

## **BOARD MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC**

### **Minutes of Meeting of 16 December 2022**

Present: Councillor Robert Brown (South Lanarkshire Councillor)  
Councillor Margaret Cowie (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council) – via telecom  
Ian Manson (Chief Executive)  
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)  
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)  
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)  
Derek Shaw (Scottish Enterprise)  
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)

Apology: Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

In attendance: Alison Brown (Clyde Gateway)  
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)  
Louise McCormack (Clyde Gateway)  
Martin McKay (Clyde Gateway)  
Niki Spence (Clyde Gateway)  
Donna Brand (Minutes)

#### **1. Board appointments**

Ian Manson advised that Clyde Gateway URC's fourteenth AGM had been held immediately prior to the December Board meeting. Under the Articles of Association a number of directors holding specific posts were required to step down at the AGM and then seek re-appointment. The following directors had all indicated their wish to be re-appointed and the company's three Members had given their prior approval to these re-appointments as also required under the Articles of Association:

- Alison Thewliss MP (Independent Director and Chair);
- Robert McLeary (Co-opted Director drawn from the South Lanarkshire local community);
- Stuart Patrick (Co-opted Director with private sector financial/business expertise drawn from the Glasgow area); and
- Rosemary Robertson (Co-opted Director drawn from the Glasgow local community).

Before the December Board meeting could conduct its business Ian Manson sought approval to re-appoint the four directors above. Board approval was also sought to appoint Margaret Cowie and Greg Hepburn as the two vice-chairs. Ian also indicated that the position of co-opted Director from South Lanarkshire remained vacant.

After consideration, the Board approved the re-appointment of the four directors and the two vice-chair appointments.

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

The Chair, Alison Thewliss MP, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Jim Watson. There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising**

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 28 October 2022 were submitted and approved. There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Alison Thewliss thanked the returning directors for their continued service and was also pleased with her own re-appointment as a Board member and chair.. She also welcomed Derek Shaw to his first Board meeting and hoped he would enjoy his time with Clyde Gateway.

The Chair then mentioned the recent visit by Tom Arthur MSP, the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, to officially open Riverside Park in Dalmarnock and the recent budget announcements by the Scottish Government, noting that she was fully aware of the funding challenges ahead.

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

Ian Manson advised that today would be the last Board meeting attended by Alison Brown and John Jackson before they move onto new posts with South Lanarkshire Council and Glasgow University respectively.

Alison was one of Clyde Gateway's very first employees and had delivered many of the biggest and boldest physical projects. Her capital programme update to every Board meeting was often breathtaking in its scale and complexity of the work being undertaken. She had also led on many grant applications and had secured millions of pounds worth of funds for regeneration. It was fitting that the final piece of infrastructure in South Dalmarnock had recently completed, where Clyde Gateway could trace Alison's leadership all the way back to the consultation meetings where she demonstrated early on how to win the support of local communities.

John had been a key part of Clyde Gateway's property successes and key disposals over many years and had in fact secured the lettings of the Red Tree Magenta building where today's meeting was taking place.

Both Alison and John were much admired and respected colleagues and Ian wished them well in their new posts. Efforts to fill their vacancies, vital for delivery of the Operating Plan, were underway.

The Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP, had issued the Scottish Government's budget yesterday and Ian was relieved to report that Clyde Gateway was once again identified for continuing support with the current revenue and capital levels maintained. Given the current public sector funding environment, where many bodies are facing large budgetary cuts, this was clearly a significant outcome.

Ian mentioned that the level of Gift Aid payment capable of being made by Clyde Gateway Developments Limited to Clyde Gateway URC before the calendar year end was close to finalisation. This was a complex exercise where a number of key considerations around distributable reserves, liquidity and tax had to be taken into account. However, it was further evidence of staff continuing to make the funding model, with its reliance on a pipeline of asset disposals, work in challenging circumstances.



## 6. Business

### For approval

#### 6.1 Sustainable Transport Project – Clyde Gateway Bus CG22(DEC)01

With reference to the minutes of 25th February 2022 (CG22(FEB)03) when the Board approved the extension of the bus service with the current service provider, JMB Travel Limited, for a further period of 12 months whilst an alternative was sought, Alison Brown presented a report seeking approval to extend the service for a further 15 months to June 2024 which would align with the bus's operational lifespan, and subsequently be disposed to the operator.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved the total expenditure of £103,969 (zero rated VAT), comprising:
  - (a) the extension of the service with the current service provider, JMB Travel Limited, for a further 15-month period from 6 March 2023 to 28 June 2024 at a cost of [REDACTED] subject to a break clause in December 2023;
  - (b) a contingency budget of [REDACTED] for essential repairs; and
  - (c) the disposal of the bus to JMB Travel Limited on expiry of the contract at a value of [REDACTED]
- (2) noted the balance of the account as at March 2023 would be around [REDACTED].

### For information

#### 6.2 Bridgeton Cross Umbrella – Restoration Works Update CG22(DEC)02

Martin McKay provided an update of the Bridgeton Umbrella restoration project following Board approval on 26 August 2022 (CG22(AUG)01) of the capital budget to carry out the restoration works.

Martin's update included feedback from the community information sessions and communication carried out to date, procurement and progress of an artist to lead the community engagement programme; and the appointment and progress of the restoration contractor.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

#### 6.3 Capital Programme CG22(DEC)03

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.

#### 6.4 Finance Report – Period Ended 30 November 2022 CG22(DEC)04

Louise McCormack presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 30 November 2022.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

6.5 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Board – Meeting of 28 October 2022 CG22(DEC)05

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited's Board meeting of 28 October 2022, and a verbal update of its meeting of 16 December 2022.

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

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on Friday 24 February 2023 at 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

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