

## **MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC**

### **Minutes of Meeting of 25 August 2023**

**Present:** Councillor Robert Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Councillor Margaret Cowie (South Lanarkshire Council) (via Teams)  
Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council) (via Teams - part meeting)  
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:** Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)  
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

**In attendance:** Alison Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)  
Ken Dee (Clyde Gateway)  
Allan Drysdale (Clyde Gateway)  
Michael Gray (Glasgow City Council)  
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)  
Louise McCormack (Clyde Gateway)  
Bernadette Pollock (Clyde Gateway)  
Angela Rowley (Clyde Gateway)  
Jamie Shields (Clyde Gateway)  
Niki Spence (Clyde Gateway)

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 30 June 2023 were submitted and approved.

#### **3. Chair's Report**

The Chair gave a verbal report in which she:

- Referred to the by-election which had been triggered in Rutherglen and Hamilton West, and that a date for the by-election was awaited.
- Mentioned that she had discussed with the Chief Executive the idea of holding a development session for members of both Boards and the Community Committee focusing on future priorities and developments. Work was taking place to identify a date and it is proposed that the session be held at the Bothy.

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

The Chief Executive gave a verbal report during which:

- Highlighted that the Consolidated Financial Statements were being presented to the meeting and that the Auditors had given an unqualified clean audit, and he thanked the Finance team for their work in helping to deliver the accounts.
- Gave an overview of the business considered at the Development Company meeting, noting that the first letting at Eastworks had been secured, and the marketing suite had now opened and a events had taken place to mark this. New Olympia House was very close to practical completion and was expected to be confirmed imminently, and that site start had commenced at Clyde Gateway East.
- Informed that an appointment had been made to the position of Executive Director of Regeneration, and that Martin Joyce had accepted the offer. Martin was a Chartered Architect with extensive experience, currently working at the University of West of Scotland, and had had previous roles at Western Isles and Scottish Borders Councils.
- Mentioned that Clyde Gateway was taking a table at the Lanarkshire Business Awards on 1 September, which provides a good opportunity to engage with local companies and suppliers.
- Noted that the Bothy and Tur had been shortlisted for awards and that a series of activities in conjunction with partners had taken place at the venues over the summer. Martin also advised that the artist responsible for the Hope Sculpture, Steuart Padwick, had passed away and a memorial service was taking place on 1 September.

The Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Executive.

#### **5. For Approval**

##### **5.1 CGURC Consolidated Financial Statements – 31 March 2023 - CG23(AUG)01**

Bernadette Pollock presented a report seeking approval of the Consolidated Financial Statements of Clyde Gateway URC for year ended 31 March 2023, and asking the Board to note the Financial Statements for Clyde Gateway Developments Limited for year ended 31 March 2023. She advised that the Audit & Evaluation Committee at their meeting on 18 August 2023 had recommended to the Board approval of the accounts.

After consideration, the Board:

- (1) approved
  - (a) the consolidated financial statements of Clyde Gateway URC for the year ended 31 March 2023; 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 2023.

##### **5.2 Bridgeton Umbrella – Update/Additional Cost – CG23(AUG)02**

Ken Dee presented a paper which updated the Board on the progress of the Bridgeton Umbrella restoration project including community engagement and sought approval for increased costs.

After consideration the Board:

- i) Approved an increase the total capital expenditure by [REDACTED] (including irrecoverable VAT);
- ii) Noted the current progress of the project; and
- iii) Noted the level of community engagement carried out.

### **For Information**

#### **5.3 NBD Shawfield Strategic Update - CG23(AUG)03**

Jamie Shields presented a paper giving an update on progress at Shawfield and providing the Board with a copy the draft Outline Business Case (OBC) that is currently subject to further discussions with key stakeholders and partners.

Martin McKay expanded further on the OBC and stressed the key strategic importance of the site and that the decontamination work was vital to addressing the wider environmental concerns, such as improving river quality.

In discussion the Board queried the investment and resources being put in to Shawfield and whether this could be more effectively directed elsewhere. Martin responded noting that Shawfield differed from other projects in that it was focussed on what additionality could be achieved in terms of environmental improvement and biodiversity, along with improved health and wellbeing.

The Board noted the continued strategic intent for Clyde Gateway to intervene in Shawfield and that progress will be reported back to the Board as appropriate.

#### **5.4 Audit & Evaluation Committee Meeting – 18 August 2023 - CG23(AUG)04**

Allan Drysdale presented a paper providing details of the most recent meeting of the Audit & Evaluation Committee (AEC) which took place on Friday 18 August 2023.

The Board noted the content of the paper.

#### **5.5 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Annual Report - CG23(AUG)05**

Bernadette Pollock presented a report which provided a summary of the audit work undertaken by the Audit & Evaluation Committee during 2022/23.

After consideration the Board noted the report.

#### **5.6 Finance Report to 31 July 2023 - CG23(AUG)06**

Louise McCormack presented a paper which provided an overview of financial activity for the four months to 31 July 2023.

Louise highlighted that actual income was ahead of forecast and drew the Board's attention to the three key financial goals which were set out in the report.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

#### **5.7 Capital Programme - Update – CG23(AUG)07**

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

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.8 CGDL Board – Meeting of 30 June 2023 – CG23(AUG)08

Allan Drysdale presented a paper which provided details of the business conducted by the Board of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at its meeting on Friday 30 June 2023.

The Board noted the contents of the paper.

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

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday 27 October 2023 at 2:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

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