

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of Meeting of 27 October 2023

Present: Councillor Robert Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)
Councillor Margaret Cowie (South Lanarkshire Council) *
Martin McKay (Chief Executive)
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone (Glasgow City Council)
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)
Derek Shaw (Scottish Enterprise)
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council)
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

In attendance: Alison Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)
Harry Brickell (Scottish Government)
Dougie Cameron (Clyde Gateway)
Allan Drysdale (Clyde Gateway)
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)
Fiona McLean (Clyde Gateway)
Bernadette Pollock (Clyde Gateway)
Jamie Shields (Clyde Gateway)
Niki Spence (Clyde Gateway)

** attendance by video link*

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

The Chair, Alison Thewliss MP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Greg Hepburn, Rosie Robertson and Jim Watson.

Robert Brown declared an interest in relation to Item CG23(OCT)01 – Funded Operating Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26, regarding the funding support to mark Rutherglen's 900th anniversary as a Royal Burgh, as Chair of the Rutherglen 900 Committee.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 28 August 2023 were submitted and approved.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report in which she:

- Provided feedback on the Boards and Committee Development Session which was held on 28 September, noting that it had been a useful event and it was proposed to follow up with a similar session next year.
- Reflected on the Bridgeton Umbrella event which had taken place on 11 October noting that it had been well attended by the community and local representatives and had attracted excellent media coverage.

4. Chief Executive's Report

Martin McKay gave a verbal report during which he:

- Advised the Board that the sale of 2 Rutherglen Links to USDAW had now completed.
- Reported on the visit of Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning, to Clyde Gateway East for the ground-breaking ceremony, which also provided the opportunity to discuss Shawfield and the proposed Scottish Government Hub to be located in Glasgow.
- In relation to Investment Zones that early stage discussions were taking place with South Lanarkshire Council to scope out options and that further information would be shared with the Board once plans had progressed.
- With regard to staffing that Martin Joyce would take up the post of Executive Director of Regeneration on 1 November, along with two Project Managers who would be starting shortly and this would give a full complement of staff.

The Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Executive.

5. For Approval

5.1 Funded Operating Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 -Reforecast - CG23(OCT)01

Barry Macintyre presented a paper which updated the three year Funded Operating Plan, previously approved by the Board in April of this year, to incorporate additional grant awards, budget amendments and the results of a re-forecasting exercise performed following the September period-end.

Barry advised that this was the latest iteration of the 6-month reforecasting exercise on the Funded Operating Plan. It was indicated that there were some changes to figures and movement on spend which had been approved by both Boards and these were presented within the appendices.

It was noted that the Scottish Government's 2023/24 Regeneration Capital Grant Fund award of £3.35m in respect of Shawfield GRID Campus was not yet reflected in the plan. The paper detailed that the VDLF award of £562k from SLC had been carried forward, and the £120k from SLC received from the Shared Prosperity Fund was also included. The forecast for returns from bank interest had increased due to high interest rates and this was set out within the report.

Section 4 of the report advised of approvals, and attention was drawn in particular to Corporation Tax and it was noted that the recent sale of Rutherglen Links may impact on this prior to the end of the financial year.

After consideration the Board approved the latest version of the Funded Operating Plan spanning the 2023/24 to 2025/26 financial years and noted its basis of preparation.

5.2 Clyde Climate Forest – Sustainable Glasgow – CG23(OCT)02

Jamie Shields presented a report which briefed the Board of proposals to form a three – five-year programme for tree planting projects within Clyde Gateway.

It was advised that the source of funding and provision of trees would be by Clyde Climate Forest initially then other funding sources would require to be identified going forward, and it was currently being assessed whether Green Credits could be generated which would provide revenue for future projects and long term maintenance.

The Board noted the contents of the paper and approved the strategic intent of the Clyde Climate Forest project.

5.3 Risk Register - CG23(OCT)03

Allan Drysdale presented the Risk Register, informing the Board that a review of risks had taken place by the Management Group at the beginning of October, and had been approved by the Audit & Evaluation Committee.

It was highlighted that risk number 11 in relation to Disruption to Business had increased in September 2022, however, actions had been taken which should see this risk reduce, and this would be reflected in the next review.

It was recommended that the scoring of three risks should change, these being:

- Risk 8 – Outcomes unable to be achieved without exceptional use of regulatory powers – the impact has reduced from 4 to 3 resulting in an overall score of 9, moving from the red category to amber.
- Risk 17 – Local residents are unable to take advantage of emerging opportunities and the quality of life will remain unchanged for many - the probability has increased from 2 to 3 resulting in an overall score of 9. The overall risk level remains in the amber category.
- Risk 25 - Risk of delay in receiving grant payments - the probability of this overall issue recurring has reduced from 4 to 2 with the risk impact rating remaining at 4, bringing the risk level down from red to amber.

The Board approved the Risk Register.

For Information

5.4 Shawfield Stadium Redevelopment - CG23(OCT)04

Martin McKay presented a report which provided the board with an update on the proposed redevelopment of Shawfield Stadium currently under consideration by the owners and subject to an application to South Lanarkshire Council.

He advised that the proposals would be on public display in Red Tree Magenta, and the ambitious scheme for residential development could assist in linking Shawfield and Rutherglen.

The Board noted the update provided within the paper.

5.5 Business Base Review - CG23(OCT)05

Fiona McLean presented a paper highlighting the key themes which have emerged from the comprehensive analysis of Clyde Gateway's business base as it neared completion.

It was highlighted that although initially intended as an analysis focussing on the transition to net zero (TNZ), there were three recurring themes which were skills and labour shortages, increasing operating costs, and challenges with supply chains.

The purpose of the exercise was to draw the information which is in existence into one place. It was recognised that support is required in relation to TNZ, and it was noted that work was being done by Strathclyde University students to carry out analysis of business innovation solutions towards net zero.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.6 Tackling Child Poverty – Supporting Families Overview - CG23(OCT)06

Niki Spence presented a paper which provided the Board with a comprehensive update of Clyde Gateway URC's activity over the past 12 months to reduce child poverty, encompassing a progress report on all Supporting Families interventions across the Glasgow and South Lanarkshire areas of Clyde Gateway.

The paper detailed the three strands to the project: Early Years and Primary, Whole Family Approach, and Access to Childcare. To assist with the roll out of the Supporting Families model across Glasgow it was noted that Natalie Phillips would be seconded to work one day a week at GCC.

Niki advised that a submission to Scottish Government Whole Family Wellbeing Fund for [REDACTED] to extend Supporting Families model, and Board approval was sought to accept funding if successful.

The Board approved to accept the funding of [REDACTED] from the Scottish Government's Whole Family Wellbeing Fund should the submission be successful and noted the report and that further details would be provided in due course.

5.7 Grant Funding Submissions – CG23(OCT)07

Dougie Cameron presented a paper which provided an update and overview of current funding sources with which Clyde Gateway are engaging in 2023/24.

It advised that Clyde Gateway continually monitors funding opportunities, and the report provided an update in relation to six funds:

- UK Levelling Up Fund
- Low Carbon Fund - Vacant/Derelict Land Investment Programme
- Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
- Scottish Government Place Fund
- Supporting Families
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Board were informed of the results of recent bids including the submission to the UK Levelling Up Fund in partnership with SLC which had been unsuccessful, the Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programmes (VDLIP) which 4 of the 5 projects submitted by CG had progressed to stage two, and the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) of which three of the four bids submit were invited to submit a stage two bid. Additionally, a bid to the Place Based Investment Programme relating to Bridgeton Library had been successful and additional monies in relation to Supporting Families had been awarded.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.8 Capital Programme Update – CG23(OCT)08

Jamie Shields presented a paper which provided a progress report on the capital development programme, including details of projects at the pre-development stage.

It was informed that, following discussion at the CGDL Board in August, members of the development team would carry out a series of scoping exercises aimed at targeting and accelerating/expediting projects at the pre-construction stage, and the paper provided an update on some of the work carried out in this regard.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.9 Finance Report to 30 September 2023 – CG23(OCT)09

Bernadette Pollock presented a paper which provided an overview of financial activity for the four months to 30 September 2023.

Bernie advised that income was ahead of forecast by ■■■■■, with actual expenditure behind by ■■■■■ due to delays in major project delivery including Shawfield Riverbank works and Shawfield Phase 2.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.10 Delegated Authority Approvals – CG23(OCT)10

Bernadette Pollock presented a report which informed the Board of budgets approved under delegated authority for the six months from 1 April to 30 September 2023.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.11 Committee Meetings – Oversight of Business Conducted – CG23(OCT)11

Allan Drysdale presented a paper which provided an overview of the business conducted by the sub-committees of Clyde Gateway URC in the intervening period since the Board last met on 25 August 2023.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.12 CGDL Board Meeting 25 August 2023 – CG23(OCT)12

Allan Drysdale presented a paper that provided details of the business conducted by the Board of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at its meeting on Friday 25 August 2023. The agenda and the minutes of the meeting were attached as appendices.

The Board noted the information provided.

5.13 Board Meeting Dates 2024 – CG23(OCT)13

Allan Drysdale presented the proposed Board meeting dates for 2024 and advised that calendar invites would be sent to all attendees.

The Board noted the meeting dates for 2024.

6. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday 15 December 2023 at 2:30pm, in the Olympia, Bridgeton Cross.