

## **MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC**

### **Minutes of Meeting of 26 August 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Robert Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Councillor Margaret Cowie (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council) – via telecom  
Ian Manson (Chief Executive)  
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)  
Councillor Cecilia O’Lone (Glasgow City Council)  
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)  
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)  
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

**Apology:** Gillian Adam (Scottish Enterprise)  
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)

**In attendance:** Alison Brown (Clyde Gateway)  
Lesley-Ann Logan (Clyde Gateway)  
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)  
Martin McKay (Clyde Gateway)  
Ken Meek (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Bernadette Pollock (Clyde Gateway)  
Angela Rowley (Clyde Gateway)  
Nicki Spence (Clyde Gateway)  
Donna Brand (Minutes)

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

The Chair, Alison Thewliss MP, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Gillian Adam and Rosie Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting approved**

The Minutes of the previous Board Meetings of Clyde Gateway URC held on 25 February and 24 June 2022 were submitted and approved.

#### **3. Chair’s Report**

The Chair welcomed Councillors Robert Brown and Margaret Cowie, representing South Lanarkshire Council, onto the Board. She advised there was a report on today’s agenda seeking approval for Councillor Brown to join Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

Alison thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the detailed financial statements on the agenda for approval. It was pleasing to achieve an unqualified audit opinion from the external auditors once again. The Chair said whilst it was reassuring to see the funding model working it was a fragile one with challenges ahead on which more would be said during the meeting.

Alison referred to the visit by the new leader of South Lanarkshire Council who had expressed his continued support for the work of Clyde Gateway.

#### **4. Chief Executive’s Report**

Ian Manson thanked everyone involved in preparing the 2021/22 Financial Statements. He stated that Clyde Gateway’s successful asset disposal programme was reflected in the results. It was also evident that although the revenue funding model was being made to work it represents an extremely complex and challenging approach to maintaining both companies’ capacity to operate and was too heavily dependent on asset sales.

Ian referred to the four year Funded Operating Plan, approved at the previous meeting, in which Clyde Gateway forecast a £70m programme, including the resources necessary to fund its team. Clyde Gateway's track record in securing additional funding suggested that this programme could grow to nearer £100m which represents a major regeneration programme of investment in the local communities. Ian felt that this level of investment was at stake and therefore it was essential that the Members and stakeholders to address the risks around revenue funding in an even more challenging public finance environment.

With regards to the Shawfield challenge, Ian advised that the resources for a planned intervention and a sensible completion date continued to be sought. Significant time continued to be invested in making the case and securing funds with the submission of the Levelling Up Fund bid prior to the submission portal closing on 10 July. This bid required a massive effort from staff and had the full support of South Lanarkshire Council and the local MP.

Ian had welcomed the new South Lanarkshire Council Leader Joe Fagan on a tour of the Shawfield area, accompanied by the local authority's CEO, Cleland Sneddon, and Director of Enterprise Resources, David Booth, who had also attended today's Clyde Gateway Developments Limited's Board meeting.

Clyde Gateway's involvement in the Clyde Mission continues successfully with Phase 2 of Cuningar Woodland Park, which has received funding from this initiative, due to be completed soon. The wider work to develop plans for the entire River Clyde, and drawing from the approach taken in Clyde Gateway, had progressed with the Clyde Mission Strategy Group approving the proposals submitted by the Better Places Group which CG had led.

Ian advised that Clare Ferry had moved to a new role within Skills Development Scotland and would be missed.

Finally, Ian reported that a response to the Summer Newsletter had been received from Kate Forbes, Clyde Gateway's sponsoring Cabinet Secretary, in July recording her appreciation of Clyde Gateway's work and reaffirming that "the Scottish Government remains committed to supporting Clyde Gateway throughout the parliamentary term".

## **For approval**

### **5.1 Bridgeton Cross Umbrella – Restoration Works CG22(AUG)01**

Martin McKay presented a report seeking approval of funding to restore the Bridgeton Cross Umbrella. Following the information paper presented to the Board at its meeting of 24 June 2022 (CG22(JUN)06) the project had now proceeded to tender and subject to final agreements with Glasgow City Council could proceed.

Martin provided an overview of the project works along with details of the procurement exercise which had been carried out to secure a contractor. After consideration, and having heard a presentation on restoration of similar structures by Jim Mitchell of Industrial Heritage Consulting Limited, the Board:

- (1) approved a total project capital budget including irrecoverable VAT of £482,670 to carry out the restoration of Bridgeton Umbrella which included previous approvals of £29,400; and
- (2) authorised the Chief Executive to enter into a contract with Kelsen Special Projects as the restoration contractor for £371,955 including irrecoverable VAT.

## 5.2 Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 CG22(AUG)02

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report seeking approval of Clyde Gateway URC's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, and to note the financial statements of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved
  - (a) the consolidated financial statements of Clyde Gateway URC for the year ended 31 March 2022; and
  - (b) the Letter of Representation from Clyde Gateway URC to the auditor to be signed off by the Chief Executive; and
- (2) noted the financial statements for Clyde Gateway Developments Limited for the period ended 31 March 2022.

## 5.3 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited – Articles of Association CG22(AUG)03

Barry Macintyre sought approval to amend the objects clause within the trading subsidiary's Articles of Association to align the development area wording with that used in the parent charity company's objects.

After consideration the Board approved an amendment to the objects clause within the Articles of Association of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited which would align the development area wording with that used in Clyde Gateway URC's Articles of Association.

## 5.4 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited – Board Appointment CG22(AUG)04

Barry Macintyre presented a report seeking approval to the appointment of Councillor Robert Brown to the Board of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

Barry advised that following the resignation of Councillors John Anderson and Carol Nugent, the Board had received written notice that Councillors Robert Brown and Margaret Cowie be appointed as the replacement partner directors on Clyde Gateway URC representing South Lanarkshire Council, and that Councillor Robert Brown had offered to join the Board of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

After consideration, the Board approved the appointment of Robert Brown as a director of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited and instructed a written signed notice to this effect to be issued to the subsidiary company.

### **For information**

## 5.5 Topgolf Recruitment and Supply Chain Opportunities CG22(AUG)05

Niki Spence presented a report providing an overview of the partnership approach to supporting Topgolf's recruitment and supply chain through the construction and planning for the opening of their new facility in December 2022.

After consideration the Board noted the report.

5.6 Capital Programme CG22(AUG)06

Alison Brown provided an update of the Capital Programme and of projects at the pre-development stage. She advised that several projects had now been completed in 2022/23 and provided further information on the projects still on site.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.7 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Meeting of 12 August 2022 CG22(AUG)07

The Board noted the agenda of the Audit & Evaluation Committee of 12 August 2022, and the approved minutes of the previous meeting of 10 June 2022.

5.8 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Annual Report 2021/22 CG22(AUG)08

Barry Macintyre presented a report providing a summary of the audit work performed during 2021/22.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.9 Finance Report – Period Ended 31 July 2022 CG22(AUG)09

Bernadette Pollock presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 31 July 2022.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.10 Health & Safety Committee – Annual Report 2021/22 CG22(AUG)10

The Board noted the annual report of the Clyde Gateway Health & Safety Committee.

5.11 Nominations and Remuneration Committee – Meeting of 21 April 2022 CG22(AUG)11

The Board noted the details of the most recent meeting of the Nominations & Remuneration Committee (NRC) which took place using Microsoft Teams on Thursday 21 April 2022.

5.12 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Board – Meeting of 24 June 2022 CG22(AUG)12

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited's Board meeting of 24 June 2022, and a verbal update of its meeting of 26 August 2022.

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

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on Friday 28 October 2022 at 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed.