

MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

Minutes of meeting of 17 December 2021, by video conference.

Present: Councillor John Anderson (South Lanarkshire Council)
Councillor Greg Hepburn (Glasgow City Council)
Ian Manson (Chief Executive)
Robert McLeary (South Lanarkshire Community Representative)
Councillor Carol Nugent (South Lanarkshire Council)
Stuart Patrick (Glasgow Business Community Representative)
Rosie Robertson (Glasgow Community Representative)
Alison Thewliss MP (Chair)
Jim Watson (Scottish Enterprise)

Apologies: Gillian Adam (Scottish Enterprise)

In attendance: Alison Brown (Clyde Gateway)
Douglas Cameron (Clyde Gateway)
Claire Ferguson (Clyde Gateway)
Stephen Gibson (Glasgow City Council)
Michael Gray (Glasgow City Council)
Billy Love (Scottish Government)
Barry Macintyre (Clyde Gateway)
Martin McKay (Clyde Gateway)
Ken Meek (South Lanarkshire Council)
Natalie Phillips (Clyde Gateway)
Angela Rowley (Clyde Gateway)
Nicki Spence (Clyde Gateway)
Donna Brand (Minutes)

1. Board appointments

Ian Manson advised that Clyde Gateway URC's thirteenth AGM had been held immediately prior to the December Board meeting. Under the Articles of Association a number of directors holding specific posts require to step down at the AGM and then seek re-appointment. The following five directors had all indicated their wish to be re-appointed and this had been approved by the company's three Members:

- 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 Ian Manson sought approval to re-appoint these five directors. Board approval was also sought for the re-appointment of the John Anderson and Greg Hepburn. Ian also mentioned that the position of co-opted Director from South Lanarkshire remained vacant.

After consideration, the Board approved the re-appointment of directors as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

2. Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

Alison Thewliss MP welcomed everyone to the meeting, and apologies were noted from Gillian Adam. There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of previous meeting approved

The minutes of the previous Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 29th October 2021 were submitted and approved.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair conveyed her appreciation for the ongoing help and support from Board members and Clyde Gateway staff to ensure that projects continued to be delivered during these difficult circumstances. She also congratulated all of those involved in the delivery of the Hope sculpture project and advised that the statue would be a legacy to COP 26.

5. Chief Executive's Report

Ian welcomed the award this week of £4.8m from the Scottish Government's RCGF which will enable the Shawfield Technology Hub and Olympia House to proceed. The bids had been highlighted at the Pladis Action Group, along with a number of other projects, as early opportunities to accelerate the provision of new employment to partly mitigate the impact of closure. The Action Group continues to seek progress on the remaining projects which could be accelerated; a local industrial strategy to secure investment into manufacturing; and the potential location of current live Scottish Government office requirements in the area.

Ian updated the Board on the continuing efforts to secure funding commensurate with the Shawfield contamination challenge, with a further submission made in response to the Scottish Government's request for estimated costs. He welcomed the decision of SLC that investment in Phase 2 would be one of its Second Round UK Levelling-Up Fund bids to be submitted sometime during 2022.

Ian highlighted successful delivery during COP26 of the Hope Sculpture within the Cuningar Loop Park and invited Martin to brief the Board. Martin outlined the many unique characteristics of the process, and the resulting sculpture, and thanked the artist along with the many construction industry partners who had come together to realise this ground-breaking low carbon structure. Martin summarised Clyde Gateway's role as always seeking to say 'yes' and make things happen, and Ian concluded by thanking Martin for the leadership he has displayed in securing this success for Clyde Gateway.

Finally, Ian referred to the retirement of Patrick Flynn from GCC and his key role in supporting Clyde Gateway and securing significant housing investment in the area. Patrick leaves behind a strong legacy of quality housing across the city. The role Patrick played with Clyde Gateway will now be taken up by Stephen Gibson who was welcomed to his first meeting.

6. For approval

6.1 Green Infrastructure – Old Dalmarnock Road, Bridgeton CG21(DEC)02

Claire Ferguson presented a report seeking approval of the total capital investment up to a value of £1,164,137 (including irrecoverable VAT) for the delivery of green infrastructure at Old Dalmarnock Road, Bridgeton. This sum included previous approvals of £71,149 (including irrecoverable VAT).

Claire provided background information relating to the project which aimed to upgrade an area of vacant/derelict land into active greenspace, providing an important asset at the heart of the Bridgeton community which allowed neighbours and community groups to come together and use the space to grow, teach and play.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) approved the total capital investment up to a value of £1,164,137 (including irrecoverable VAT) for the delivery of green infrastructure at Old Dalmarnock Road, Bridgeton. This sum included previous approvals of £71,149 (including irrecoverable VAT); and
- (2) noted that all figures were inclusive of VAT.

6.2 Green Infrastructure – Malls Mire Park, Toryglen CG21(DEC)03

Douglas Cameron presented a report seeking approval of an increase in the approved total budget from £3,319,962 to £3,504,954 (inclusive of irrecoverable VAT) to deliver additional infrastructure works at Malls Mire Park, and that the increase for approval was £184,992 (inclusive of irrecoverable VAT).

Douglas advised that as the main works were being completed at Toryglen Park, now known as Malls Mire Park, a number of issues had been identified which required additional investment in order to resolve matters and meet funder and user requirements.

After consideration, the Board approved an increase in the approved total budget from £3,319,962 to £3,504,954 (inclusive of irrecoverable VAT) to deliver additional infrastructure works at Malls Mire Park, and that the increase for approval was £184,992 (inclusive of irrecoverable VAT).

6.3 Bridgeton Civic Hub – Public Realm CG21(DEC)04

Claire Ferguson presented a report seeking approval of the updated total project budget of £119,019 inclusive of irrecoverable VAT for the Bridgeton Civic Hub Public Realm project, and that the additional sum for approval was £31,812 for professional fees.

Claire advised that following Clyde Gateway's investment in Bridgeton, and the ongoing establishment of Bridgeton as a Civic Hub, there was a requirement to continue to improve the public realm within the area, and that feedback gathered from tenants, agents and prospective tenants had indicated that further improvements were necessary to enhance the streetscape in order to attract more jobs and investment.

After consideration, the Board

- (1) noted the renewed progress of the Bridgeton Civic Hub Public Realm project; and
- (2) approved the updated total project budget of £119,019 inclusive of irrecoverable VAT for the Bridgeton Civic Hub Public Realm project, and that the additional sum for approval was £31,812 for professional fees.

For information

6.4 Integrated Energy Strategy – D2 Grids Renewable Energy Project Update CG21(DEC)05

Martin McKay presented a report providing an update to the Board on the progress with the development of the Full Business Case for the D2 Grids Project 5th Generation District Heating and Cooling system which had been approved by the Board on 26 May 2021 (CGDL21(MAY)02) as part of the Clyde Gateway Integrated Energy Strategy.

After consideration, the Board noted the progress with the project and the activities being carried out towards developing a Full Business Case which would be presented to the Board on 25 February 2022.

6.5 Capital Programme – Update CG21(DEC)06

Alison Brown provided an update of the Capital Programme and of projects at the pre-development stage. She advised that there were several projects which had been completed in 2021/22 and provided further information on projects which were still on site.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

6.6 Tackling Child Poverty Supporting Families – Access to Childcare CG21(DEC)07

Natalie Phillips presented a report providing an update on the Supporting Families: Access to Childcare project and highlighted the current challenges which may impact on Clyde Gateway URC's ability to sustain this initiative.

Natalie advised that the project had been resilient and responsive, however no additional funding had been confirmed therefore the project was scheduled to conclude at the end of March 2022. Natalie further advised that the situation would be monitored and Clyde Gateway URC would continue to work with partners to identify solutions that would enable this support to continue beyond March 2022.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

6.7 Tackling Poverty: Deep End GP Money Advice Initiative CG21(DEC)08

The Board noted a report by Niki Spence on the Deep End GP Money Advice Project and the progress made to mainstream this initiative.

6.8 Finance Report – Period Ended 30th November 2021 CG21(DEC)09

The Board noted the financial report by Barry Macintyre on the consolidated performance of both Clyde Gateway URC and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited at 30 November 2021.

6.9 Insurance Services Tender CG21(DEC)10

Barry Macintyre presented an information paper about the recent tender exercise for the group's insurances for a three year period with the option to extend for a further two years.

After discussion the Board noted the tender outcome and appointment of Royal Sun Alliance.

6.10 Clyde Gateway Developments Limited Board – Meeting of 29th October 2021 CG21(DEC)11

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of the Clyde Gateway Developments Limited's Board meeting of 29 October 2021 and a verbal update on the business conducted at its meeting on 17 December 2021.

6.11 Community Committee – Meeting of 10th November 2021 CG21(DEC)12

The Board noted the agenda and draft minutes of Clyde Gateway's Community Committee meeting of 10 November 2021, noting that the Committee had reviewed and proposed changes to the Terms of Reference which would be endorsed at the next Committee meeting on 16 February 2022 and brought back to the Board for approval at the next available Board meeting.

7. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Board noted the next meeting would be held on Friday, 25 February 2022 at 2.30pm by video conference.