

Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group

**THE TWENTY FIFTH HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE LAURISTON HOTEL, ARDROSSAN**

Present:

Magnox Ltd

Mr Mark Stubbs
Mr Reuben Phillips
Mr Steve Payne
Mr Tony Bale (Chair)

Community Councillors

Mr John Lamb - West Kilbride
Mrs Rita Holmes – Fairlie (Vice Chair)
Mr Allan Rice – Saltcoats

Community Council Representatives

Mr Douglas MacFarlane (Largs)
Mr Ian Frame (Cumbrae)
Mr Kenny MacDougall (Ardrossan)

Councillors

Cllr Robert Barr
Cllr Elisabeth Marshall

In Attendance

Mrs Shelagh Milligan, Magnox Ltd
Mr Derek Rooney, Magnox Ltd
Mr Sean Marshall, Magnox Ltd
Mr Allan McRae, CNC
Ms Claire Cook, British Energy
Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government
Mr Howard Steele, Scottish Government
Cllr Ian Lindsay, Chapelcross SSG (Chair)

Several members of the public were also in attendance

Apologies:

Mr Colin Weir, Mr Willie Jack, Cllr Elizabeth McLardy, Mr Angus Cochrane-Patrick, Mr Stuart McGhie, Mr John Robertson and Mr Peter Roach.

British Energy

Mr John Morrison

NDA

Mr Bill Hamilton

ONR

Mr Chris Kemp
Dr Mark Tyrer

SEPA

Ms Iona MacDonald
Mr Keith Hammond

North Ayrshire Council

Mr Hugh McGhee

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Tony Bale welcomed everyone to the 25th meeting of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

2. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Bale introduced Mr Mark Stubbs, Hunterston A Deputy Site Director, who was deputising for Mr Peter Roach and requested that all questions regarding A Site were directed to him in Mr Roach's absence. Mr Bale advised the attendance of Chapelcross SSG Chair, Cllr Ian Lindsay, who was present to observe the meeting.

Mr Steven Payne stated that correspondence had been received from Mr Craig Perkins, Acting Chair of Ardrossan Community Council, requesting Mr Kenny McDougall remain as representative for all future SSG meetings.

Mr Payne added that all members had received notification of NDA's Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Consultation which the Government would welcome views on. The consultation would continue until Friday 30 September 2011 and it was noted that further information was available online at www.decc.gov.uk.

With regards to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), Dr Mike Weightman, HM Chief Inspector, was due to publish the final report on the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. Mr Payne advised that the ONR had contemplated running small regional events to provide question and answering opportunities and an estimation on the number of interested parties from the Hunterston SSG was requested. Mr Payne also indicated a note of interest from Chapelcross. Mr Bale stated that he would liaise with colleagues from Chapelcross to establish their interest and provide a joint response by close of business that day.

ACTION T. BALE

Mr Bale expressed his disappointment that there were no local Councillors in attendance at the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr Bale informed the members of an extraordinary meeting which took place on 2 June 2011 to consider an application from Saltcoats Community Council for SSG membership and that two actions had been placed upon the Secretariat at that meeting. Firstly, to provide Mr John Robertson with written confirmation of his voting rights (complete) and secondly, to investigate a possible oversight of a non-voting member being counted in a previous vote. The only issue of contention was that the vote cast was to allow Saltcoats Community Council representation on the group. It was however indicated that if the individual concerned was not entitled to vote, a majority decision still remained therefore the outcome was unaffected. Mr Bale advised that the Secretariat had now received correspondence from Largs Community Council with this regard. The extraordinary minutes were approved.

At the SSG meeting on 2 June 2011, an action was placed on the Secretariat to amend the minutes of 3 March 2011 concerning the change in designation of Mr Ian Frame and Mr Douglas MacFarlane from "Community Councillors" to "Community Council Representatives". This action was carried out and the minutes of 3 March 2011 were approved.

No further amendments were noted for the minutes of 2 June 2011 and the minutes were approved.

4.A HUNTERSTON B STATION REPORT

Mr John Morrison took the Hunterston B report as read. He highlighted that it had been three and a half years since the last lost-time accident and with regard to outage, no significant accidents to report. At the end of June, Lloyds Register Qualification Assurance were onsite to continue accreditation to the three key standards ISO 9001 quality standard; ISO 14001 environment standard and ISO 18001 safety standard, all of which were approved.

Mr Morrison noted that with regards to environment, there had been no serious events in the period. Continuation of processing low level access waste with key focus on minimising and generalising waste and bringing materials into controlled areas had occurred.

With regard to radiological protection, Mr Morrison indicated a small increase in the personal contamination events due to lowering the threshold for monitoring contamination which contributed to continual improvement. This situation allowed them to look at other opportunities for deep cleaning and improving the environment for staff.

The Radiation Report for 2011 was on schedule for the end of the year. Strong performance had been noted with the only challenge being seaweed ingress.

Mr Morrison made reference to the Weightman Report in that a number of mandatory evaluations had been carried out with further ongoing stress testing. Scottish Government had been contacted in this regard.

Mr Morrison commented that initiatives were continuing within the area of transparency and that a forthcoming "information day" was planned for Saturday 17 September 2011. Details had been advertised in the local press and events were occurring at all sites throughout the UK and Worldwide.

Within Community Section 4, work was ongoing to provide a wide range of worthy sponsorship educational visits within the local community. Mr Morrison advised that apprentices were being recruited this year in addition to the current 25 full-time apprentices and he anticipated staff numbers to increase to 552 by the end of this year.

Mr Hugh McGhee sought clarification regarding the Weightman Report and its recommendations for Hunterston B and Hunterston A and what implications were intimated. Mr Morrison commented that they had reviewed seismic housekeeping in order that no fragments of plant were mobile. Reference was made to an enhanced training programme in addition to emergency arrangements.

Mrs Rita Holmes enquired whether it would be appropriate to mention the application with the Local Authority for the nitrogen plant and perhaps give information on the need for this plant and nitrogen use. Mr Morrison stated that they already had a nitrogen plant but were looking to upgrade and improve its performance to support their safety. Mr Morrison intimated that the system was used as a cold-down system. In a significant event, control rods and safety rods would be dropped into the reactor which would act as a short term cold down/shut down and then nitrogen injected into the reactor making it completely benign. Due to the cracking issue in graphite, a request had been made to implement two new systems with the introduction of super articulated rods and a new nitrogen system which was seismic qualified to ensure the reactor was held down long-term.

Mr John Lamb made reference to the Weightman Report and enquired if safety keys and emergency procedures would be updated to accommodate any safety elements recommended. Mr Morrison commented that some of this had already been implemented and that a stress test to remove barriers (not normally thought of) would be carried out. Mr Chris Kemp added that members should note the Weightman Report is an interim report published in May 2011 and the final, extended report would become available within one week.

Mr Bale congratulated Hunterston B on its safety record and the fact that it had taken on an additional seven apprentices.

Mr Kenny MacDougall enquired as to whether any personnel were involved in the test which was going through parts of North Ayrshire into South Ayrshire, concerning a nuclear disaster through the MOD, Operation Trinity. In response, Mr Morrison stated that he was unaware if Hunterston B were involved with that particular test, however they had been heavily involved with local communities and Scottish Government with emergency arrangements and re-testing within the last six months. Mr MacDougall added that after speaking to parish councils in England in the vicinity of nuclear facilities, there seemed to be a different attitude to nuclear safety and knowledge if there were to be an accident within a station in that area. South of the border, parish councils were seen to work closely with the local authority in the event of a disaster to help man evacuation zones as they were representatives of individual communities.

Mr MacDougall stated that in his opinion, the community councillors were reluctant to get involved with helping the local authority and the Government and enquired as to why. Mr Morrison advised that any response to an accident was managed by the police and it was their responsibility to direct action/orders. If anything were to occur off-site, this also came under police remit. He added that there was an off-site centre at Lancaster House, Prestwick, which provides all briefing and situates the Gold Commander and Government Technical Advisor. Regular tests are carried out here with members of local agencies and regional councils, however he was unsure as to what level. Ms Claire Cook verified that whilst the police were in charge, the plan itself was owned by North Ayrshire Council, therefore any questions should be directed to them regarding changes.

Mr MacDougall reiterated that he felt a lack of communication between the Council, agencies and other representatives. He proposed that an enquiry should be included in the programme, however it should at least be highlighted in the event that it ever happened. Mr McGhee commented that Ayrshire had an emergency planning group and it would perhaps be worthwhile contacting them in this regard. Mr Bale requested these comments be duly recorded and agreed there should be an involvement from Community Councillors. Mr Bale asked Mr McGhee to convey this to the Council Directors and report their response at the next SSG meeting.

ACTION: H. MCGHEE

Cllr Robert Barr arrived and gave apologies on behalf of Cllr's Gallagher and McLardy. Mr Bale advised Mr Barr of his earlier comments regarding his disappointment at the non-attendance of Cllr's and the fact that it was noted in the minutes.

Members were informed by Mr MacDougall of a council meeting on Wednesday 7 September 2011 whereby certain remarks were made and minuted concerning community councillors and their role within the SSG. Mr MacDougall was shocked that this had been discussed at a major council meeting and added that he felt the community councillors had proved invaluable to the SSG. It was Mr MacDougall's opinion that the statements had come from some Cllr's

who had never attended the SSG and he felt it belittled the views of the SSG. Mr Bale responded that he had no knowledge of the meeting but that the minutes would be in the public domain and thought it was wise to continue the debate once this information was available for everyone to view. Mr Bale noted Mr MacDougall's concerns regarding these comments towards the SSG and that the SSG would respond to any points which needed clarification once the minutes were available.

At this point Cllr Elisabeth Marshall entered the meeting and Mr Bale reiterated his apologies for his earlier comments regarding the lack of attendance from North Ayrshire Councillors.

4.B SEPA REPORT

Mr Keith Hammond took the report as read. Mr Hammond advised that a follow up regulation inspection had been carried out on 1 September 2011 to look at liquid discharge under the schedule and no contentious issues were found. The station had experienced a minor spill of contaminated oil whilst being transported, however the site identified this immediately and affected areas were removed. SEPA stated that this was an excellent response.

RIFE 16 2010 would be published in late October. A SEPA report on Fukushima monitoring had been published on SEPA's website as of 1 September 2011. Mr Hammond quoted a paragraph on public health implications from the Health Protection Agency (HPA) website. A member of the public confirmed that the report was available on the website and in addition, it was noted on the SEPA website that there was going to be a similar report to the ONR report. Mr Hammond replied that it was his understanding that the HPA was supposed to be reviewing and actioning these results.

4.C ONR REPORT

Dr Mark Tyrer confirmed that the report issued on 1 July 2011 was taken as read and that the next report would be at the end of October 2011. Dr Tyrer congratulated Hunterston B on its outage saying it was one of the best he had witnessed in his 25 years experience in nuclear safety. ONR carried out various inspections during the outage and the site should be commended on its performance. All staff, including contractors, had an upbeat, positive attitude throughout the outage with the correct documentation being available at the point of work and the correct procedures being followed. Some of the behaviours exhibited were exemplary.

Consent was given on 30 August 2011 for Reactor 4 with the report issued shortly thereafter on their website. Mrs. Holmes asked Dr, Tyrer to confirm who will make the decision on the extension of the operating life of the plant. Dr. Tyrer confirmed that this decision will be made by EDF as it is a purely commercial decision. However, ongoing discussions are being held with ONR concerning this matter. There are also meetings with ONR technical specialists held on a regular basis. Mrs Holmes responded that this was reassuring.

Cllr Barr enquired if the Scottish Government would have an input if a request was made for extension. In response, Mr Morrison stated that as part of the business community in Scotland, they were happy to work with any Government and as an organization, would work with political sides. Dr Tyrer added that safety cases were reproduced every 10 years to ensure they met legal requirements and that this process started three year's previous to the 10 year expiry.

Following recess, Mr Bale updated the members after discussion with Mrs Holmes and Chapelcross SSG Chair, Cllr Ian Lindsay, that the Secretariat would communicate the wish for

a joint meeting at Chapelcross at a mutual time, date and venue. Dr Tyrer enquired as to whether Torness should be included, to which Mr Bale responded that they would take that information onboard. Cllr Barr requested that the North Ayrshire Council be made aware of this meeting.

ACTION: D. ROONEY

5. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUBGROUP UPDATE

A meeting had been held on Wednesday 27 July 2011 at Hunterston A regarding main topics which had been circulated to the group. North Ayrshire Council Chief Executive, Mrs Elma Murray, and Irvine Bay Regeneration Company were in attendance in addition to The Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise representatives. Mr Bale wished to note the group's disappointment that Mr Jonathan Jenkin, NDA was not in attendance. Mr Bale commented that this was deemed unhelpful and hoped NDA would take note. In response, Mr Bill Hamilton asked members to accept his apologies for this error which occurred due to the fact that Mr Jenkin had been on annual leave and he was unaware that as an organisation, someone should be in attendance.

Mr Bale highlighted that a joint draft report was presented at the subgroup meeting, which had since been distributed to all voting members for comment. The purpose of the report was to compile a package of projects and ideas for submission to NDA for funding. The secretariat had received three responses to the draft report from Ardrossan Community Council, Fairlie Community Council and West Kilbride Community Council. A single SSG response was then forwarded to the North Ayrshire Council Chief Executive, commenting that some projects were not meeting the criteria and therefore no support would be offered by either SSG or NDA.

This was part of the case for gaining priority funding and was in co-partnership with Scottish Government, Irvine Bay and various organisations. Mr Lamb confirmed that the SSG had been discussing priority status with NDA for quite some time.

Mrs Holmes responded that in her opinion, the draft from North Ayrshire Council was poor and she felt pressurised to "sing from the same hymn sheet". Mrs Holmes added that only a few statistics from the draft Hall Aitken Report needed to be included to substantiate this as priority status as opposed to the entire report being submitted. Mrs Holmes commented that she felt there was an agenda to push through other areas of the draft Hall Aitken Report. Mr Hamilton responded that the NDA welcomed thorough bids that met their criteria. He added that NDA Chairman, Mr Stephen Henwood, had indicated that he would welcome serious applications from the Hunterston SSG and was fully aware of the issues in the area. Mr Hamilton assured the SSG that both he and Mr Jenkin would attend the next subgroup meeting and an action was noted for them to be advised of the date, time and venue once arranged.

ACTION: D. ROONEY

Cllr Barr reiterated that the report was only in draft form, which stated there were no concerns from other parties. Mr Bale confirmed that the report was indeed in draft form and that SSG were not in control of signing off the final report as it was a council document. Mr MacDougall asked for clarification regarding the report as he was unaware of any SSG input. Mr MacDougall felt there was nothing within the report which met NDA criteria and that guidelines and direction was still required. Mr Bale took on board all comments and reiterated that this was merely the start of a journey.

Mr Bill Hamilton made reference to Bridgewater College as this project had been part funded by NDA and its funding had been crucial to engineering works being built on campus. He added that the NDA were now more focused on Hunterston and looked favourably for the right

project to be put forward. NDA did not expect the SSG to make the bid but expected them to approve it and be supportive.

Mr MacDougall asked if there was a specific reason for the NDA's support of Hunterston, and questioned whether they were looking to close the site earlier than planned. Mr Hamilton stated that the NDA were not only committed to Hunterston, but also their other 18 sites. He explained that Hunterston was one site whom as yet, had not taken advantage of NDA funding, hence the reason they were concentrating their efforts on Hunterston.

Mrs Holmes stated that sites such as Chapelcross and Dounreay had received funding due to the projects put forward not being controversial. Mrs Holmes added that Hunterston had various projects which North Ayrshire Council was pressing them to accept that could prove detrimental to the community. Mrs Holmes mentioned that waste could be brought in from elsewhere resulting in money for the cleansing firm. Mr Bale stated he was unaware of waste from other areas coming onto the site. Mrs Holmes stated that there was a competitive study within the draft Hall Aitken Report that mentioned this and mentioned the fact that Hunterston had an empty ILW store. Mrs Holmes added that Mr Peter Roach had previously stated that the only way to receive financial benefit would be if waste were taken from elsewhere, hence the reason she was wary. Mr Stubbs responded that there were no plans to use the ILW store for anything other than Site waste at present. Mr MacDougall read aloud a statement from the previous SSG meeting when waste removal had been mentioned. Mr Hamilton responded that these were clearly two different debates that should not be confused and felt he had given a full response at the last SSG. He reiterated that specific proposals may need approval and to go through various stages. This was a separate debate to the socio-economic support for the area and Mr Hamilton rejected any allegations that socio-economic funding from the NDA was dependent on waste coming to Hunterston. Mrs Holmes felt that she was not confusing the two debates but being vigilant.

Mr MacDougall stated that whilst he understood Mrs Holmes's comments, he wished to clarify that Mrs Holmes was not speaking on behalf of members within the room. There was also the perception that in bringing in nuclear waste, there would be money available for this purpose. Mr MacDougall made reference to a newspaper publication on 3 September 2011 (East Anglian Daily Times) which stated that EDF had awarded £1.3 million to improve a national designated Suffolk Coast. Mr Hamilton advised that the NDA's socio-economic policy was not to support the companies involved but to support the socio-economic regeneration.

Mr Sean Marshall stated that he had been heavily involved with colleagues in attempting to obtain socio-economic funding for the Chapelcross area. He noted that schemes had only been successful due to the right people/organisations being involved. Mr Marshall felt there was a real opportunity for Hunterston and added that the draft Hall Aitken Report illustrated the demographics of the area well. Mr Marshall had learned that NDA wished the SSG to fully engage in the process. Mr Bale suggested that the way forward would be to have a further subgroup meeting in the near future. Mr Bale noted that Chief Executive, Elma Murray had received a response from him but to date he had received no response from Ms Murray. It was proposed that perhaps a representative from Chapelcross should be invited to attend the next subgroup meeting. This would be discussed and, if deemed appropriate, an invitation would be extended to Chapelcross.

ACTION: D. ROONEY

Mr Bale rounded up the discussions and concluded that this was merely the beginning of a journey, and that the group would engage with the council amongst others to arrange a further meeting. He also recognised the possibility of gauging potential project ideas from the

Hunterston workforce, but it was noted that the usual method for workforce communication was via the appropriate trade union representatives.

6.A HUNTERSTON A SITE REPORT

Mr Mark Stubbs extended a warm welcome to Mr Allan Rice, Saltcoats Community Council, as a new member of the SSG. He indicated that the report should be taken as read with a few items highlighted.

With regards to safety, it was now over 27 months since the last lost-time accident, no medical treatments and only 16 minor first aid injuries over the last year. The site continues to complete the decommissioning work safely and to schedule.

Since the last meeting, the site had installed a pontoon across the pond with dewatering likely to commence in around the end of September/beginning of October and lasting approximately three years.

A meeting was scheduled for 19 September 2011 with Magnox and NDA to discuss the proposal for the near site, near surface graphite disposal facility.

Mr Stubbs advised that with regard to national matters linked to Hunterston A, Mr Ewan Young from the Scottish Government was in attendance and had been involved in the implementation strategy for higher activity waste. Mr Young offered to speak on this topic at the end of the Hunterston A report.

With regard to land quality management, Mr Stubbs advised that the site was pursuing longer term land remediation options. A proposed technical solution has been selected and once independently reviewed and approved, work would commence circa April 2012.

Mr Stubbs stated that the safety of the public, personnel and care of the environment remained top priority to complete decommissioning work at Hunterston A.

Mr McGhee asked Mr Stubbs to clarify that the building referred to within the site report was a new ILW retrieval building and not the ILW store that already existed. Mr Stubbs confirmed that this was correct.

Mr Allan Rice asked about the make up of the pond water and whether it was more alkaline or acid. Mr Stubbs replied that the pond water was currently alkaline.

A member of the public enquired as to how the pond water was treated prior to being discharged to sea. Mr Stubbs replied that the pond water has been treated for a long time now through a Modular Active Effluent Treatment Plant (MAETP), which has removed caesium and filtered out much of the particulate material, reducing the level of radioactivity significantly. As the dewatering of the ponds progresses it will be subject to further treatment by the MAETP and then go to a delay tank where it would be monitored and, if suitable for discharge, would then be discharged to sea in accordance with the Site's current discharge authorisation.

The member of public also asked to what the specification was of material to be discharged in terms of chemical constituents and radioactivity. Mr Stubbs replied he did not have this information to hand but would provide it in due course. Mr Stubbs added that once agreement had been obtained from SEPA the draining would start around the end of

September/beginning of October. The member of the public stated that the cleaning and draining of the ponds was a very important activity in the decommissioning of the Site and requested further information to explain to members and the public. Mr Stubbs agreed it was an important stage and the Site was very confident in the plan and the way it was to be carried out. Mr Stubbs said he would be happy to provide a presentation covering the ponds clean and drain including the treatment and discharge process at the next SSG meeting.

ACTION M STUBBS

Mr Lamb asked for an update on the retrieval of the two spent fuel elements from the pond. Mr Stubbs detailed this process and commented overall work was going well. He explained that elements would be removed to two suitable shielded flasks on site before being removed to Sellafield for reprocessing.

Mrs Holmes enquired if there was any update on Compound 7 (CP7) and whether a presentation would be needed in this regard. Mr Stubbs responded that he would be happy to advise the outcome in due course. Mr Bale concluded that a CP7 presentation to the SSG was required.

ACTION: M. STUBBS

With regards to the meeting on 19 September between Magnox and the NDA to discuss the business case for graphite disposal, Mr MacDougall requested that the Chair inform the SSG of the NDA's decision in advance of the next SSG.

ACTION: T.BALE

6.B NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY

Mr Hamilton wished to congratulate Hunterston A on the excellent safety record aforementioned. He considered the ILW plant to be a particular success as it was a target reported by NDA to Government. Mr Hamilton added that NDA Chairman, Stephen Henwood, had recently visited the site and looked forward to seeing a good project for socio-economic funding coming forward in due course.

Mr Hamilton explained that NDA had published their annual report in July 2011 and it was a year of solid progress. The decision was made to close the Sellafield MOX Plant due to the impact of the tsunami on Japanese customers and their inability to confirm their desire to receive new MOX fuel. In Scotland, there had been media/stakeholder comments around NDA proposals to move material from Dounreay to Sellafield for processing. There had been media coverage surrounding the controversy relating to the proposal to transport the material by rail. The successful bidder, who would take over the closure contract for Dounreay, would be announced on 23 November 2011.

6.C SEPA REPORT

Ms Iona MacDonald took the SEPA report as read and informed the group that on 25 August 2011, SEPA attended a meeting with Magnox to discuss potential proposals for fuel element debris (FED) dissolution at the site, with the site being engaged at an early stage.

Mr MacDougall requested further information on FED dissolution. Mr Stubbs provided an outline of the process which has been used for many years at Dungeness A Power Station and was likely to be used at Bradwell Site. Although not currently part of the Hunterston A Site plan, it was a potential future opportunity and could bring real benefits to dispose of FED ILW. Mr Tyrer added that he had been involved with the Bradwell Site proposal and was strongly supportive of this method to deal with FED ILW. Mr Stubbs agreed to provide a presentation on FED dissolution at the next SSG meeting in December 2011.

ACTION: M. STUBBS

6.D ONR REPORT

Mr Kemp said that the main events in his report, which was for Quarter 2, had already been mentioned to the SSG, at its meeting on 2 June. They included the successful demonstration emergency exercise and various other inspections.

In the current quarter, he had had meetings about Magnox Ltd's choice of process for dealing with waste to be retrieved from the Solid Active Waste Building, which would enable it to submit a new decommissioning programme next month.

Licensees are required to review their safety cases periodically. In this quarter, ONR had written to Magnox Ltd to say that, subject to satisfactory completion of the recommendations of that review, the review was adequate to justify continued activities at Hunterston A to the end of 2020.

7. AOCB

Mr Ewan Young took this opportunity to give an update to members. He explained that work was due to commence on a strategy to implement policy, and this information was listed on the Scottish Government website. It was noted that papers would be published on the website once approved had been granted.

Mr Young informed that a technical advisory group would be convened. This may require further groups being created to offer support, including representatives of SSG and supporting companies. Mr Bale requested that Mr Young keep the secretariat advised on any updates, documentation and dates of meetings so that the SSG could endeavour to assist.

ACTION: D.ROONEY

Mr MacDougall highlighted the importance of advising members when information was placed on the website in order that issues were not overlooked. Mr Young explained that within the website, email alerts could be arranged and defined to suit individual needs.

Mr Bale concluded the meeting, reiterating his apology to councillors for his earlier comment regarding their non-attendance at the SSG. Congratulations were extended to B Station regarding safety and also on the new apprentices within the workforce. A member of the public suggested that an apprentice school be set up in the area.

8. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8 December 2011, Brisbane House Hotel, Largs at 1.30pm

Mr Tony Bale
SSG Chairman