

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of Meeting of 15 December 2023

Present: Councillor Robert Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)
Councillor Margaret Cowie (South Lanarkshire Council) *
Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council) *
Martin McKay (Chief Executive)
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative) *
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise) *

Apologies: Councillor Cecilia O'Lone (Glasgow City Council)
Derek Shaw (Scottish Enterprise)

In attendance: Alison Brown (South Lanarkshire Council)
Ken Dee (Clyde Gateway)
Allan Drysdale (Clyde Gateway)
Martin Joyce (Clyde Gateway)
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)
Natalie Phillips (Clyde Gateway)
Bernadette Pollock (Clyde Gateway)
Angela Rowley (Clyde Gateway)

** attendance by video link*

1. Board appointments

Barry Macintyre advised that Clyde Gateway URC's fifteenth 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 Barry Macintyre sought approval to re-appoint the four directors above, and to appoint Alison Thewliss MP as Chair. Board approval was also sought to appoint Margaret Cowie and Greg Hepburn as the two Vice-Chairs. Barry further 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, the Chair and the two appointments to the position of Vice-Chair.

2. Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

The Chair, Alison Thewliss MP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Cecilia O'Lone and Derek Shaw.

3. Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 27 October 2023 were submitted for approval.

Robert Brown advised that in relation to section 5.1 - CG23(OCT)01 Funded Operating Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26, that he had declared an interest as Chair of the Rutherglen 900 Committee not as South Lanarkshire Council's Community and Enterprise Resources Committee as stated.

Accepting the amendment above the Board otherwise agreed to approve the minute.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report in which she:

- noted that in her position of Chair she had now signed off the accounts and was pleased to see that these are now completed.
- welcomed the announcement of £14.63m LUF funding for Shawfield, which will provide much-needed impetus and a platform for further discussions with partners and stakeholders on the completion programme.
- noted the visit of Michael Shanks MP to Clyde Gateway on 1st December to discuss Shawfield and other challenges and opportunities in his constituency and welcomed the opportunity to engage. She also thanked Margaret Ferrier who had previously endorsed the Shawfield bid.

The Board noted the verbal report by the Chair.

5. Chief Executive's Report

Martin McKay gave a verbal report during which he:

- Echoed the Chair's comments in relation to LUF funding and noted that the Development Company had considered a wide range of papers which related to Shawfield at its meeting earlier.
- Noted that meetings had taken place with the Chief Executives of both Councils to progress completion discussions and that work on a Business Case is underway.
- Informed that in relation to Investment Zones that submission had been made via South Lanarkshire Council for a Clyde Gateway Investment Zone status focussing on Advanced Manufacturing and including a 200ha Tax Zone encompassing the former Clydebridge works.
- Noted that engagement continued to take place with Higher Education Institutions in Glasgow, such as Glasgow University and the University of Strathclyde.

- Advised that he had written to Tom Arthur MSP in relation to the Scottish Government Hub asking that the Clyde Gateway area be considered and a response was awaited.
- Highlighted the recent 'Eastern Works' Exhibition in Dalmarnock by artist Alis Le May.
- Highlighted ongoing media engagement with STV and Glasgow Times.

The Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Executive.

6. For Approval

6.1 Cuningar Loop (Phase 3) – Investment Decision - CG23(DEC)02

Ken Dee presented a paper which sought budget approval to proceed with the 4.0 hectares extension to the Cuningar Loop Woodland Park, with external grant award anticipated in February 2024.

The Board expressed interest in the usage of the park and it was advised that it was well used by school and nursery groups as well as adults for mental health walks etc. and the visitor figures had exceeded targets.

After consideration the Board:

- Approved a total project capital budget of [REDACTED] to construct Phase Three of the Cuningar Loop Woodland Park including the previous cumulative approved budget of [REDACTED] for survey works, site investigations and professional fees.
- Agreed to authorise the Chief Executive to enter into a contract for tendered works of up to [REDACTED] including three years maintenance costs.

The Board also noted:

- That all budget figures were inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.
- The recent stage 2 submission of [REDACTED] from the Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme (VDLIP).

6.2 Bridgeton Library Upgrade – CG23(DEC)03

Angela Rowley presented a paper which sought approval to receive a transfer of grant funding to the value of [REDACTED] from Glasgow Life (GL) via a contribution agreement to deliver internal refurbishment works to Bridgeton Library on their behalf.

The Board queried the carrying out of this work on behalf of GL and it was advised that it demonstrated a recognition of the experience and ability to deliver by CG, as well as noting the importance of the Library as a community asset to the local area.

After consideration the Board approved:

- the transfer of [REDACTED] funding to enable Clyde Gateway to deliver the library refurbishment at a project cost of [REDACTED] including irrecoverable VAT,
- the Board also noted the contents of the paper and their support for the project.

6.3 NBD Shawfield (Phase 2) – Levelling Up Fund – CG23(DEC)04

Martin Joyce presented a report which provided details of a successful award of £14.6m from the third round of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) and sought to delegate approval for the related governance arrangements.

It was advised that the LUF application was titled as 'National Business District: Shawfield Remediation and Development' and contained three component projects which were, Shawfield Phase 2 remediation, Shawfield Grid Campus Plots A and B, and Polmadie Burn works. The report indicated that the overall cost for this programme of works had been revised and estimated to have increased to £20.1m.

The Chief Executive also confirmed that the UK Government had been clear that no additional monies would be available over and above the figure awarded.

After consideration the Board noted the LUF award in respect of the National Business District, Shawfield and approved delegating authority to the Chief Executive to conclude the necessary agreements and governance arrangements with SLC and GCC.

For Information

6.4 Capital Programme Update – CG23(DEC)05

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

The report set out the stages which capital projects were at and provided notable updates as well as highlighting any significant risks.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

6.5 Finance Report to 30 November 2023 – CG23(DEC)06

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

It was highlighted that the figures were set against the operating plan as revised at the October Board meeting and that expenditure for Goals 1-3 were all slightly behind forecast.

It was further advised that the Financial Statements had now been signed off and submitted to Companies House.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

6.6 CGDL Board Meeting 27 October 2023 – CG23(DEC)07

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 27 October 2023. The agenda and the minutes of the meeting were attached as appendices.

The Board noted the information provided.

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday 23 February 2024 at 2:30pm, in the Olympia, Bridgeton Cross.