

**Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group**

**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2012 AT THE LAURISTON HOTEL, ARDROSSAN**

**Present:**

**Magnox Ltd**

Mr Tony Bale (Chair)  
Mr Mark Stubbs

**Councillors**

Cllr Robert Barr  
Cllr Alan Hill  
Cllr Tom Marshall  
Cllr Elizabeth McLardy

**Community Councillors**

Mrs Rita Holmes – Fairlie (Vice Chair)  
Mr Allan Rice – Saltcoats

**Community Council Representatives**

Mr Douglas MacFarlane Largs

**In Attendance**

Mr Derek Rooney, Magnox Ltd  
Mr Reuben Phillips, Magnox Ltd  
Mrs Shelagh Milligan, Magnox Ltd  
Mr Sean Marshall, Magnox Ltd  
Mr Sean Balmer, NDA  
Cllr Alec McLean, North Ayrshire Council  
Mr Allan McRae, CNC, EDF Energy  
Ms Claire Cook, EDF Energy  
Mr Andrew Taylor, EDF Energy  
Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government  
Mr David Whyte, Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team  
Ms Jane McGeorge, Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team  
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Several members of the public were also in attendance.

**Apologies:** Mr Chris Kemp, Mr Tony Garnett, Mr Ian Frame, Ms Lorette Dunlop, Mr John Lamb.

**EDF Energy**

Mr Colin Weir

**ONR**

Mr Malek Ghannad

**SEPA**

Mr Adam Stackhouse  
Mr Keith Hammond

**North Ayrshire Council**

Mr Hugh McGhee

**Community Members**

Mr John Robertson

**Hunterston House**

Mr Angus Cochran-Patrick  
Mr Ralston Ryder

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**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Mr Tony Bale welcomed everyone to the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

**2. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Bale welcomed the new members of the SSG, following recent local elections.

Mr Bale informed the SSG that in an attempt to conduct future meetings in a more timely manner, he proposed the public question and answering session be restricted to the end of meeting as per the agenda. Mrs Rita Holmes suggested that it would be more appropriate to offer any questions prior to the tea and coffee break. It was agreed that the remainder of the meeting would be time managed more efficiently in order to see how it goes.

Correspondence had been received from North Ayrshire Council informing the SSG that Ardrossan Community Council were currently in abeyance and, as a result, Ardrossan Community Council no longer had representation at the SSG meetings.

An invitation had been received from CoRWM regarding an open evening at the Brisbane House Hotel, Largs, on 12 June 2012 which would involve discussions associated with the management of higher activity radioactive waste.

It was noted that Ms Karen Dickens, NDA Stakeholder Relations Representative for Magnox/RSRL Competition, had offered to attend the next SSG to update the group on the competition process.

Correspondence had also been received from SEPA to advise that applications had been made by Magnox for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the decommissioning of Hunterston A Site. Mr Bale advised that this process involved various bodies being consulted including NDA, Ayrshire & Arran NHS Board, North Ayrshire Council and Health Protection Agency. Written representation concerning the application should be made prior to 20 July 2012. Further details can be obtained from the SEPA website ([www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk)).

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES/ACTION POINTS**

Action 01 – Mrs Holmes visited the Cockermouth workshop on Radioactive Waste Management on 28 March 2012 and updated the SSG. **(Status: Complete)**

In addition, Mrs Holmes highlighted that in order to attend such workshops/meetings, initial outlays had been met by her with the intention of reimbursement via expenses. Mrs Holmes noted that she had received no recompense to date. From within the public audience, Mr Sean Balmer, NDA, gave assurance that he would look into the matter. **(Action 01)**

Action 02 - Mr Bale indicated that views had been passed on to Ms Claire Dodd regarding the Scottish Government Technical Advisory Group, with Hunterston, Chapelcross and Dounreay

invited to nominate one representative to attend the TAG workshop. Mr Bale advised the consensus that all three sites should have representation in addition to the SSG. It was noted that no reply had been received to date and Mr Bale would advise the outcome in due course.  
**(Status: On-going)**

Action 03 – Mr Bale noted that the typographical changes from the March minutes had been completed by the Secretariat.  
**(Status: Complete)**

Action 04 - Further information regarding Hydrazine had been issued. **(Status: Complete)**

Action - Invitation had been extended to Emergency Planning Officer, North Ayrshire Council to give a presentation and this was scheduled for later in the meeting. **(Status: Complete)**

Action 06 - Mr Chris Kemp, ONR had to provide the exact number of individuals within the ONR transport team. Page 6, Section 5C of the March minutes had been updated to reflect this update.  
**(Status: Complete)**

Action 07 - Mr Mark Stubbs gave comment on the final weather barrier at Hunterston A. Mr Stubbs met with North Ayrshire Council Planning Department who confirmed that the Site had been granted planning permission for a weather envelope in 2004 and later introduced a temporary weather barrier as an interim phase, which was still compliant with the planning permission. It was noted that the most recent correspondence with North Ayrshire Council had occurred at a time when the date for Care and Maintenance was 2020 with the permanent envelope due for completion in 2019. Mr Stubbs clarified that the entry to Care and Maintenance date had been changed to 2022 and the latest date for completion of the weather envelope was now 2020.  
**(Status: Complete)**

Action 08 – Cllr Gallagher's action to provide feedback on the socio-economic application process was no longer applicable due to the introduction of the new Magnox system for dealing with applications and therefore this action could be cancelled. **(Status: Complete)**

Action 09 – Mr Bale made reference to the request that a message of support be sent to Fukushima on behalf of the Hunterston SSG. He advised that this had progressed to an appropriate level and on behalf of Magnox, Fukushima had been contacted.  
**(Status: Complete)**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mrs Holmes directed the SSG to the following anomalies within the previous minutes:

Page 1 (before Action 2): "chairs" to be replaced with "nominated representatives".

Page 3 (line 13): "repair" groups to be replaced with "prepare" groups.

Page 4 (line 2): "great" disturbances to be replaced with "grid" disturbances.

Page 5 (section 5.B): "Site" to be replaced with "SSG" at Sizewell.

Page 10 (2nd last paragraph): "erosion" to be replaced with "corrosion".

With these amendments noted, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Elizabeth McLardy and seconded by Cllr Robert Barr.

## 5.A HUNTERSTON B STATION REPORT

Mr Colin Weir, Station Director, took the report as read. He advised that Hunterston B had achieved a highly commended award in the Electricity Industry Sector of the “2012 RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards”.

On 28 March 2012, Hunterston B EDF Energy Staff and contract partners had achieved four years since the last lost-time accident. In recognition, £5k had been donated to the Guide Dog Association for the Blind.

As of 1 January 2012, EDF Energy introduced new methods for measuring the Company's safety performance and had moved from merely monitoring lost time accidents to reviewing “total recordable incident rate” to enable closer monitoring of all recordable injuries, restricted work injuries and medical treatments with the continual strive to be exemplary in safety performance. It was noted that no lost-time accidents had been reported by EDF Energy or contract partner staff during the period, nor had there been any significant environmental or radiological events.

Mr Weir noted that one small incident had been reported to SEPA, which involved the entrainment of a small quantity of charcoal filter media into the reactor gaseous discharge route pipe work. Furthermore the Station had conducted a review of circumstances surrounding this event and corrective measures had been put in place to prevent reoccurrence.

On 16 February 2012, EDF Energy announced the 2011 financial results where it was recorded that there had been a 9% increase of £1664m, based largely on increased output. Nuclear fleet had generated 55.8TWh of electricity, which was the highest output for six years, and an improvement of 16% on 2010. He noted £1022m had been invested in generation fleet, nuclear coal, CCGT and company customer supply business. A further £632m had been allocated to pay tax, interest on debt, deficit repair payment on the pension scheme with the remainder being £1164m.

Mr Weir informed the SSG of the Franco-British summit, held in Paris in February 2012 with further progress towards EDF Energy's plans to build four new nuclear reactors in the UK.

In conclusion, Mr Weir recognised that one year had passed since Fukushima and that the company were spending £200m across the fleet to improve safety due to lessons learned from the disaster.

Mr Bale raised the issue that there had been no mention of the public inquiry into the coal power station and enquired as to EDF's position. In response, Mr Weir advised that written clarifications had been included in the public inquiry and objections had been noted. Mr Weir advised that a decision would be made prior to commencement of the public inquiry.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Weir to clarify the current position with regards to the regulation of business on or around nuclear sites. Mr Weir advised that RISTEC had been employed to carry out this work and believed them to be investigating the various hazards and assessments and the potential increase in temperature, which could affect output from Hunterston B. Mrs Holmes stated if EDF Energy were appearing as it witness it would be dependent upon their findings. In response, Mr Weir stated that the Station would ensure, before going forward, that these items were addressed to guarantee safety at Hunterston B.

Mr Allan Rice asked whether a drawing/sketch of the reactor gaseous discharge route could

be provided. Mr Weir responded that he would investigate whether a drawing of that nature could be released. **(Action 02)**

Mr Rice asked for clarification on the amount of charcoal filter that had been released. From within the public audience, Mr Andy Taylor clarified that it had been an extremely small handful of granular charcoal material. This amount constituted a very small part of a large amount of material which made up the full volume of the filter. Mr Taylor noted that two corrective procedures had been put in place; one being alterations in the maintenance job instructions for the filter, and two, the procedures for operation of the blow-down valve had been amended to better control the flow rates through this filter.

Mr Rice enquired as to the situation if there was to be a build up of Hydrazine. Mr Taylor commented that the amount of Hydrazine was minimal and was observed and used up in the early stages. Consequently, no build up of Hydrazine would occur in the boiler feed and therefore this was not connected to the blow-down process.

Mrs Holmes requested that Mr Taylor arrange a more detailed discussion from Hunterston B for those interested in technical issues. Mr Weir proposed that this be arranged via Mr Stuart McGhie, Community Liaison Officer. In addition, he informed the SSG of the proposed Visitor Centre which was due to open in the last quarter of the year, allowing the public to visit the plant to understand operations.

Mr Rice made reference to his recent visit to Hunterston B and commented on the extreme cleanliness of the Station. Reflecting on the recent news concerning Legionnaires Disease, Mr Rice asked what procedures were in place at both Hunterston A and B to protect workers. Mr Taylor responded that prevention and measuring and monitoring methods were in place and advised that all domestic water systems were regularly and routinely tested for Legionella bacteria. He added that if traces of this material were present at any point, they would a chemical cleaning process would be instigated. Mr Mark Stubbs advised that similar checks were carried out at Hunterston A.

## **5.B SEPA REPORT**

Mr Keith Hammond took the report as read. He reported that new silent steam vents had been approved in March 2012, which allowed units to be tested to full operational pressure and would minimise noise omissions.

A Variation Notice had been issued that two small boilers would replace a less efficient boiler.

Mrs Holmes made reference to the previous meeting whereby a question had been raised regarding valves being lifted and a variation to raise them to ensure they were working. Mr Hammond advised that this situation was ongoing and that the valves had not yet been lifted.

## **5.C ONR REPORT**

Mr Malek Ghannad noted that no issues had been raised from the annual review of safety carried out during the last quarter, and concluded that the annual demonstration of emergency response was assessed and found to be satisfactory.

Mrs Holmes enquired as to the format of the survey on fire safety, due to be carried out at Hunterston B in September 2012. Mr Ghannad reported that ONR had conventional fire safety inspectors and nuclear fire safety inspectors, both of whom visited the Station in addition to

routine inspectors. He added that a safety case would also be received which would go through assessment toward the end of this year.

In relation to dampers, Mrs Holmes enquired as to whether the inspector referred to paperwork to conduct the inspection or whether it was done physically. Mr Ghannad explained that if a problem was identified, records would be reviewed for that area to ascertain whether it had been fully operational.

Mrs Holmes raised concerns on the reliability of individuals undertaking the work, especially if physical inspections were not undertaken. Mr Ghannad explained that maintenance resulted from scheduled and routine maintenance with paperwork being adhered to, to ensure it was conducted in a satisfactory manner. Figures were generated from the bodies who carried out the maintenance work. Mrs Holmes asked whether the ONR had any misgivings or concerns regarding contractors undertaking the work as opposed to employed members of staff. Mr Ghannad responded that he did not foresee a problem with suitably qualified contractors carrying out the work under licensee control.

## **6. HUNTERSTON A SITE REPORT**

Mr Mark Stubbs took the report as read, reporting that good safety performance continued during the period.

The Site hosted a biannual contractor safety forum involving all of the main contractors to discuss and share best practice.

Mr Stubbs added that for the period 2012/2013, a Site safety and environmental continuous improvement plan had been issued. In addition, he advised that Hunterston A had gained a RoSPA Gold Award and that Magnox had been awarded the RoSPA UK Construction Industry Sector Award this year.

Mr Stubbs confirmed that the pond decommissioning process was progressing with draining and decontamination. He noted that 21 feet, 6 inches recorded in November 2011 had reduced to 18 feet, 2 inches, which showed good progress. Mr Stubbs advised that the pond walls were cleaned using ultra high-pressure equipment with over 300m<sup>2</sup> of the overall 2760m<sup>2</sup> cleaned to date. This progress is currently ahead of baseline schedule.

Mr Stubbs reported that the first phase of the work to implement remediation of CP7 compound and associated drainage at Hunterston A had commenced. Murphy Group had won the civil engineering contract and had started work on Site. He added that this work had been programmed carefully to minimise the risk of any unauthorised releases into the environment. Mr Stubbs noted the inclusion within phase one of a temporary access road suitable for all types of vehicles and a pedestrian walkway. He confirmed the removal of the current CP7 compound fence and erection of work fencing along with signage to inform the public. On completion of the work, CP7 fencing and the Site access road will be reinstated in their previous locations.

Mr Stubbs noted that with regards to Bunker one waste, progress was being made on preparation for retrieval and passivation of FED. Two main methods of passivation of FED were encapsulation or dissolution, with a decision due to be made in 2013 which would be in collaboration with Scottish Government and the SSG throughout the year. Mr Stubbs reported that the wet ILW commissioning team was well established at Site and handover from the construction team to the commissioning team was substantially complete. He explained that

the Site was on schedule to retrieve the first ILW package into the ILW Store later this year.

Mr Stubbs indicated that Hunterston A had introduced a few design based multi-agency response exercises based on extreme weather conditions, which simulated breaches in A and B sites. These exercises had been found to be challenging and worthwhile with learning opportunities for all agencies. He added that a level one demonstration had taken place on 17 May 2012 which was deemed adequate.

Cllr Elizabeth McLardy requested further clarification on the cleaning of the walls of the pond using ultra high-pressure equipment. Mr Stubbs explained that the equipment removed the surface layer of concrete, therefore removing a high proportion of contamination. He added that this cleaning process reduced radiation doses from surface contamination and prevented buildup of airborne contamination.

Mr Stubbs advised that a pontoon had been placed insitu within the pond, which was working as an excellent platform to maintain good safety. Mr John Robertson enquired if the concrete from the walls was stored at Hunterston A. Mr Stubbs explained that during the cleaning process, the surface layer was removed which would eventually be mixed with grout which combined effectively into an ILW package. The concrete structure was thereafter dismantled and a decision made dependent on what levels remained as to whether it could be considered low level waste. Mr Robertson expressed concern that removal should be carried out at a deeper level as opposed to the surface layer. Mr Stubbs recognised that further work was planned to be undertaken in this area and agreed the Site would continue to work with SEPA to establish the most appropriate method of managing the material and its removal.

In response to a question raised by Mrs Holmes regarding the location of the underground waste storage tanks on site and whether they were situated near the CP7 compound, Mr Stubbs confirmed they were situated in the middle of the Site within a discreet, secure building below ground. He added that material inside the tanks were either intermediate or low level waste and would be dealt with as appropriate. The structure of the tank itself was deemed to be low level waste.

## **6.B SEPA REPORT**

Mr Adam Stackhouse gave apologies for being unable to provide a written report to the SSG in advance of today's meeting.

Overall, Mr Stackhouse was satisfied with a three day inspection of Hunterston A carried out in February 2012 which addressed pond cleaning and remediation of the CP7 compound.

Mr Stackhouse added that he had been joined in March 2012 by a hydrogeology colleague to look at the CP7 compound and to investigate if groundwater plans were content with those findings. He advised that he would continue to visit the Site during the course of the process.

In addition, Mr Stackhouse added that on 15 May 2012, an inspection had been undertaken and that two different types of incident had occurred during April. Some failures had been noted regarding sampling equipment for gaseous discharge, which made it impossible to retain a sample of what was released. Mr Stackhouse added that by the time he had inspected the Site, an investigation had already been conducted whereby problems had been identified and improvements recommended. Mr Stackhouse stated that he was pleased by the proactiveness shown, noting that he didn't expect there to be any recurrences.

There was also a failure in the HEPA filter that prevents the small particulars being released into the atmosphere. The Site promptly identified this and consequently replaced the filter. As a result, the month of April recorded a discharge of around 10 times higher than it would normally, however this was still very much below the authorised discharge level. Mr Stackhouse concluded that he had asked the Site to look at monitoring results to ensure there was no impact on the surrounding area. Mrs Holmes commended the Site for reporting its self-regulatory aspects and praised Mr Stackhouse for recording such issues.

Mr Stackhouse summarised the main purpose of the application for re-authorisation of Hunterston A was to combine the current three permits for liquid, solid and gaseous waste into one permit. He added that the application was not for new discharges but to modernise the authorisation/license, enabling everything to be combined and integrated.

Mr Stackhouse noted some changes to solid waste disposal in particular, that it was currently permitted for specified disposal facilities with future plans to grant permission to any facility appropriately qualified to accept this waste.

Mr Bale stressed that the SSG were extremely interested in the reports relating to the CP7 compound and hoped that the process was conducted well and monitored correctly.

Mrs Holmes asked for examples of places where low-level waste would be disposed. Mr Stackhouse recognised that there were facilities in place in Cumbria to deal with materials such as metal. He added that it was not just disposal but also treatment to allow clean materials to be recovered or reused in another manner. Mrs Holmes expressed that she had mixed feelings on this topic and did not wish Hunterston A to be a treatment facility for waste as this could increase emissions in the local area. Mr Stackhouse advised that for small quantities of specialist waste, it would cost a prohibitive amount with a new facility requiring to be built.

Mr Robertson expressed his views regarding the unsatisfactory conditions he had viewed at Drigg and was concerned at the transfer of materials to this location. Mr Stackhouse responded that he had not visited Drigg recently and relied on the regulator to keep him informed, but noted that SEPA did not have the authority to ensure it was fit for purpose. Mr Robertson asked Mr Stackhouse to report back to the SSG as to whether the conditions at Drigg had been rectified. **(Action 03)**

In relation to the radiological habits survey carried out every five years, Mr Douglas McFarlane asked whether continuous monitoring was undertaken between surveys. Mr Stackhouse advised that the purpose of the survey was to establish the habits of local people, foods grown and time spent on beaches, however out-with this survey, routine environmental monitoring was conducted continuously.

Mrs Holmes enquired as to whether a whole body monitoring exercise would be a more suitable form of research. Mr Stackhouse commented that levels of radioactivity in food and around the sites would result in the whole body monitoring exercise failing to identify anything and also the costs associated with such research would be greater than that of the habit survey.

## 6.C ONR REPORT

Mr Chris Kemp had submitted apologies for the meeting and was not in attendance. Mr Malek Ghannad offered to take any questions relating to Mr Kemp's report, however there were no further questions.

#### 6.D NDA REPORT

Mr Mark Stubbs informed the SSG that Mr David Rushton's role as NDA Programme Manager had changed, with Mr Peter Harrop now taking over this role in future.

#### 7. SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE

Mr Sean Marshall offered some background on the socio-economic funding process for the benefit of the new SSG members. Mr Marshall noted that since 1 April 2012, 18 applications had been submitted from the Hunterston area. The first local review panel meeting had met on 9 May 2012 with Mr Bale, Mrs Holmes and Mr Stubbs in attendance. Mr Marshall advised that Magnox socio-economic panel met on a monthly basis,

Mr Marshall explained that he took the opportunity to meet with many of the groups involved in the application process to offer advice where possible. He added that the local review panel had defined the area where they would like to see applications come from, with that boundary being North Ayrshire.

Mr Marshall made mention of the SSG socio-economic sub group, set up last year to work closely with North Ayrshire Council and Irvine Bay Regeneration Company to prioritise major transformation projects in North Ayrshire. In December 2011, five projects had been prioritised which were currently being progressed. Mr Marshall offered an update on these as follows:

- Marine Biological Station: £300k
- Tourism Growth Programme: £50k
- Youth Employment Support: £250k
- North Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Key Fund: Circa £500k
- Ardrossan Quayside Offices: Not proceeding any further

Cllr Robert Barr advised that previous contact in this realm had been via Mr Derek Rooney and enquired whether this should now be directed towards Mr Marshall and the new electronic system (<http://magnoxsocioeconomic.com>), which he was unsure of. Mr Marshall advised that all applications must be via the new electronic portal and gave assurance that whilst the process was straightforward, anyone experiencing difficulties in accessing/using the system should contact him for assistance.

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Mr Robertson expressed concern regarding the fact that private money could go into public domain. Mr Marshall explained that the bulk of the funding was public and that before the end of the financial year, the NDA had a secondary duty under the Energy Act to provide support to decommissioning sites on a socio-economic view. Mr Marshall clarified that the only private funding was from EnergySolutions.

Mr Robertson made reference to a previous situation whereby £1m was donated to Inverclyde

to build a new sports centre and he was not keen for this to reoccur. Mr Bale could not recall whether this had been a funding request rather than a donation. Mr Robertson proposed to review his records for clarification and would report back to the SSG. Mr Marshall advised that he could seek clarification from Mr Jonathan Jenkin, NDA as to whether an application had gone through previously to Inverclyde. **(Action 04)**

A member of the public gallery enquired whether an East Coast company would be given consideration if it realised opportunities and presented a business plan in the area. Mr Marshall felt that this should be directed to Scottish Enterprise. He asked that members be reminded that NDA had given Magnox responsibility as site licensee to mitigate the impact of decommissioning and felt it was right that they include the main interface with the local community and the SSG. This was to illustrate that funding was going to the right project and cognisance taken accordingly.

With regards to the annual budget, Mr Marshall clarified that there was no limit and advised that at present, £1m was available for the entire UK. NDA wished Magnox to manage the process for the 10 Magnox sites. Mr Marshall added that jobs, sustainable employment, education and training in addition to other criteria were taken into consideration.

A member of the public gallery made reference to the Hall Aitken Report which stated that between 300-400 jobs from Hunterston would disappear by 2020. He noted that these would be highly skilled, high paid jobs, which could result in people moving outwith North Ayrshire to secure equivalent employment. Mr Stubbs clarified that most of the job reductions may occur around 2020 with a number of people due to retire at this time and the aim would be to find jobs for younger members of staff.

## **10. AYRSHIRE CIVIL CONTINGENCIES TEAM**

Following an action from a previous SSG meeting, Mr David Whyte delivered a presentation to the group regarding emergency planning and welcomed any questions thereafter.

Cllr Robert Barr enquired as to the liaison process should there be an explosion. Mr Whyte explained that information would be released to the public.

A member of the public gallery made reference to the two rest centres mentioned within the Hunterston emergency plan, namely West Kilbride Community Centre and The Vikingar in Largs. Mr Whyte confirmed that these were the two principal rest centres, however other rest centres could be located if necessary.

Mr Ralston Ryder enquired as to the procedure and notification process in such an event. Mr Whyte indicated that notification could be sent via SMS text message and that information would also be broadcast to the public via radio. Mr Stubbs advised that residents within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) had calendars providing information on the emergency arrangements and actions to be taken, and would be notified by an automated telephone call to their landline.

In response to a question raised as to whether the contingencies team had a list of those in receipt of hazardous waste, Mr Whyte explained that the responsible person on site would be contacted to determine quantities and reactions, with their experts liaising with fire service experts. It was noted that this information must be accessible to emergency services on their arrival.

Mrs Holmes made a request for information on how NDA were working to improve

communication. Mr Whyte advised that the number of people using text messages and social media sites as a method of engaging with the public was increasing. Mr Stubbs pointed out that due to mobile telephone numbers and e-mail addresses changing, a sustainable method of notification was required, therefore the continued use of notification to residential landlines within the DEPZ was considered more robust.

Mrs Holmes noted recent mention of extending the DEPZ and enquired if the Ayrshire Civil Contingencies team were proposing this, or were proactive towards it. Mr Whyte confirmed that the DEPZ for Hunterston was set at 2.4km, which was deemed satisfactory.

Cllr Tom Marshall expressed concern with the number of police constables per shift available in the Largs area, noting the time constraints associated with moving staff from rural to central areas. Mr Whyte advised that if an incident were to occur, initial police presence would be to keep roads clear and Strathclyde Police would transfer officers from other areas to provide support.

Mrs Holmes requested Mr Whyte clarify the Glasgow Scientific Service's involvement. Mr Whyte advised that information would be fed into a strategic co-ordination centre with front line officers and scientific advisers receiving the same information, with scientific officers trained up on radiation matters available to assist.

Mrs Holmes enquired as to who would advise the public what they should do if an event ever occurred. Mr Mark Stubbs advised there would be an initial siren to muster Site staff. The calendars provide instructions as to what people should do; namely shelter, close windows and doors, stay inside and listen to the local radio and television. Residents within the DEPZ would be notified of an emergency by automated telephone message. Information would also be given out via radio and the police via regular updates through the media. He noted that the Site had its own media organisation which would be set up quickly to ensure people were kept informed.

Mrs Holmes noted concerns that there was no longer a centre in operation whereby independent, honest information could be obtained if an event occurred. Mr Stubbs advised that in the case of an event, The Radioactive Incident Monitoring Network (RIMNET) would set up international monitoring stations fed through the Government to advise of the hazard. Mrs Holmes was concerned that reliance was put on the Government to be truthful and provide the correct information and felt the need for an independent facility.

## **11. PUBLIC Q&A SESSION**

There were no further questions from the public gallery.

## **12. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 September 2012 in the Brisbane House Hotel, Largs at 1300hrs.

**Mr Tony Bale**  
**SSG Chair**

## ACTION LIST

### 28th Site Stakeholder Group Meeting

Thursday, 7 June 2012

No	Action	Responsible	Target Date	Status/Comments
1	To investigate the reimbursement of expenses for those wishing to attend events/meetings.	Mr Sean Balmer (NDA)	06/09/12	
2	To investigate whether a drawing/sketch of the reactor gaseous discharge route could be issued.	Mr Colin Weir	06/09/12	
3	To contact the Environment Agency to confirm their satisfaction with the regulator at Drigg and that unsatisfactory conditions had been rectified.	Mr Adam Stackhouse	06/09/12	
4	To seek clarification from Mr Jonathan Jenkin (NDA) on whether an application for funding had been received/awarded to an Inverclyde project.	Mr Sean Marshall	06/09/12	

### Action Points – 08/03/12

No	Action	Responsible	Target Date	Status/Comments
02	To correspond with Ms Claire Dodd, Scottish Government regarding a Technical Advisory Group workshop and advise the outcome at the next SSG Meeting.  <u>Update:</u> Contact made with Ms Dodd and a request made that Hunterston, Chapelcross, Dounreay and the SSG be allowed representation at the TAG Workshop. Response awaited - Mr Bale to update at the next SSG Meeting.	Mr T Bale	07/06/12  08/09/12	Complete  Ongoing