to deliver food parcels, cooked meals, children's packed lunches, food for BME residents and also on-line activity tutorials for children. The project will be delivered in partnership with Café81 and the Centre81 Steering Group	<p>The staff and volunteers have really done an amazing job on this project. Over the 12 week project more than 11,000 ready meals, 1,295 food parcels, 7,400 kids' packed lunches and 1,100 kids activity pack were distributed to people in need in the local community.</p> <p>The project ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Due to the large number of food donations the project received, there is an underspend on the budget. We have been given approval from the Scottish Government to extend the project by 4/6 weeks and possibly extend the services in order to use the underspend. We will be meeting over the next few days agree a plan to use up the budget</p>
Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme	<p>We have been awarded £2,000 for The Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme, to help local residents with the cost of repairing their bikes e.g. fix flat tyres, loose brakes and clunky gears to get folk pedalling again.</p> <p>The coronavirus crisis has hit many people hard and this fund will help people pay for essential bike repairs (£50 per bike).</p>	<p>We advertised The Cycle Repair Scheme and have been inundated with over 70 requests. Our bike mechanic is currently working through the mountain of repairs!</p>
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<b>Growing Change for Good</b> 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	<p>All classes and activities at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19.</p> <p>We held our first cooking class via Zoom (online video/meeting platform), which was a great success. We supplied the participants with the basic ingredients and a recipe card and they joined in with a live cooking class from their own kitchens.</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>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>The Bike Maintenance strand of the project continues to be busy as demand for bicycles increases.</p> <p>The Radnor Park volunteers have been busy harvesting fruit and vegetables from the raised beds in the community garden. The site there has really been utilised and it's great to see so many people getting involved in the garden.</p>
<p>Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)</p>	<p><b>Empowering Clydebank</b> 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>	<p>We have received 6 months advance funding (up to 30.09.20)</p> <p>Course proposals for all classes were sent to West College Scotland, and we have a Horticulture Course due to start at the end of September (subject to Scottish Government guidance on re-opening).</p> <p>ISARO have recently started ESOL (classes via Zoom) and are running 2 classes per week (21 participants, beginner and intermediate) and hoping to add another class due to demand.</p> <p>They have also started Career Advice sessions giving employment advice and help with CV's and a Parent Club (again via Zoom). They have recently held a meeting with some of the young people and will be hoping to run after school activities, such as creative writing, in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The rest of the project is currently on hold, however we will endeavour to catch up with the project once things return to normal.</p>
<p>Sustrans</p>	<p><b>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path Update from SK</b></p>	<p>As previously reported, we have now successfully secured [REDACTED] required for this project to progress. We have held our first design team meeting with the contractor and await the programme of works and information required for Scottish Canals to finalise the lease of the canal path.</p>