

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of meeting of 25th June 2021, by video conference.

Present: Alison Thewliss MP - Chair
Ian Manson, Chief Executive
Councillor Laura Doherty, Glasgow City Council
Councillor Carol Nugent, South Lanarkshire Council
Robert McLeary, South Lanarkshire Community Representative
Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Business Representative
Rosie Robertson, Glasgow Community Representative
Jim Watson, Scottish Enterprise

In attendance: Alison Brown, Clyde Gateway
Michael Kerr, Scottish Government
Lesley-Ann Logan, Clyde Gateway
Barry Macintyre, Clyde Gateway
Martin McKay, Clyde Gateway
Ken Meek, Clyde Gateway
Andrew Murphy, Office of Alison Thewliss MP
Donna Brand (Minutes)

1. **Welcome, introductions, apologies and any declarations of interest.**

Alison Thewliss MP welcomed everyone to the meeting,

Apologies were noted from Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Greg Hepburn and Allan McQuade. There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.**

The minutes of the previous Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 30th April 2021 were submitted and approved.

3. **Chair's Report.**

The Chair advised that the meeting in August would be the last one that Allan McQuade would be attending prior to his retirement from Scottish Enterprise and there would be the opportunity at that meeting to thank him for his contributions to Clyde Gateway.

4. **Chief Executive's Report.**

Ian Manson advised that:

- (1) Following the announcement in May of closure plans for the McVitie's Tollcross biscuit factory, Clyde Gateway had been invited by the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council to join the Pladis Action Group. It was of huge concern that the East End faced another significant loss of jobs and a further erosion of its manufacturing base and it was worth noting that the future of the Clydebridge plant, now owned by Liberty Steel, was once again uncertain.
- (2) The UK Government's Levelling-Up Fund Round 1 bid process has been completed by both Councils and had once again highlighted available 'ready to go' projects and Clyde Gateway's ability to provide its two local authority Members with options for projects which met the Round 1 guidelines. It had also resulted in Shawfield decontamination being identified as an option for submission to Round 2 of the fund this autumn.

- (3) Clyde Gateway continued to develop investment-ready proposals, promoted this internationally and had responded recently to an invitation from the UK Government to meet investors at a planned Global Investment Summit in October of this year.
- (4) Clyde Gateway has become a member of the Clyde Mission Strategy Group. This group's first meeting took place this week and Clyde Gateway has accepted the invitation to become the Mission Lead for 'Place and Communities – using the river to create a better place for people and communities'.
- (5) Significant and welcome additional funding of £1.3m had been secured from Glasgow City Council for the social programmes and a full approval paper would be submitted to the next Board meeting when detailed plans had been developed.
- (6) Finally, despite being out of our office since last March Clyde Gateway continued, through the remarkable efforts of all staff and Board members, to sustain operations and secure the programmes necessary for the future. It was therefore appropriate once again to thank everyone for their hard work and input.

5. Business.

For approval

5.1 Cuningar Loop Woodland Park – Art Installation CG21(JUN)01

Martin McKay presented a report seeking to progress delivery of a proposed new sculpture at Cuningar Loop with a series of key partners in advance of Glasgow hosting the COP26 summit.

Martin provided some background information to the project, following the information paper which had been presented to the Board in April 2021 outlining proposals for a new permanent art installation at Cuningar Loop Woodland Park and directly relating to wider UN Climate Change Conference for Parties (COP26) activities planned for Glasgow in November 2021, and the progress which had been made since.

Martin outlined the key aspects of the proposal for the permanent 'Hope' Sculpture and provided an image of the sculpture in appendix A to the report.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved a maximum financial contribution of up to £50,000 towards the estimated total project cost of £678,000 including irrecoverable VAT;
- (2) agreed that Clyde Gateway URC act as client for delivery of the project;
- (3) delegated authority to the Chief Executive to enter into a construction contract with Robertson Construction Group, currently engaged by the sculptor, subject to a fully agreed funding package with the key partners and consent from Forest and Land Scotland who leased the planned site from Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

5.2 Risk Register CG21(JUN)02

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report on the most recent Risk Register, a working document regularly reviewed for relevance by Clyde Gateway's Management Group and by the Audit & Evaluation Committee.

Following discussion about the number of risks on the register it was agreed staff would review these to see if they remained relevant.

The Board then approved the updated Risk Register as set out in the Appendix.

For information

5.3 Funding Bid Submissions CG21(JUN)03

Martin McKay presented a report providing an overview of funding bids which had recently been submitted to 3 separate funding programmes.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.4 Capital Programme Update – CG21(JUN)04

Alison Brown provided a further update of the Capital Programme and of projects at the pre-development stage.

Alison advised that there were several projects which had been completed in 2020/21 and provided further information on projects which were still on site.

Martin McKay provided a progress report on the joint project with KeepMoat Homes Limited in Dalmarnock particularly with regards connection to Clyde Gateway's district heating system,

Thereafter Board noted the report.

5.5 Finance Report – Period Ended 31st May 2021 CG21(JUN)05

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 31st May 2021.

After consideration, the Board noted the report

5.6 CGDL Board Meeting of 30th April and 26th May CG21(JUN)06

The Board noted the agenda and the approved minute of the Clyde Gateway Development Limited Board meeting of 30th April 2021, and the agenda and draft minute of its meeting of 26th May 2021.

5.7 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Meeting of 11th June 2021 CG21(JUN)07

The Board noted the agenda of the Audit & Evaluation Committee of 11th June 2021 and the approved minute from the previous meeting of 12th February 2021.

6 Any other business.

Jim Watson made positive reference to the many projects coming to fruition despite the ongoing pandemic and congratulated staff on this achievement.

7 Date, time and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 27th August 2021 at 2.30pm via Microsoft Teams.