

## MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

### Minutes of Meeting of 29 October 2021, by video conference

**Present:** Alison Thewliss MP – Chair  
Ian Manson, Chief Executive  
Councillor Greg Hepburn, Glasgow City Council  
Councillor John Anderson, South Lanarkshire Council  
Councillor Carol Nugent, South Lanarkshire Council  
Gillian Adam, Scottish Enterprise  
Robert McLeary, South Lanarkshire Community Representative

**In attendance:** Fiona Brittle, Scottish Government  
Alison Brown, Clyde Gateway  
Pauline Elliott, South Lanarkshire Council  
Clare Ferry, Clyde Gateway  
Michael Gray, Glasgow City Council  
John Jackson, Clyde Gateway  
Lesley-Ann Logan, Clyde Gateway  
Martin McKay, Clyde Gateway  
Michelle Mundie, Glasgow City Council  
Angela Rowley, Clyde Gateway  
Niki Spence, Clyde Gateway  
Donna Brand (Minutes)

#### 1. Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

Alison Thewliss MP welcomed everyone to the meeting, and apologies were noted from Jim Watson.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting approved

The minutes of the previous joint Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited held on 27 August 2021 were submitted and approved.

#### 3. Chair's Report

Alison Thewliss MP commented on the various site visits which had recently been organised for Board members and officers, which allowed all involved to meet in person and see the progress which had been made on the various projects.

Alison advised that she had met with Councillor John Ross, leader of South Lanarkshire Council regarding the contamination issues at Shawfield, and that all options would be explored to complete the remedial works.

In relation to COP26, Alison further advised that there would be more on this in Ian Manson's update but that it was rewarding to see Clyde Gateway's achievements being mentioned in press articles.

#### 4. Chief Executive's Report

Ian Manson advised that:

1. The Pladis Action Group remains focused on the counter-proposal made to the company, which would enable it to continue operations in modern premises in Glasgow. Whilst not yet conceding the position, the Group has requested proposals which would assist the local economy to recover in the event of closure, and Clyde Gateway has been able to draw from its extensive and active list of shovel-ready-projects and put initial proposals forward for discussion by the Group.
2. The hosting of COP26 has inevitably drawn media attention once again to Shawfield contamination and Clyde Gateway continues to provide updates on its progress on request. COP26 will be a busy time for the team, with invitations accepted from fringe events to speak and also many opportunities to learn and to meet key figures and companies.
3. COP26 also presents opportunities to attract investment and Clyde Gateway continues to feature in Scotland's Green Investment Portfolio and Glasgow's recently announced Green Print, which sets out the city's green investment opportunities. The green theme has also dominated inward investment efforts at UK level with attendance at the recent London Real Estate event alongside the Scottish Cities Alliance and, last week, the launch by the UK Government of its UK Investment Atlas, prominently featuring Clyde Gateway as one of 50 UK projects and noted for 'integrating real estate and climate resilience in a 20-minute neighbourhood'.
4. The funding bidding process has been particularly intense in recent months. £750,000 has been secured from the new low carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme (VDLIP) which opened with an accelerated process requiring funds to be legally committed this financial year.
5. The team has been able to continue operations mainly from home, as the advice is to continue to do so if possible. Visits to the office and area have been encouraged, however, and a move to spend one day each week in the office will commence soon.

## **5. For approval**

### **5.1 Funded Operating Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26 CG21(OCT)01**

Lesley- Ann Logan sought approval of the latest version of the Funded Operating Plan following a re-forecasting exercise at the midway point of the current 2021/22 financial year.

After consideration, the Board approved the latest version of the rolling Funded Operating Plan spanning the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years and noted its basis of preparation.

### **5.2 Increasing Economic Activity – Jobs in Health Project CG21(OCT)02**

Clare Ferry presented a report seeking approval for the 'Jobs in Health' project, in collaboration with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), to develop a sustainable pathway to high quality health sector jobs for local residents.

Clare provided background information relating to the establishment of Clyde Gateway's partnership with NHSGGC, with the aim of supporting local residents into health sector jobs. Clare outlined the work that had been done so far, and the successful achievements resulting from collaborative working, as well as the objectives of the Jobs in Health project which would build upon the existing partnership and work undertaken with NHSGGC and partners.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved an expansion to the existing strategic partnership with NHSGGC through an initial 2 year budget totalling £140,000 for the 'Jobs in Health' project which would significantly increase targeted employability activity for local residents within the Clyde Gateway; and
- (2) noted that it was anticipated that the budget for this intervention would be applied across 2022/23 and 2023/24, creating a new post which would be embedded within NHSGGC Workforce Employability team and work across Clyde Gateway's communities to increase awareness and develop pathways to quality employment opportunities with NHSGGC.

### 5.3 Risk Register CG21(OCT)03

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.

After consideration, the Board approved the updated Risk Register as set out in the Appendix.

#### **For information**

### 5.4 Funding Bid Submissions CG21(OCT)04

Alison Brown 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.

### 5.5 Increasing Economic Activity – Business Support and Engagement CG21(OCT)05

Clare Ferry presented a report providing an update on business support and engagement taking place across Clyde Gateway during the pandemic, and highlighting additional support interventions and events for the local business community and how partnership agencies pivoted to support businesses during the crisis.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

### 5.6 Inward Investment – Property Enquiries CG21(OCT)06

John Jackson provided a report providing a 6-monthly review of a range of inward investment and property enquiries within the Clyde Gateway area up to the end of September 2021, and highlighted the associated marketing activities aimed at improving the performance of the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Investment and Residual Property Portfolio by achieving property lets.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

### 5.7 Capital Programme – Update CG21(OCT)07

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 2021/22 and provided further information on projects which were still on site.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.8 Finance Report – Period Ended 30 September 2021 CG21(OCT)08

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 30 September 2021.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.9 Delegate Authority Approvals – 6 months to 30 September 2021 CG21(OCT)09

The Board noted the project budget allocations approved under delegated authority for the six months from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.

5.10 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Board – Meeting of 27 August 2021 and Approval by Written Procedure During September 2021 CG21(OCT)10

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of the CG Developments Limited Board meeting of 27 August 2021 and the written procedure which had been communicated to Board members for the approval of NBD Shawfield Phase 1 – Riverbank Stabilisation Works for a cumulative project budget of £3,803,762 which included previous budget approvals of £240,043 and to appoint Barhale Construction PLC as main works contractor.

5.11 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Meeting of 15 October 2021 CG21(OCT)11

The Board noted the agenda of the Audit & Evaluation Committee of 15 October 2021, and the approved minutes of the previous meeting of 13 August 2021.

5.12 Board Meeting Dates – 2022 CG21(OCT)12

The Board noted the 2022 meeting dates but that consideration would be given to rescheduling the meeting of 29 April 2022 due to local Government elections in early May.

**6. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on Friday 17 December 2021 at 2:30 pm by video conference.

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