

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of meeting of 25 February 2022, by video conference.

Present: Gillian Adam (Scottish Enterprise)
Councillor John Anderson (South Lanarkshire Council)
Councillor Laura Doherty (Glasgow City Council)
Ian Manson (Chief Executive)
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council),
Councillor Carol Nugent (South Lanarkshire Council)
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

In attendance: Alison Brown (Clyde Gateway)
Claire Ferguson (Clyde Gateway)
Michael Gray (Glasgow City Council)
Lesley-Ann Logan (Clyde Gateway)
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)
Martin McKay (Clyde Gateway)
Ken Meek (South Lanarkshire Council)
Michelle Mundie (Glasgow City Council)
Angela Rowley (Clyde Gateway)
Nicki 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 Councillor Greg Hepburn, Councillor Carol Nugent and Jim Watson.

There were declarations of interest from Councillor John Anderson and Rosie Robertson in respect of item 5.2 – Business and Community Growth Programme 2022/23.

2. Minutes of previous meeting approved

The minutes of the previous Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 17 December 2021 were submitted and approved.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair remarked on this further difficult phase of the pandemic, thanked everyone for continuing to make progress on Clyde Gateway's task, and hoped that it would be possible to meet in person soon.

In advance of the local elections in May, the Chair wished all elected members on the Board the best of luck and thanked them for the contribution they had made to Clyde Gateway's work.

The Chair concluded by reporting that Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth would be making his first visit to the CG area on 1 March and would meet members of the Community Committee as well as take a short walkabout in the area.

4. Chief Executive's Report

Ian advised the asset sale of the Albus and 1RL office buildings at the end of last year had demonstrated once again that the area was more than capable of hosting modern jobs and growing businesses and that it was entirely possible to take long-term vacant and derelict sites and create vibrant business locations and secure long-term private security investment. This was further evidence that Clyde Gateway's investment of the funding trusted to it was well-considered and it augers well for the many more sites and developments to come.

Ian also welcomed the commitment from Glasgow City Council in its budget, to continue its core capital contribution of £800k per annum for a further 3 years. This long-term commitment sat well with the Scottish Government's 5-year support and hopefully supported the case for other members to find ways of providing as much core financial certainty for Clyde Gateway as possible, to enable it to continue to lever-in significant public and private sector funding.

Clyde Gateway continued to make the case for Shawfield completion at the same time as progressing, as best it could, the immediate plans. The demolition of the Arnold Clark building was well underway and a visible demonstration of Clyde Gateway's commitment. The Scottish Government had now reported twice in recent months on the impact the site was having through the wide spread of contaminants into the local and wider marine environment. Efforts were therefore focused on ensuring this information was included and considered as part of the case made to resource and complete the intervention over a reasonable timescale.

The opportunity set out for this Board last year and built on the installation of the district heating system by constructing an extended system within Shawfield Phase 1 had been considered by the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited. This time the system would utilise only renewable sources, including from the Scottish Water Waste Treatment works, and had attracted considerable EU funds. This would be the third scheme built within the Clyde Gateway area and lent support to its GRID ambitions and attracting future green businesses and jobs to a net zero location.

5. For approval

5.1 Funded Operating Plan 2022/23-2025/26 CG22(FEB)01

Barry Macintyre sought approval of the latest version of the rolling Funded Operating Plan which now spanned the 2022/23 to 2025/26 financial years and marked the start of an evolving process for allocating the Scottish Government's 5-year capital funding commitment.

After consideration, the Board approved the latest version of the rolling Funded Operating Plan spanning the 2022/23 to 2025/26 financial years and noted its basis of preparation.

5.2 Business and Community Growth Programme CG22(FEB)02

Niki Spence provided an overview of the Business and Community Growth (B&CG) programme with some key statistics and recent experience from within the community that had helped shape the proposed programme of activity for 2022/23, and sought approval for the associated budget.

The report outlined the themes across which CGURC's B&CG interventions were delivered and highlighted the key issues, challenges and opportunities and emphasised the impact of, and recovery from, COVID-19. The proposed projects for 2022/23 were listed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved £567,000 of expenditure, including any irrecoverable VAT, to continue the B&CG programme during 2022/23 (£594,500 in 2021/22), which included granting delegated authority to the Chief Executive to determine the allocation of £227,000 of approved funds to organisations or services which would be identified as individual programmes are further developed; and
- (2) noted
 - (a) a further £1.113m of funding either previously approved for spend in 2022/23 or carried forward from 2021/22 would be added to this, bringing the total allocation £1.680m, compared to £872,500 in 2021/22;
 - (b) the significant increase included £760,000 grant contribution from Glasgow City Council (GCC) against the Supporting Families projects approved in August 2021 (CG21(AUG)14 and CG21(AUG)15);
 - (c) £353,000 of approved project activity would carry forward and be applied to B&CG interventions;
 - (d) the proposed projects and budget allocation details are contained in Appendix 1; and
 - (e) that this paper had been endorsed by the Community Committee at its most recent meeting on 16 February 2022.

5.3 Clyde Gateway Bus – Contract Extension CG22(FEB)03

With reference to the minutes of 27 August 2021 (CG21(AUG)16) when the Board approved the extension of the bus service with the current service provider, JMB Travel Limited, for a period of 6 months to 5 March 2022, Claire Ferguson presented a report seeking approval to extend the service for a further 12 months whilst alternative funding was sought, and advised that due to major works to the Argyle Line, ScotRail was seeking to utilise the Clyde Gateway Bus to provide alternative travel provision for the duration of the works, and that all costs would be borne by ScotRail.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved the extension of the Clyde Gateway Bus Service (CGBS) with the current service provider, JMB Travel Limited (JMB), for a further 12 months to 5 March 2023 at a cost of £106,028 (zero rated VAT) increasing the total project expenditure for the service to date to £595,388; and
- (2) noted the requirement of the CGBS to assist ScotRail with customer travel in and around Carmyle, Rutherglen, Dalmarnock and Bridgeton due to major improvement works on the Argyle Line between Carmyle and the Exhibition Centre, scheduled from March to May 2022, and the costs of which would be met by ScotRail.

5.4 Community Committee Meeting 16th February 2022 CG22(FEB)04

Niki Spence presented a report seeking approval for the change in Terms of Reference for the Community Committee, which had been presented and approved at its meeting of 16th February 2022.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) approved the Terms of Reference for the Community Committee.

5.5 Risk Register CG22(FEB)05

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

5.6 Funding Bids – Update CG22(FEB)06

Alison Brown presented a report providing an overview of funding bids which had recently been submitted to three separate funding programmes.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.7 Capital Programme CG22(FEB)07

Alison Brown provided an update of the Capital Programme and of projects at the pre-development stage. She 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 31 January 2022 CG22(FEB)13

The Board noted the financial report by Barry Macintyre on the consolidated performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 31 January 2022.

5.9 Health & Safety Committee – Meetings of 7 September and 7 December 2021 CG22(FEB)14

The Boards noted that two meetings of the Health & Safety Committee had been held during 2021 on 7 September and 7 December and that the minutes of both meetings were available on request.

5.10 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Board – Meeting of 17 December 2022 CG22(FEB)10

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited's Board meeting of 17 December 2021, and a verbal update of its meeting of 25 February 2022.

5.11 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Meeting of 11 February 2022 CG22(FEB)15

The Board noted the agenda of the Audit & Evaluation Committee of 11 February 2022 and the approved minutes of the previous meeting of 15th October 2021.

6. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on Friday, 22nd April at 2.30pm by video conference.
