



## Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 7th June 2013 at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan

#### Present:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie (representing Annandale South) (Chairman)  
Cllr Craig Peacock (representing Annandale East and Eskdale) (Vice Chairman)  
Jill Callander (SSG Secretary)  
John Grierson (Chapelcross Site Director)  
Karen Bratton (EHSS&Q Manager, Magnox Limited)  
Frank McGowan (Chapelcross Union Convenor)  
Bill Hamilton (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)  
David Stone (Scottish Environment Protection Agency, SEPA)  
Ewan Young (Scottish Government)  
Chris Kemp (Office for Nuclear Regulation, ONR)  
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Stephen Thompson (representing Annandale North)  
Cllr Ian Carruthers (representing Annandale South)  
Jim Nesbitt (Representative of Federation of Community Councils)  
Willie McNairn (2km Resident Representative)  
Harry Brown (2km Resident Representative)  
Martin Brown (Representative of Federation of Community Councils)  
Chris Brown (D&G Council, Economic Development, Business & Enterprise Manager)

#### Apologies:

Carol-Ann Campbell (Dumfries and Galloway Police)  
Iain Campbell (Dumfries and Galloway Community Fire and Rescue)  
Lucy Denvir (NHS)  
Cllr Peter Diggle (representing Annandale North)  
Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)

#### In Attendance:

Sheila Adams (Minutes)  
Gordon John (UK Nuclear Restoration)  
Sarah Speakman (UK Nuclear Restoration)  
Liz Pulford (Babcock International)

#### 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed representatives from the Bidding Companies, Babcock International and UK Nuclear Restoration, in the audience.

#### 2. Announcements and Apologies (*including Declarations of Interest*)

The Secretary gave the Apologies as listed above.

Councillor Marshall confirmed that he is employed by Magnox and was attending the meeting as a Councillor.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

There was an amendment to the Minutes of the meeting of Friday 15th March 2013 under the Attendees as Mr Harry Brown was present at the meeting and was omitted from the list.

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record and proposed as such by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Mr McGowan.

All Actions in the Minutes had been discharged. A response from Mrs Brown on the enquiry from McNairn had been sent and the Beyond Chapelcross information had been circulated.

### **4. Chapelcross Site Director's Report (including update on Magnox Socio-Economic Scheme)**

Mr John Grierson presented his report using presentation slides (see attached), covering the topics of Site News, Post Defueling Transition, Care and Maintenance Programme, Decommissioning Transformation, Socio Economics, Community and Site Support, Magnox/RSRL Competition, Final Thoughts.

In summary: The period of heightened safety awareness across all Magnox sites remains and performance across the sites has been good. Injuries at Chapelcross in the last three months have been limited to three cut fingers. Magnox was pleased to receive RoSPA's Presidents Award. Mr Grierson had attended the Magnox Safety Conference which had some very interesting internal and external presentations and Mr Grierson will report on these at the next meeting. Chapelcross site is currently slightly behind schedule on delivery but within budget. Good progress is being made on the asbestos removal programme. Chapelcross has undertaken decommissioning in tandem with defueling. Groups have been set up from volunteers on site, led by the Lead Team, to involve the staff in shaping the future direction through Decommissioning Transformation.

The staff transition process has begun, which is not an easy process as this affects people's livelihood. The voluntary severance package has commenced and personnel are gradually leaving the site, with the number of staff on the Transition Case Management Group reducing as opportunities arise.

With regard to the Socio-Economic Scheme, a comparison was shown of applications to the Scheme in 2012/13 and 2013/14. Chapelcross remains heavily involved in the local community and has regular dialogue with the 2km residents. Slides were shown of some of the groups benefiting from grants.

The annual Work/Life Balance Day had a different theme this year with the focus on volunteering and 28 groups in attendance providing information to the Chapelcross workforce. Archie Dryburgh is taking the Adult Learning Week initiative forward and briefing staff on this.

All four bidding entities in the Magnox/RSRL Competition have now been on site and second visits will have taken place by August.

As always, safety is the top priority for Chapelcross site.

#### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Peacock asked what percentage of the £55M budget available to the site was spent on local businesses. John Grierson advised that this is the total figure for the site and approx 60% will go through supply chains. Cllr Peacock referred to the fuel free verification of reactors and asked if the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) are still on site. John Grierson responded that the last flask is being dispatched and CNC will be on site until the end of July. Profile Security Services have started an eight week training period and will start on site at the end of July.

Cllr Marshall advised of contact from a resident who was seeking reassurance of full remediation of any damage to land following work being carried out in connection with

boreholes. John Grierson confirmed that if damage was caused by Magnox that this would indeed be remediated.

Cllr Ogilvie asked if there was proven technology for remediation and John Grierson advised that this is industry specific, not nuclear specific and the type of chemical remediation was common across industries in the UK.

Cllr Stephen Thompson asked if this process was biological or non-biological. It was not known if this is biological or non-biological and an action was placed to ascertain this and report back. **Action – Jill Callander to report back to Members with further information.**

## 5. NDA Reports

Mr Hamilton reported on the NDA's focus across the estate on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The NDA has set a target of 25% going towards the SME supply chain over the next three years which emphasises the seriousness and importance the NDA places on this.

The first round of stakeholder engagement sessions with the Competition bidders has been completed, with positive feedback received from both bidders and stakeholders. This process is making Bidders think carefully and the Competition is on track.

Mr Hamilton described four points of particular interest when all Site Steering Group Chairs met together in London – relationships with local communities with regard to waste disposal options in England and Wales (not applicable to Chapelcross SSG); the role of local engagement in the Care and Maintenance Programme; the NDA will not disband SSGs; lack of awareness on the principle of a Magnox HUB. All these matters were covered within the NDA Insight magazine but further discussion will be required in the coming months. It was also announced at this meeting that the format of the National Stakeholder Event will change as there was considered to be too much strategy and not enough delivery.

Consultation has been engaged on options for Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) storage and the potential for sharing storage on some sites in England and Wales. This must be managed safely, securely and at least possible cost but this issue does not affect Chapelcross SSG.

The NDA's Annual Report and Accounts will be laid before Parliament on 24th June. The Government has completed its Spending Review for 2015/16 but the Chancellor has not yet announced the settlement for Government Departments.

### Questions and Observations

Cllr Marshall welcomed the commitment to SMEs but asked if 25% was too ambitious due to current bundled contracts within Magnox and how this would affect economies of scale across the 10 Magnox sites. Cllr Marshall pointed out that SMEs are not necessarily the businesses close to a site and asked if there will be clear direction and a move away from a contract approach. Mr Hamilton advised that this is not his area of expertise but he will feed back information on this to Members. He added that this is a 'top down, bottom up' approach where projects such as Beyond Chapelcross can assist by helping to bring the supply chain to a standard whereby it will win contracts. SMEs are assumed to be local but they have to be fit for purpose and this initiative is sowing the seeds for the marketplace to take advantage of contracts.

Mrs Brown confirmed that the Beyond Chapelcross project works closely with SMEs and the issue is not with the skills but with education and training required to prepare a successful tender to win a contract. She asked Mr Hamilton if it would be possible for representatives of the Beyond Chapelcross Team to meet with the NDA to find out what is required and Mr Hamilton advised that they would be invited to the Supplier Event and that the project could apply to the Socio Economic Scheme for funding to support development, education and training.

Mr Hamilton advised that it is too early to comment on what engagement will look like in the Care and Maintenance process and asked what SSGs would like to see. Possibilities are an

online process, meetings once or twice yearly, blogging, etc. Cllr Marshall pointed out that Chapelcross will enter Interim Care and Maintenance in 2017 for five years. Because it will still have several buildings on site, a different approach may be required for this site. Mr Hamilton confirmed that agreements would have to be site specific, with a bespoke solution for each site being agreed with the Site Stakeholder Group to reflect the circumstances for the community at that time.

Cllr Peacock noted that Chapelcross had dedicated storage but asked about the safety and security of combined storage. Mr Hamilton confirmed that the priority is always safety and security and sharing storage will only be done where it can be done by transporting material safely and securely.

Mr McNairn referred to a report on ITV Border regarding demonstrations at Whitehaven. Mr Hamilton advised that there was no story and the allegations made were untrue. Mr McNairn had also heard in the media that all waste goes to Avondale in Scotland and asked where that is. Mr Stone advised that Avondale is a hazardous waste landfill site outside Falkirk.

It was noted that the map on the Magnox publication 'Leaving a Sustainable Legacy in Magnox Communities' is inaccurate in terms of the plotting of locations.

## **6. Other reports from SSG Bodies - ONR, SEPA, CNC, Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Emergency Planning, etc.**

### **ONR**

Mr Chris Kemp gave highlights from the April – June report, which was a less active quarter. A colleague had visited Chapelcross in May and June.

### **SEPA**

Mr Stone expanded on the Quarterly Report which had been circulated with the meeting papers in advance of the meeting. The new Multi Media Authorisation (MMA) was effective from 28th May 2013 and meetings will be held to discuss this.

### **CNC**

Cllr Ogilvie noted that there had been no representation from CNC at the meeting for some time and asked if it was appropriate for CNC attendance when they will be off site at the end of July. Mr Grierson responded by confirming that any security issues would be considered on site and any safety issues reported in his presentation.

### **Scottish Government**

Mr Young reported as follows:

#### **Scottish Nuclear Sites Meeting**

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scottish Nuclear sites took place on Thursday 25 April at the Scottish Government offices in Edinburgh.

Chapelcross and the SSG were well represented and their attendance is always welcomed. Thanks to John Grierson for his detailed report on the excellent work being done on the site.

At the meeting there were two interesting and informative presentations. The first was on Dounreay and their first year under the new owners. The second one was on the Submarine Dismantling project and was provided by the MoD. Both presentations are available in PDF format should the SSG wish to be provided with copies.

The Deputy Director, Environmental Quality Division also attended and agreed that the meeting was of great benefit to both Scottish Government and the various areas of the industry.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24 October.

### **Scottish Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy**

The project to develop the Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy did not progress as much as hoped during 2012. However, we are now working to move the project forward during 2013. The latest meeting of the Project Board was held on 29 April 2013. At that meeting the Project Board discussed the general areas that should be considered in a Strategy and work is now ongoing to consider and develop these issues further. The next Project Board meeting is due to be held on 31 July 2013.

The main aim of the Strategy will be to provide a high-level framework within which waste management decisions can be taken to ensure that the Scottish Government Policy for HAW is implemented in a safe, environmentally-acceptable and cost-effective manner

### **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill**

This Bill was introduced to Parliament on 27 March 2013. The Bill is currently undergoing scrutiny by two Parliamentary Committees. The lead committee is the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee (EET) who are led by Murdo Fraser as convener. The secondary committee is the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee (RACCE) who are led by Rob Gibson as convener. The Bill is a key strand of the Better Environmental Regulation programme, which combined with the SEPA transformation work, will enhance the way in which SEPA can work to protect and promote our environment. Scottish Government is committed to maintaining a high level of stakeholder engagement on this programme and listening and acting on the views received. As part of their scrutiny of the Bill, RACCE have taken evidence from Scottish Government officials as well as a number of stakeholders. These include Federation of Small Businesses, RSPB, Scotch Whisky Association, SNH, Scottish Water and the Food Standards Agency. The lead committee have just started taking stage 1 evidence and RACCE will report to them before the summer recess. The EET Committee will continue their scrutiny of the non-environment bits of the Bill beyond the summer recess.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Carruthers asked about The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) involvement in consultations and meetings and Mr Young assumed that it would be invited to be involved in such consultations.

Cllr Marshall was concerned about the lack of representation at meetings and on consultations from Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC) as it does not appear to be represented at Officer level and seems to be less involved than some other Local Authorities when it is one of the few which has a nuclear establishment in the area. Mr Young suggested that the Council signs up for Early Alerts, which sends out notices of consultations, four weeks prior to them starting. Mr Young advised that letters would normally be sent to the Chief Executives but it is for the local authority to decide who is best placed to look for and deal with consultations. Cllr Marshall felt that DGC is not as fully engaged as it should be and will take this back to the Council. Mr Carruthers added that this has already been raised by the Administration and is being addressed. It was noted that DGC has no representation on Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS). **Action – Cllr Carruthers to report back with regard to DGC representation on SCCORS.**

### **Emergency Planning**

Mrs Callander updated Members on the Emergency Planning Steering Group meeting that she had attended on 14th May which had discussed the restructure of Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue. She confirmed that following the restructuring of both police and fire and rescue the position re support to Chapelcross remains unchanged.

## **7. External Meetings and Invitations**

### **NDA Magnox/RSRL Competition – Stakeholder/Bidder Engagement Sessions**

Cllr Ogilvie informed members that he had attended this event on 16th April with Cllr Peacock and Mrs Brown. The Team had set out the priorities as discussed at the last meeting and had put forward a strong economic case. Feedback from the bidders was that they had enjoyed it as much as the stakeholders.

Cllr Peacock thanked the NDA for organising these sessions which he had found to be an intensive but worthwhile process. Some bidders have a clearer understanding than others of the socio economic process and some were keener than others to listen. Different bidders have different priorities. In summary, Cllr Peacock noted that this is a 14 year Contract worth £7.5 billion and is vital that the NDA appoints the best organisation to deliver this.

Mrs Brown reinforced the points made by Cllrs Ogilvie and Peacock and added that the Beyond Chapelcross project has benefits for the whole of Dumfries and Galloway and not just Annandale and Eskdale.

### **Scottish Government – Implementation Strategy Higher Activity Waste Policy Meeting**

Cllr Ogilvie summarised the main points of the meeting on 29th April, the Minutes of which are available on the Scottish Government website. The next meeting is on 31st July.

### **Scottish Sites Meeting**

Cllrs Ogilvie and Peacock attended this event on 25th April in Edinburgh with John Grierson, which is a routine meeting giving Scottish sites the opportunity to share best practice and update the groups attending. There were good presentations from the MOD and a very enjoyable one from Dounreay on one year post competition. Cllr Peacock noted that the attitudes of some Site Directors to minor safety issues vary greatly from the diligent attitude of the Chapelcross Site Director, for whom safety is always the top priority. Cllr Peacock echoed Cllr Marshall's concerns about Dumfries and Galloway Council's lack of presence on Committees such as the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances. Despite having a nuclear site in the region, DGC is not represented. Cllr Ogilvie had written to the Council to establish who the representative is but a response had not yet been received.

**Action: Councillors to send all information regarding Dumfries and Galloway's lack of representation on Nuclear related Committees to Cllr Carruthers to take up with DGC's Chief Executive.**

**Action: Cllr Marshall suggested that Minutes of the Higher Activity Waste Policy meetings are distributed with the Chapelcross SSG meeting papers.**

## **8. CoReS and Beyond Chapelcross Update**

Mrs Chris Brown reported that some questions had been raised at the last CoRES meeting and it was agreed to review the role, remit and membership. Ewan Green is to produce a report on this for the next meeting.

In respect of the Beyond Chapelcross project, Mrs Brown had met with John Grierson and Jason Syers to develop a strategic framework for the Chapelcross site. The Council's Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee has endorsed the Lockerbie Masterplan and the capital programme will support the delivery. The Annan Broadband trial has created challenges in terms of the equipment which has necessitated reducing the number of users. The Annan trial will now be incorporated into the South of Scotland project. The technical challenges faced in Annan will help progress in other areas. The businesses who are using it are reporting a good impact with Superfast Broadband. The Annan River

Gateway project is being moved forward by Don Taylor and is included in the Capital Programme. Bev Bamford has been working closely with clients who are experiencing challenges in obtaining match funding. The PTYBS project has assisted six young clients, with four accessing new Chapelcross grant funding and four at the pre-start stage. Chapelcross grants are being extended to include the retail sector. Lockerbie and Gretna 'Let's Talk Shop' programmes have just commenced.

The Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) will hold a workshop on 11th June in Annan Town Hall specifically aimed to provide an opportunity for agency workers, Magnox staff and their partners to attend out of working hours.

Supplier Development Programmes are being arranged for SME's, which will be tailored with the assistance of training from the NDA, and courses entitled 'Love Me Tender' and 'Opportunity Knocks' will be offered.

#### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Carruthers noted that his home Broadband service fluctuates and asked if the new Superfast Broadband was stable. Mrs Brown replied that it should be as the number of users had been reduced to ensure stability. Cllr Peacock asked if the South of Scotland Broadband project covered all areas as not everywhere can be accessed by cabling. Mrs Brown was unable to answer this question and will report back.

**Action: Mrs Brown to pass update from Ewan Green to the Secretary for circulation.**

Cllr Marshall raised the importance of Chapelcross SSG being represented on CoRES. Cllr Carruthers requested confirmation that the Chapelcross SSG will have a membership role on the new CoRES. Mrs Brown advised that the Chair has supported comments that the SSG should be represented on CoRES and the NDA are being consulted on the make-up of CoRES.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **11. Public Forum**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **12. Next Meeting – Friday 6th September 2013**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th September 2013 at 10.00 am in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Annan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.50am by thanking everyone for attending and wishing them all a happy summer holiday.