



## Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 7th September 2012 at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan

#### **Present:**

Ian Lindsay (Retiring Chair)  
Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie (representing Annandale South) (newly elected Chair)  
Cllr Craig Peacock (representing Annandale East and Eskdale) (newly elected Vice Chair)  
Jill Callander (SSG Secretary)  
John Grierson (Chapelcross Site Director)  
Karen Bratton (EHSS&Q Manager, Magnox Limited)  
Mark Lesinski (Chief Operating Officer, NDA)  
Bill Hamilton (Head of Stakeholder Engagement, NDA)  
Hugh Fearn (SEPA)  
Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)  
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Stephen Thompson (representing Annandale North)  
Cllr Richard Brodie (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Ian Carruthers (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Karen Carruthers (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)  
Cllr Denis Male (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)  
Cllr Peter Diggle (representing Annandale North)  
Don Taylor (Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council)  
Willie McNairn (2km Resident Representative)  
Martin Brown (Representative of Federation of Community Councils)  
Jim Nesbitt (Representative of Federation of Community Councils)  
Harry Brown (2km Resident Representative)

#### **Apologies:**

Chris Brown (D&G Council, ED Business & Enterprise Manager)  
David Gurney (Civil Protection and Emergency Planning)  
Chris Kemp (Office for Nuclear Regulation, ONR)  
Elaine Murray (MP)  
David Mundell (MP)  
Jason Syers (D&G Council, Strategic Projects Manager)  
Ewan Young (Scottish Government)

#### **In Attendance:**

Catherine O'Sullivan (CH2M HILL)  
Sheila Adams (Minutes)  
Amanda Kennedy (Press)

Mr Lindsay welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Mr Mark Lesinski and Mr Bill Hamilton of the NDA. Mr Lindsay expressed his sadness at the recent sudden and unexpected death of Chapelcross SSG member, Cllr Ted Brown, and there was one minutes silence as a mark of respect.

## **1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Mrs Callander explained the voting system for a new Chair and Vice Chair and advised Members that two nominations had been received for the position of Chairman – Cllr Richard Brodie and Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie. While papers were distributed to the Voting Members, Mr Lindsay thanked all members of the Group with whom he had worked over the last 10 years, particularly Mr John Grierson and the two Site Directors before him, Dave Wilson and Mike Travis. He also gave thanks to the Chapelcross SSG Secretariat, who was always on top of developments and willing to do whatever was necessary to do the job well. Mr Lindsay added that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time as Chairman and was sad to be leaving.

The Secretary reminded Members of the required attributes of a Chairman – independence, local reputation, experienced in chairing meetings and with an interest and willingness to participate in the business of the Group. Jill Callander then invited Messrs Brodie and Ogilvie to address the voting members. Fourteen voting papers were returned, which were counted and verified by Mrs Adams. The results were Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie 8 votes, Cllr Richard Brodie 6 votes. The Secretary announced Cllr Ogilvie as Chairman. Cllr Craig Peacock was the only nominee for the Vice Chairman position and was elected unopposed.

Mrs Callander invited all those present to stay behind at the end of the meeting for a presentation and refreshments to mark the retirement of the former Chairman, Mr Ian Lindsay.

## **2. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Cllr Ogilvie took the Chair and thanked those present for their support. He also thanked Ian Lindsay.

## **3. Announcements and Apologies**

The Secretary gave the Apologies as listed above.

Cllr Ian Carruthers advised that he would have to leave the meeting at 10.45 am, due to other commitments, as did Cllr Karen Carruthers and Cllr Denis Male.

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

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday 1st June 2012 were approved as a true record and proposed as such by Cllr Dryburgh and seconded by Cllr Peacock.

❖ [Action – The Induction for new Members will now be arranged by Jill Callander.](#)

## **5. Chapelcross Site Director's Report**

Mr John Grierson commenced his report by offering his congratulations to the new Chairman and Vice Chairman. He then presented his report using presentation slides (attached), under the headings of: Site News, Company Assurance Review, Interim Care and Maintenance Programme, Work/Life Balance, Community Engagement and Final Thoughts.

Mr Grierson was particularly pleased with site performance but stressed that the site never misses opportunities to learn. Operating Rules are being reviewed and the Annual Review of Safety by the ONR had received good feedback.

Mr Grierson referred to recent press articles regarding the ownership of Energy *Solutions* and advised that the new owner should be known within the next few months but it is not expected to have an impact on Magnox. Further funding has been provided by the NDA in 2012/13.

The site received Gold status in a recent Investor in People assessment which is a considerable achievement. Employee numbers are gradually decreasing as people naturally

leave the Company. Agency staff are being used where necessary during the transition period.

The Company Assurance Review is an ongoing process which is reviewed quarterly and the last six months has produced all green indicators.

In terms of staffing, the Plant Manager has taken up a new post and his position has been filled by an experienced local person. There has been a short pause within the Staff Transition Programmes while the structure is reviewed. Managed Transfers continue to be investigated.

Mr Grierson updated Members on Defueling, Ponds Remediation, Installation of Electrical Overlay System and Land and Groundwater Management. Reactor defuelling is on target to be complete in March. Phase 1 of the Asbestos project is complete with the Contractor secured for Phase 2. Pictures were shown of the Calder Hall Boiler Deplanting as an example of works coming up in the Programme.

Chapelcross site will host the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) where international peers will come together as a learning experience, sharing knowledge and good practices.

Mr Grierson mentioned some of the many Chapelcross Stakeholder activities such as Water Polo, Sports Academy, Raehill Horse Driving Trials, Riding of the Marches and the ongoing support to the local schools.

Mr Grierson concluded his presentation by reiterating that Safety is always the most important aspect of the site and the importance of keeping standards as high as possible.

#### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Ian Carruthers advised issues have been raised with him regarding the perception of Chapelcross site and the impact on Creca. He asked if new members would get the opportunity to visit the site and it was confirmed that this would be arranged as part of the action on providing an induction for new members.

Cllr Dryburgh asked about the weekly savings on the Defueling programme. Mr Grierson responded that it was possible to save £50k/week when through defueling but the verification process still has to be done and it is approximately 6 months until the transition period.

Cllr Dryburgh advised of recent changes in RIDDOR legislation and asked if Chapelcross site would keep the same procedures. Mr Grierson replied that currently Chapelcross always reports at the lowest possible indicator. It is standard practice for a member of the Management Team to speak directly to any person who is injured, regardless of how minor the injury may be.

Cllr Ian Carruthers asked if there would be a benefit to the wider community of programmes finishing early and therefore saving money. Mr Grierson confirmed that Magnox already had a well-established and recognised socio economic programme which supported the local community.

Cllr Brodie commented that satisfactory progress is dependent on happy workers and he had heard concerns from Agency workers about not getting paid on time or at all. Mr Grierson replied that payroll and wages payments are sub-contracted and any problems have been isolated incidents with Magnox being at fault only once.

Cllr Dryburgh asked if the advice given by international nuclear operators would correlate with UK regulations and standards. Mr Grierson assured members that it would be a two-way process and advised that UK regulations tend to originate from international regulations.

Cllr Ogilvie congratulated the site on its gold Investor in People status, which is not an easy achievement.

## **6. NDA Monthly Reports and Presentation on MOP Strategy**

Mr Bill Hamilton introduced Mr Mark Lesinski, Chief Operating Officer for the NDA.

Mr Lesinski was impressed with the meeting, which he did not normally attend, and looked forward to receiving further good reports on this well run and functioning Site Stakeholder Group. He thanked Mr Lindsay for his contribution to the Group as Chairman over the years.

Mr Lesinski referred to the three new UK Government Ministers and advised members that he would make a point of getting to know them and bringing them up to speed with developments. Despite rumours of funding cuts due to the current economic situation, Mr Lesinski felt comfortable that NDA funding was stable and would remain stable. On the Defueling programme, he commented that this means reprioritising and in reality is unlikely to mean big actual savings. He is keen to see defueling carried out as quickly as possible but it must also be as safely as possible and safety would not be compromised by an urgency to complete the programme.

The Magnox Competition is on target with the new Parent Body Organisation still expected in 2014. This would not result in a change to the workforce, only the leadership.

Mr Lesinski closed by thanking Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group members, the Chapelcross Executive Team and Mr Grierson.

Mr Hamilton reported that the NDA's Credible Options Study has now been published. The Annual Report and Accounts have also been published and reflect on a positive year, in both delivery and financial efficiency.

Mr Hamilton summarised the MOP9 Performance Range report which was tabled at the meeting.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Marshall asked if there were opportunities within the Programme to move things around. Mr Lesinski responded that there is some flexibility in the Programme and it is up to Magnox if they want to tweak it but the processing has to be done. There is a Plan B which would take longer and cost more but has to be considered.

Cllr Dryburgh suggested that the three new Ministers are invited to Chapelcross site.

Mr Brown asked if the budget was fixed or if it could change with the new Company. He asked if the main crux was for decommissioning to happen as quickly and safely as possible as this affects communities, employment, etc.

Mr Lesinski responded advising that the money which is provided by the Treasury is reviewed every four years. The Government has committed £3billion and the rest is from income earned. The NDA has to look at the 19 sites and prioritise in terms of level of capacity, social impact, workforce, hazards. A certain amount of money is given to the managing Company and it is for Magnox to work out the queue. A new Team may move the programme but has to consider the above. Mr Lesinski would be surprised to see any big changes but ultimately it would not be his decision. He confirmed that the NDA would step in if any changes looked unreasonable but would consider changes if they are well under-pinned.

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

### **ONR**

Chris Kemp was unable to attend the meeting and sent apologies. The ONR quarterly report for the period 1 April – 30 June 2012 was circulated with the Agenda and Minutes prior to the meeting.

Cllr Brodie referred to Page 3, paragraph 4 of the report “In general the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements were deemed to be adequate in the areas inspected.”

This suggested to Cllr Brodie that some areas were not deemed to be adequate and he requested more detail and an explanation in the next report.

Cllr Dryburgh commented that all ONR reports refer to ‘adequate’ or ‘not adequate’ which was standard terminology and they would not give more than this. Cllr Brodie was not satisfied with the words ‘In general ...’ and requested that more detailed reports be provided in future.

❖ [Action – Jill Callander to feed back to ONR and request more detailed reports.](#)

### **SEPA**

The SEPA update for July - September 2012 was circulated with the Agenda and Minutes prior to the meeting. Mr Fearn advised that Multi Media Authorisation was still with statutory consultees and a response was due by the end of September.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Marshall asked if it would be helpful for Chapelcross SSG to chase up a response. Mr Fearn replied that this would not be of benefit as there is no prescribed timescale in the Regulations so they have to wait until statutory consultees respond, and a response was expected by the end of the month.

Cllr Brodie considered the report from SEPA to be too short and requested a more detailed report at future meetings. Mr Fearn undertook to expand his report at the next meeting.

### **Scottish Government**

Mr Ewan Young sent apologies and was unable to attend the meeting due to bereavement. He had provided the following report, which was tabled:

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

The Scottish Government will be developing a Strategy to support the implementation of the Higher Activity Waste Policy and has set up a Project Board and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to assist in developing the Strategy. The SG wrote to the Chairs of the 3 SSGs at the end of February inviting them to nominate a representative of site stakeholders for one position on the TAG.

It was envisaged that that the role of the site stakeholder representative would be to provide advice and assistance based on experience and knowledge of matters which are important to stakeholders near nuclear sites rather than to represent the interests of any specific site.

Hunterston and Dounreay have responded and requested that the SG considers having a representative from each of the SSGs on the TAG. The SG has noted the comments. We are currently reviewing the governance arrangements for the Project and considering how to take the work forward. Our review includes considering how we most effectively involve the SSGs in the process and we will be responding to the SSGs in due course.

## **Non Nuclear Industry Low Level Waste (NNI-LLW) Strategy**

As intimated at the March 2012 meeting the strategy has been published on the DECC website. A link to the document has now been activated on the Scottish Government website.

The link is as follows:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/waste-and-pollution/Waste-1/16293/8969/UKStrategyManagementofSolidLowLevelRadioactiveWaste>

## **Better Environmental Regulation Programme**

Colleagues in Environmental Quality Division have asked me to bring to the attention of Chapelcross SSG details of a joint programme of action between Scottish Government and SEPA. Programme is known as Better Environmental Regulation Programme. Programme is designed to provide a simpler legislative framework.

Radioactive Waste Team  
Scottish Government  
May 2012”

Mrs Callander reported that the first meeting of the Project Group had taken place on 24th August 2012 and there is a Scottish Sites meeting scheduled for 31st October 2012.

## **8. External Meetings and Invitations**

The Chairman reported on a very informative NDA Bidders Conference, attended by himself and Cllr Marshall on 19th July 2012. 200 people had attended and some of the fears had been allayed by the strict criteria. The event had been very professional with key NDA personnel in attendance.

## **9. Magnox Socio Economic Funding**

Sean Marshall, Magnox Socio Economic Officer for Scotland, gave a verbal update. He noted that Chapelcross had been very fortunate with NDA funding over the last few years. Since the new Socio Economic process began on 1st April 2012, 30 applications have been received, of which 16 are live projects, 8 were rejected and 6 are being processed, worth a total value of £23k. Some of the projects to benefit from the funding are: Moffat and Beattock communities, Solway Sharks in Dumfries, University of West of Scotland Enterprise Challenge, 13 Secondary Schools in Dumfries and Galloway, Lochmaben Gala, Gretna, Dumfries and Galloway Sports Events Partnership, Annan Riding of the Marches, Lockerbie Ice Rink, Eastriggs and Dornock Bowling Club, Eaglesfield and Kirtle community, Youthbeatz.

Mr Marshall offered to provide more detailed information on any of the applications, if requested.

## **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Brodie was pleased that Annan Riding of the Marches had been supported this year and asked if funding could be relied upon in the future. Mr Marshall responded that it would depend on the applications received at the time but it is likely that there will have to be a move away from traditional smaller projects to larger transformational projects.

Cllr Peacock was pleased to see the scope of grants across the whole area and not just immediately around the site.

Cllr Thompson asked about the eligibility and criteria for projects. Mr Marshall replied that these can be viewed on the new Socio Economic website but undertook to send out an Application Pack explaining all this information to Members. Mr Hamilton suggested that this should also include the NDA criteria. Cllr Marshall reminded Members that the process only began in April so some tweaking is still required.

- ❖ Action – Sean Marshall to provide Members with copies of Application Forms and funding eligibility and criteria for grants.

## 10. CoReS Update

Mr Don Taylor tabled an update report and highlighted the main points:

Gretna is slightly behind schedule due to problems with the water supply. Details are being finalised for the Business Park in Annan.

## 11. Beyond Chapelcross Project

Mr Taylor tabled a report and gave a verbal update on the project.

Bev Bamford, Business Adviser, is working directly with businesses. Three grants have been awarded to date with seven in the pipeline. 43 out of 61 businesses have received one-to-one support. 38 Chapelcross staff attended 5 'Let's Talk Business' workshops. The Beyond Chapelcross website is due to be launched and will include a marketing campaign. 14 retailers in Annan attended the 'Let's Talk Shop' sessions with 11 of the 14 receiving one-to-one advice. A small grants scheme is in place to assist with making any recommended changes as a result of the advice sessions and positive feedback has been received from the retailers. 70 participants (50 residents, 20 businesses) in Annan were involved in the Broadband Pilot project. The Scottish Government is keen to look at how to disseminate information through Broadband. A soft launch of Annandale TV took place a couple of months ago, which is a source of local information and proving very popular with 2,000 visits/week. It is hoped that Annandale TV will become a social enterprise. The refurbishment of the Richard Greenhow Centre in Gretna will commence in the new year.

The Gretna and Annan Masterplans have produced a series of long-term regeneration projects. The Lockerbie Masterplan is underway. Ironside Farrar are working on the production of this and is expected at the end of October. The Regeneration Steering Groups are underpinning the Masterplans and will take forward delivery of the projects.

Discussions have been held with 3 inward investors and 7 businesses considering strategic expansion and Project Officers are working with property agents and developers.

### Questions and Observations

Mr Brown commented that Dumfries and Galloway Social Enterprise Network (DGSEN) is a good resource for social enterprises. It provides training opportunities for people to learn to understand social enterprises. The contact is Carla Gillespie. Mr Taylor will arrange for this information to be added to the website to give people access to the DGSEN.

Cllr Marshall reminded Members that CoReS was established in 2002, after the announcement of cessation of generation at Chapelcross. Since then significant progress has been made to mitigate the impact on the local economy of decommissioning at the Site and projects are now being put in place before Chapelcross enters into interim Care and Maintenance in 2017.

Cllr Diggle asked about the level of support for businesses. Mr Taylor responded that there is intensive support, ranging from those considering starting a new business to those which are already well established. There is provision for ongoing support and it is free of charge.

Cllr Thompson asked about the 3 inward investors and asked how proactive the project is. Mr Taylor replied that the contacts have come via the Council and investors are attracted by the strategic location of the GLA area. The new website will have a specific area for inward investors. Officers are working with national Inward Investment Agencies. It is necessary to create the right environment for them and the whole project is about attracting investment and the need to make sure that the infrastructure is there to support it.

**12. Any Other Business**

Mrs Callander advised Members of the meeting dates for the Chapelcross Site Steering Group meetings for 2013, which are:

Friday 8th March 2013

Friday 7th June 2013

Friday 6th September 2013

Friday 6th December 2013

**13. Public Forum**

The member of the public in attendance at the meeting introduced herself as Catherine O'Sullivan of CH2M HILL and had no specific questions but was interested in the Group.

**14. Next Meeting – Friday 7th December 2012**

On behalf of the Members of the Chapelcross Site Steering Group, Mr Grierson presented Mr Lindsay with a gift as a token of thanks and appreciation for his hard work and commitment as Chairman. Everyone present was invited to stay for a light buffet lunch to mark Mr Lindsay's retirement.

The next meeting will be on Friday 7th December 2012 at 10.00 am in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Annan.