

## MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

### Minutes of Meeting of 26 April 2024

**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)  
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone (Glasgow City Council)  
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)  
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)  
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise) \*

**Apologies:** Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)  
Derek Shaw (Scottish Enterprise)

**In attendance:** Dougie Cameron (Clyde Gateway)  
Allan Drysdale (Clyde Gateway)  
Martin Joyce (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 Stuart Patrick and Derek Shaw. 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 23 February 2024 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### 3. Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report in which she:

- Noted that a reconvened Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC had taken place on the 8<sup>th</sup> March to consider papers requiring approval and thanked those members who were able to provide this additional time and to Margaret Cowie for chairing the meeting.
- Highlighted that colleagues at South Lanarkshire Council, including the leader Joe Fagan, and Clyde Gateway, hosted a visit to Shawfield by John Lamont MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland. He heard a presentation and visited the site of the GRID Campus being delivered through the Levelling Up Fund (LUF).
- Remarked that she was pleased to see that Clyde Gateway supported the recent 'Fun STEM' project across a wide range of schools with the final held at Eastbank Academy

where P7 pupils presented a range of energy and climate projects to a cross-section of industry.

The Board noted the verbal report by the Chair.

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

Martin McKay gave a verbal report during which he:

- Thanked the Board for their efforts during the last financial year and highlighted that year-end had progressed well with all necessary grant draw down and contract commitments secured.
- Informed the Board of recent success at the Scottish Property Awards with EastWorks securing the architectural excellence award, and New Olympia House winning the Commercial Development (Small) of the year. It was further noted that EastWorks was a BCO regional finalist.
- Highlighted the recent visit of Nicole Paterson, Chief Executive of SEPA to Shawfield to discuss the wider project and support for LUF.
- Noted visit of Ross Nimmo, Head of Place for the City Region, and his role in support of the Investment Zones and Clyde Gateway's bid.
- Advised of the potential for Glasgow to hold a streamlined 2026 Commonwealth Games, noting that whilst Clyde Gateway has not been approached we would be ready to support colleagues at Glasgow should they require.
- Welcomed the appointment of Susanne Millar to the role of Chief Executive of GCC and noted that we have offered a tour of the area along with providing a briefing on Clyde Gateway.
- Finally, he noted the retirement of Jim Watson from Scottish Enterprise and that the process for his replacement to the board is underway with a successor identified, and thanked Jim for his contribution to the organisation.

The Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Executive.

#### **5. Business**

For Approval

##### **5.1 Funded Operating Plan 2024/25 – 2026/27 - CG24(APR)01**

Bernadette Pollock presented the latest iteration of the rolling Funded Operating Plan which covered the three financial years from 2024/25 to 2026/27 which the Board was asked to approve.

It was advised that both Glasgow City Council (GCC) and South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) had now confirmed their grant awards of £800k, and it was noted that the SLC contribution may be used towards product testing at Shawfield until Levelling Up Fund (LUF) monies come through.

During discussion attention was drawn to the level of anticipated reserves at year 3 of the plan and it was noted that the reserves position had improved from that presented to the February Board, it was explained that future funding streams which had not yet been confirmed were not included, such as members direct contributions and Scottish Government funding.

After consideration the Board agreed to approve the Funded Operating Plan.

For Information

5.2 Funding Update – CG24(APR)02

Dougie Cameron presented a paper which provided an update and overview of current funding sources and funding issues Clyde Gateway are engaging with and reviewing.

Dougie drew attention to the funding streams set out in the report totalling almost £21m, also noting the Investment Zones bid in conjunction with partners which would be worth £80m. He also highlighted that the VDLIF and RCGF funds were currently paused, however, there were two bids (Dalmarnock Open Space Project and Dalmarnock RED High Value Manufacturing) which had been submitted to GCC's Vacant and Derelict Land Fund which it was anticipated would be approved.

After consideration the Board noted the update report.

5.3 Transport Projects and Strategy Update – CG24(APR)03

Dougie Cameron presented a paper which asked the Board to note that the Clyde Gateway bus service would cease to operate in June 2024 with the vehicle coming to the end of its useful life, and to further note the overview provided in the report of past, current and future transport project interventions and aspirations for the Clyde Gateway area and beyond.

It was highlighted that whilst the bus service reaching an end was disappointing, the paper set out the wider elements of the strategy and sought to show the development of transport provision in the CG area.

After consideration the Board noted that the Clyde Gateway bus service would cease to operate in June 2024, and also noted the contents of the report in relation to transport projects and strategy.

5.4 Capital Programme Update – CG24(APR)04

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

Specific project updates were provided in relation to Shawfield Grid Campus, D2 Grids, Clyde Gateway East Greening and Cuningar Loop Phase 3.

In relation to risks it was highlighted that changes to the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency regulations presented a challenge as they would apply to projects already under construction, which is impacting in particular on Clyde Gateway East. It was noted that it was critical that the design team are able to discharge planning conditions prior to the completion date at the end of June.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.5 Finance Report to 31 March 2024 – CG24(APR)05

Bernadette Pollock presented a paper which provided an overview of financial activity for the four months to 31 March 2024.

It was highlighted that the Auditors would begin work on the final accounts in June, and these would be presented to the August Board meeting. Variances in expenditure were small and it was also advised that all grants had now been paid.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

**5.6 Delegated Authority Approvals – Six Months to 31 March 2024 – CG24(APR)06**

Bernadette Pollock presented a paper which informed the Board of budgets approved under delegated authority for the six months from 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024.

After consideration the Board noted the contents of the paper.

**5.7 CGDL Board Meeting 23 February 2024 and Written Approvals March 2024 – CG24(APR)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 23 February 2024. The agenda and the minutes of the meeting were attached as appendices.

The paper also detailed two urgent items of business which were approved by written procedures during March 2024. These related to a Lease Agreement at Clyde Gateway East (CGE) and Variations to a Lease at Red Tree Magenta (RTM).

The Board noted the information provided.

**5.8 Committee Meetings – Oversight of Business Conducted – CG24(APR)08**

Allan Drysdale presented a paper which provided an overview of the business conducted by the sub-committees of Clyde Gateway URC (CGURC) in the intervening period since the Board last met on 23 February 2024.

After consideration the Board noted the contents of the report.

**6. Any other business**

Martin McKay announced to the Board that Michelle Barr had recently passed her exams and was now a qualified accountant. Board members congratulated Michelle on her achievement.

Robert McLeary mentioned that he had received feedback from a local community group thanking Allan Drysdale for assistance in relation to a grant.

Finally, Martin McKay informed that it had just been announced that Eastworks had won the British Council for Offices award for 2024 in the Refurbished/Recycled Workplace category.

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

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday 28 June 2024 at 2:30pm, in the Olympia, Bridgeton Cross.