

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of Meeting of 30 August 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)
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)
Derek Shaw (Scottish Enterprise) *
Alison Thewliss (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Cecilia O'Lone (Glasgow City Council)
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)

In attendance: Allan Drysdale (Clyde Gateway)
Fiona McLean (Clyde Gateway)
Louise McCormack (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, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Cecilia O'Lone and Rosie Robertson. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising

The Minutes of the Joint Board Meeting held on 8 July 2024 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report in which she:

- Thanked Margaret Cowie for chairing the previous Board meeting on 8 July; and
- Reaffirmed to the Board her commitment to the Clyde Gateway area and her desire to continue as Chair of CGURC.

The Board noted the verbal report by the Chair.

4. Chief Executive's Report

Martin McKay gave a verbal report during which he:

- Thanked Alison for continuing to work on CG's behalf and reflected on the recent UK General Election noting the change to the political landscape and what this might mean for CG and the wider City region.
- Reported on a meeting with the recently elected MP for Glasgow East, John Grady, which had focussed on opportunities and challenges within the local area, and also mentioned that he'd met with Michael Shanks MP to discuss similar issues as well as Shawfield.
- Advised that engagement with Scottish Government officials continued to take place, particularly around funding, recognising that it was anticipated there would be budget cuts across a number of areas of activity.
- Informed the Board of a meeting with Glasgow City Council and Housing Associations to discuss provision and challenges within the local area.
- Looked ahead to a number of events being planned in the coming months which included a visit from the Deputy First Minister in November, meeting with the Minister for Employment and Investment on the D2 Grids project, and an event to mark breaking ground on the UK Government funded Shawfield development.
- Mentioned that he was a member of the judging panel for this year's SURF awards.

The Board noted the verbal update by the Chief Executive.

5. Business

For Approval

5.1 CGURC Consolidated Financial Statements to 31 March 2024 - CG24(AUG)01

Martin McKay introduced this item, thanking the Finance Team for their work in delivering the Financial Statements and noting that this was the first since a new team structure was in place. He was pleased to report that a clean audit had been achieved and that there was a healthy asset base and cash reserves.

Bernadette Pollock then provided more detail on the CGURC Consolidated Financial Statements to 31 March 2024, noting that these had been considered and approved by the Audit & Evaluation Committee at its meeting on 16 August.

The meeting was advised that the external auditors had issued an unqualified audit opinion in respect of CGURC's and CGDL's annual accounts for 2023/24, that they reflected a true and fair view and that preparing the accounts on a going concern basis was appropriate.

Bernadette covered some of the key sections of the financial statements, including directors report, business activity, KPIs, group structure, key risks, and pension scheme. It was highlighted that the consolidated accounts showed a loss of just under £5.3m.

CGDL for the first time since 2015/16 recorded a loss primarily due to impairment loss on fixed assets and revaluation loss on investment properties. These adjustments reflect valuation of assets at the year end date and may change in future.

Attention was drawn to the £23m cash at bank shown in the consolidated accounts, and the Board was reminded of the difference between capital and revenue – and that this money is used to help leverage other funds and would be insufficient on its own to finance the funded operating plan. It was noted that investment is required to achieve future returns and the focus for the organisation is to maintain this proactive position.

In respect of Gift Aid the meeting was informed that as there was no taxable profits no corporation tax would be due this year and therefore there would be no Gift Aid required.

There was some discussion in relation to the methodology for calculating impairments and how this is made visible to the Board, in response it was advised that this information was available and could be shared.

After consideration the Board approved the consolidated financial statements of Clyde Gateway URC and for the Chief Executive to sign off the Letter of Representation. The Board also noted the financial statements of Clyde Gateway Developments Limited.

5.2 NBD Shawfield update including UKG Funding – CG24(AUG)02

Jamie Shields presented a report which provided a further interim update, from CG24(JUL)02, in respect of the three NBD Shawfield Phase 2 projects which are being supported by a UK Government funding contribution of £14.6m, against a total project cost of £20.7m.

The paper set out the progress on the three project components, these being Shawfield Phase 2 Remediation, Shawfield Grid Campus and Polmadie Burn.

It was noted that there had been a delay to the draw down of funding and that other available resources were being used for payments in the interim. The Board recognised that there existed an element of risk, however, at this stage it was felt to be relatively low.

After consideration the Board noted the positive progress being achieved by the three projects against an overall approved project budget of £20.7m and approved the paper as part of the UKG governance process.

For Information

5.3 Transition to Net Zero Action Plan update – CG24(AUG)03

Niki Spence presented a report which provided the Board with an update on work over the past 12 months to develop and implement an ambitious Transition to Net Zero (TNZ) action plan which will respond to Scotland's target to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and reflected the need to approach this transition in a fair, inclusive and collaborative manner.

After consideration the Board:

- i) noted the contents of the paper;
- ii) endorsed the proposed policy statement at section 4.2 in the paper;
- iii) endorsed the TNZ Priority Action Plan for 2024/25, noting that the full action plan will continue to be progressed as appropriate; and
- iv) noted that the Community Committee will further consider the TNZ action plan at its October 2024 meeting.

5.4 Increasing Physical Activity: Cuningar – CG24(AUG)04

Fiona McLean presented a paper which highlighted the progress of the working group tasked with increasing sports participation at Cuningar Loop.

After consideration the Board noted the contents of the report.

5.5 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Annual Report – CG24(AUG)05

Bernadette Pollock presented the Audit & Evaluation Committee's Annual Report which provided a summary of the audit work performed during the preceding twelve months.

The Board noted the Audit & Evaluation Committee's Annual Report.

5.6 Finance Report to 31 July 2024 – CG24(AUG)06

Bernadette Pollock presented a paper which provided an overview of financial activity for the period to 31 July 2024.

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.7 Capital Programme Update – CG24(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.

Specific project updates were provided in relation to Clyde Gateway East, Manscroft Place Soil Relocation, Shawfield Gateway, Dalmarnock RED and Plot 9 in Dalmarnock (Pocket Park).

The Board noted the contents of the report.

5.8 Committee Meetings – Oversight of Business Conducted – CG24(AUG)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 8 July 2024.

After consideration the Board noted the contents of the report.

6. Any other business

There were no other items of business raised.

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Friday 25 October 2024 at 2:30pm, in the Olympia, Bridgeton Cross.
