

## MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

### Minutes of meeting of 30th April 2021, by video conference.

**Present:** Alison Thewliss MP - Chair  
Ian Manson, Chief Executive  
Councillor John Anderson, South Lanarkshire Council  
Councillor Greg Hepburn, Glasgow City Council  
Councillor Carol Nugent, South Lanarkshire Council  
Robert McLeary, South Lanarkshire Community Representative  
Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Business Representative  
Jim Watson, Scottish Enterprise

**Apologies** Allan McQuade, Scottish Enterprise  
Rosie Robertson, Glasgow Community Representative

**In attendance:** Alison Brown, Clyde Gateway  
Pauline Elliot, South Lanarkshire Council  
Patrick Flynn, Glasgow City Council  
Billy Love, Scottish Government  
Barry Macintyre, Clyde Gateway  
Martin McKay, Clyde Gateway  
Andrew Murphy, Office of Alison Thewliss MP  
Angela Rowley, Clyde Gateway  
Donna Brand (Minutes)

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

Alison Thewliss MP welcomed everyone to the meeting,

Apologies were noted from Allan McQuade and Rosie Robertson.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes of the previous Board meetings of Clyde Gateway URC held on 26th February 2021 and 17th March 2021 were submitted and approved.

#### 3. Chair's Report

The Chair advised that a major part of the meeting's Agenda is the Funded Operating Plan and very much welcomed the opportunity to begin the process of planning over a five year horizon, assisted by the Scottish Government's capital commitment over the same period.

Alison was also pleased that the Plan included the anticipated revenue sources necessary for Clyde Gateway to maintain its operational capacity and therefore provide as much certainty as possible in the current challenging circumstances to its experienced and committed staff.

In the last few weeks, Ian and Alison had met and discussed Clyde Gateway with Iain Stewart MP, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, who had some local knowledge of the area and felt that Clyde Gateway was in a good position to secure some of the new UK Government funds.

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

Ian Manson advised, that whilst Shawfield contamination is once again featuring in the media Clyde Gateway continued to press the case for long-term funding commitments to match its remediation completion plan.

The year-end period had been one of the most challenging yet, but for good reason, with significant levels of funding secured and drawn down against the commitments entered into. Once again Clyde Gateway had been able to accelerate implementation to meet funders' delivery objectives and their detailed grant requirements.

A priority over the coming weeks would be meeting the submission deadlines for various new emerging funding sources. The UK Levelling-Up fund is highly relevant to Clyde Gateway's aims and involves a local authority led bidding process with a June submission date for a commitment in this financial year.

Ian added that the Scottish Government's new Low Carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Fund is equally relevant and can be applied for directly but has a deadline of the following week and also seeks spend commitments this year.

An update leaflet on Clyde Gateway's most recent activities has been widely circulated on social media and also, prior to the election period, passed to key political figures. A number of them had clearly supported Clyde Gateway's efforts in the past but are standing down at the election. The opportunity was taken to thank them for their support.

#### **5. Business**

##### **For approval**

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

Barry Macintyre sought approval of the latest version of the rolling Funded Operating Plan, which now spanned the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years, and began the process of allocating the Scottish Government's 5-year capital funding commitment to Clyde Gateway.

Following discussion he was asked to incorporate in later years forecast gift aid payments from Clyde Gateway Developments Limited to Clyde Gateway URC. Barry undertook to do this and the Board then 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 Risk Register CG21(APR)02**

Barry Macintyre 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**

##### **5.3 Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Programme Review CG21(APR)03**

Alison Brown presented a report providing a review of previous Clyde Gateway bids to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and seeking to identify emerging themes of successful projects from the 2020/21 programme, as well as highlighting recent announcements regarding potential new funding sources.

After discussion, the Board noted the report.

5.4 Integrated Energy Strategy: UK Geoenergy Observatories Phase 2 CG21(APR)04

Martin McKay presented a report updating the Board with progress on the UK Geoenergy Observatories (UKGEOS) project at Cuningar Loop.

Martin provided background information in relation to Phase 1 of the project as well as a description of the next phase, and that a planning application for Phase 2 activities had been approved in December 2020. Martin also advised that the outcome of the bid led by University of Strathclyde to carry out further research and deliver substantive geothermal projects which included the Clyde Gateway area based on the UKGEOS activity to date should be known by the end of April 2021.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.5 Cuningar Loop Woodland Park – Art Installation CG21(APR)05

Martin McKay presented a report advising of ongoing proposals for a significant and permanent art installation in Cuningar Loop Woodland Park as part of a wider initiative based around the COP26 summit being hosted in Glasgow in November 2021. Board approval would be sought in June 2021 once the partners had completed technical, contractual and legal due diligence.

Martin provided background information in relation to the development of the proposal which was now at a stage where planning permission could be sought and further development undertaken to complete technical and agree delivery with Clyde Gateway and Forestry Land Scotland including long term ownership and maintenance.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.6 Landressy Street Remedial Works CG21(APR)06

Alison Brown presented a report advising of proposed works to resurface the carriageway and pavements on Landressy Street following completion of the Bridgeton Civic Hub Building for the Scottish Trades Union Congress at a cost of £90,892 (including irrecoverable VAT) which would be awarded by the Chief Executive under Delegated Authority.

Alison also confirmed that Glasgow City Council was making a financial contribution of £25,726 (including irrecoverable VAT) towards the cost of the works.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.7 Capital Programme – Update CG21(APR)07

Alison Brown provided a further update of the Capital Programme particularly in respect of COVID-19 and also provided an update 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.

After consideration, the Board noted the report

5.8 Finance Report – Period Ended 31 March 2021 CG21(APR)06

Barry Macintyre presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited for the year to 31 March 2021.

After consideration, the Board noted the report

5.9 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited - Board Meeting of 26 February CG21(APR)06

The Board noted the Agenda and draft minute of the Clyde Gateway Development Limited Board meeting of 26 February 2021.

5.10 Nominations and Remuneration Committee - Meeting of 5 March 2021 CG21(APR)10

The Board noted an update by Barry Macintyre of the meeting of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee (NRC) held on 5 March 2021. The main agenda items had been the 2021/22 pay award and the outcome of the second voluntary redundancy exercise.

5.11 Delegated Authority Approvals – 6 months to 31 March 2021 CG21(APR)11

The Board noted the project budget allocations approved under delegated authority for the six months from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021

**6 Any other business.**

Barry Macintyre mentioned that a small number of annual returns for the Register of Directors' Interests were outstanding and asked that these be submitted as soon as possible.

Ian Manson thanked Alison Thewliss MP for continuing to Chair the Board meetings under such challenging circumstances and also expressed his gratitude to the Board and the staff for their continuing hard work,

Ian also congratulated Patrick Flynn of Glasgow City Council on his recent promotion to Director of City Development. In response Patrick reaffirmed his commitment to Clyde Gateway and undertook to bring a report on housing to a future Board meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 25 June 2021 at 1.00pm via Microsoft Teams.

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