

**Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group**

**THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2014  
LAURISTON HOTEL, ARDROSSAN**

**Present:**

**Magnox Ltd**

Mr Martin Grafton  
Mr Reuben Phillips  
Mr Sean Marshall  
Mr Gareth Dew

**EDF**

Mr John Morrison  
Mr Andy Taylor

**NDA**

Mr B Hamilton

**Community Councillors**

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

**ONR**

No Representation

**Community Council Representatives**

Mr Douglas MacFarlane

**SEPA**

Mr Keith Hammond

**North Ayrshire Council Councillors**

Mr Robert Barr  
Ms Elizabeth McLardy  
Mr Alex Gallagher

**In Attendance**

Mr Ralston Ryder, Mr Angus Cochrane Patrick, Hunterston Estate  
Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government  
Mr Hugh McGhee, NAC Environmental Health  
Mr Allan Rice – Three Towns Co-operation Representative  
Ms J Callander, Magnox (Secretariat)  
Mrs Mel Coulter (Note-taker)

Several members of the public were also in attendance.

**Apologies**

Councillor Tom Marshall  
Mr Tony Bale, Magnox  
Mr Adam Stackhouse, SEPA

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**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Mrs Rita Holmes, Chair, welcomed everyone to the thirty-eighth meeting of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group.

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

With introductions given from all attendees, Mrs Holmes noted apologies from Councillor Tom Marshall, Mr Tony Bale, Magnox with Mr Gareth Dew, Magnox representing Mr Bale at today's SSG. Mrs Holmes made reference to Mr Bale's involvement with the SSG as both Chair and Union Representative for A Station and commended his continual support in ensuring the best interests for the workforce and the area. She informed the SSG of Mr Bale's intention to attend future SSGs as part of the audience. Mrs Holmes advised that Ms Shelagh Milligan, Secretariat had left the company and introduced Ms Jill Callandar based at Chapelcross as Secretariat for the SSG going forward. Mrs Holmes welcomed back North Ayrshire Councillor Alex Gallagher, Councillor to the SSG.

Mrs Holmes gave an overview of the following meetings that she had attended since the last SSG as follows:

- Two meetings with Western Link;
- Meeting with Mr Martin Grafton, Site Director, Hunterston A;
- Socio-economic Meeting with Mr Sean Marshall, Magnox;
- Scottish Sites Meeting

Mrs Holmes also spoke of her attendance at the National Site Stakeholders Group meeting in Birmingham which had been well attended by various organisations including NDA, SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs from UK sites, Cavendish Fluor, CORWM, ONR, Environment Agency, Geologists and representatives from various unions, nuclear industry and transport.

Mrs Holmes offered further detail of the various issues and highlighted that an update had been provided in relation to Strategy 3 with presentations given on site decommissioning and remediation strategy, integrated waste management strategy, spent fuels and nuclear materials, critical enablers and research and development. An Event Information Pack and notes were available to SSG members on request.

With regard to socio-economic priorities, Mrs Holmes noted that whilst Cumbria, Caithness, North Wales and the Gretna, Lockerbie, and Annan corridor remained priority, she mentioned other areas Bradwell, Dungeness, Stroud, Oldbury and North Ayrshire which would also feature in the development of plans and relationships and were still a priority. Mr Bill Hamilton, NDA confirmed that Strategy 3 survey responses had been distributed and would provide feedback once all information had been received.



Mrs Holmes noted that information from the Spring Workshops would be fed into the Strategy 3 draft document with the launch of the draft strategy in September at the National Stakeholder Group meeting. Consultation on this document would run from September 2015 for three months.

Mrs Holmes referred to the Scottish Sites meeting on 20 November highlighting the importance of being involved in these meetings. She advised that Mr Jim Gemmell, SEPA had given a presentation on the new Regulatory Reform Bill and how it was affecting SEPA's customers ie both Stations. Mrs Holmes indicated that Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government could give further detail to the SSG during his report later in the meeting.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr Hugh McGhee, Environmental Department, North Ayrshire Council advised that he had given his apologies ahead of the previous SSG meeting which had not been noted, and asked that this be recorded within the minute by the Secretariat. Mrs Holmes stated that the previous action on the Secretariat to correspond with Ayrshire & Arran Health Board had been completed. She noted no representation from this body at today's SSG and no apologies received. As new SSG Secretariat, Ms Jill Callendar advised that she would make contact.

**(Action 01)**

Mrs Holmes noted that the Secretariat had corresponded with NDA offering a note of thanks from the SSG to former Site Director, Mark Stubbs (Status - Closed). With regard to the action on Mr John Morrison to update the SSG on the result of radiological sampling, this would be given during today's meeting (Status - Closed). Mrs Holmes apologised as she had been unable to arrange a special meeting to discuss Mr Allan Rice attending future SSG's as a member of Three Towns Co-operation. With agreement from Mr Rice, Mrs Holmes indicated that she would arrange for relevant parties to meet before the next SSG in March 2015 to discuss this matter.

**(Action 02)**

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

With amendments noted by the Secretariat, the minutes were proposed by Mr John Lamb and seconded by Mr Douglas MacFarlane.

**(Action 03)**

### **5A. HUNTERSTON B STATION**

Mr John Morrison, Hunterston B took the report as read. Mr Morrison stated that with regards to site safety, it had been over six years since the last lost time incident to either staff or contract partners. Mr Morrison noted three outages on the plant in the year - Statutory Outage, Recovery Outage and Fuel Route Outage. Mr Morrison advised that the European Safety Week had been successful with staff having the opportunity of learning to add value within the organisation towards stress awareness and personal wellbeing. With regard to environmental safety, he informed the SSG of two near-miss type events as a result of some minor storm damage due to surface water outfall on oil skimmer equipment which had since been repaired and a small increase in sewage outfall discharge levels.



Mr Morrison stressed that this was not in excess of authorisation levels but that there had been a few problems with the sewage plant and that they were in discussion with work ongoing with Scottish Water Business Stream who were the main contractor in that area. Mr Morrison indicated that whilst the levels were well below authorisation levels, it was nevertheless good for the Station to learn from these potential near misses. He noted that following recent outage, focus had been on processing and consignment of low level waste to authorised sites. He added that it was encouraging to see new initiatives, methods of working and state of the art techniques being introduced in relation to radiological protection on site in reducing dose exposure to personnel.

Mr Morrison informed the SSG of a number of training exercises in counter terrorism and nuclear incidents. There will be a demonstration exercise in January and April with regard to counter terrorism with an annual nuclear safety demonstration to the regulator planned in March. Training programmes were ongoing for all staff.

Mr Morrison stated that Reactor 3 TG7 had shown good performance over the last quarter with no issues recorded. He added that R4 TG8 had also had a good statutory outage. There had been a subsequent forced outage for a turbine vibration problem. He noted that post this outage, the unit had since come back after replacing the turbine generator rotor which had not been balancing as well as it should have. They had not noted any problems since. Mr Morrison was pleased that with regard to Hinkley Point C, arrangements had been approved by the European Commission for commencement to build the new plants.

With regards to community issues in relation to Reactor 4 graphite core, Mr Morrison highlighted recent press coverage with regard to key way root cracks which was a normal phenomenon in reactors. This had attracted media interest along with gas circulator events. He noted that press interest on the whole had been covered well and balanced with inaccurate reporting being very occasional.

The Station had received some funds from the EDF Energy Sporting Legacy Fund which was post London Olympics and had been fortunate to transfer some of these monies into the local community. He advised that the Station were always looking for opportunities to ensure good causes received funding for local sporting initiatives. Mr Morrison mentioned that some Olympic and Commonwealth Games medal winners had visited the Station showing wonderful examples to young people and staff on how dedicated they were to their sport. Mr Morrison reported that the latest group of apprentices who had started during the summer were working their way through the HMS Sultan programme and expected to see them return to the Station in about 1½ years when they would complete the remaining part of their apprenticeship on site. A number of open days had been held over the previous months for the next intake of apprentices into the Station with very encouraging interest from the local community.

Mr Morrison gave the SSG an update on outage and lessons learned from near misses on site. He mentioned working at height and hot working with a lot of good work done on how to work more effectively and how to reduce hot working on site. With regard to quality, the turbine plant quality had been the main challenge faced which introduced a forced outage following the outage to deal with a few quality problems and good learning had taken place from this. Mr Morrison confirmed that sewage plant work was outsourced out to Scottish Water but that it was ultimately the Station's responsibility. He advised that they had made some plant improvements to ensure they were well below authorisation levels.



With regards to the programme of off-site environment monitoring, Mr Hugh McGhee, Environmental Department, North Ayrshire Council enquired as to how far off-site they went and what kind of samples were taken. From within the public audience, Mr Andy Taylor, Environment Group Head offered further information advising of the varied range of different samples taken which could potentially be in the pathway to human consumption and local inhabitants.

He advised that a habit survey was conducted and that they matched the programmes. Samples included grass from grazing land, seaweed, silt, sediments, shellfish, marine samples etc.

Mr Taylor advised that the current programme to which they operated was long standing and that it was important to keep a certain baseline of the programme in operation in order to identify long term trends.

Mr John Lamb, Vice Chair enquired as to the surface water outfall and whether the construction of the converter station behind B station (where they had changed the drainage) had been effective to the surface water coming down onto B Station. Mr Morrison advised that there had been very positive effect with a very good drainage system now in place so they did not see the same volumes of water coming onto site as before. Mr Lamb enquired as to the legal distance that you could fly an unmanned aerial vehicle from a nuclear power station. Mr Morrison was unsure of the exact figure and would report back at the next SSG. Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government confirmed that ONR had recently been asked this question and had planned to publish information on their website with regard to the regulation associated with this. **(Action 04)**

Councillor Alex Gallagher asked whether it would be appropriate to have a presentation to give a better understanding on the issues relating to the requests for variation of authorisation requests for transport, storage and disposal of various categories of radioactive waste at a future SSG. At a recent meeting, he advised that Mr Colin Weir had given good explanation and clarification on various matters in this regard. He had also offered to communicate within the public domain and give further detail to Community Councils extending an invitation for visits to site if desired.

Mr John Morrison advised that they were more than happy to accommodate this request or any other request for presentations or visits as required. In response, the Community Councillors present at the SSG meeting advised that they would inform their members.

Mr Allan Rice, Three Towns Co-operation enquired as to the Reactor 4 gas circulators which had been switched off and whether these were automatic valves or controlled from the control room. Mr John Morrison advised that they were controlled locally and manually. Mr Rice enquired as to whether these valves could be locked on/off. Mr Morrison advised that they were considering looking at locking arrangements for those valves given this recent event. Mr Morrison gave further explanation on the significant redundancy and capability to sustain cooling within the remaining gas circulators.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Alan McRae, Civil Nuclear Constabulary, Hunterston B present within the public audience whether the extra influx of people employed regarding the inter-connector behind the station had impacted on the amount of work the Civil Nuclear Constabulary had had to deal with. He advised that security on all nuclear sites had been investigated nationally

and that there had been a national increase in numbers recently with more officers available and that the recent influx of people to site was not a concern.

## **5B. SEPA REPORT**

Mr Keith Hammond took the report as read. Mr Hammond stated that since the last SSG, they had been liaising with the new Environment Agency and NRW regarding EDF and fleet issues. They had conducted joint inspections with ONR at the Station with everything was found to be in compliance. Mr Hammond advised that the Variation Application was in the process of being determined. Due to complexities and resource issues required, the year (2015) was announced only with no specific date noted as yet.

In relation to the Pollution Prevention and Control Permit, he advised that a colleague was due to visit site on Friday, 5 December 2014 and therefore could provide more information at the next SSG. He noted that sampling continued for 12 months in relation to non-radioactive effluent sewage treatment works stating that August and September limits were within specified limits. There had been no environmental impact as a result of any damage at the beach. The publication of the Radio Active and Food Environment report RIFE 19 was imminent if not already published. **(Action 05)**

Mrs Holmes referred to a meeting she had attended where partially irradiated fuel was mentioned and asked Mr Hammond to confirm whether Hunterston B would be carrying out a trial in this regard. Mr Hammond confirmed that it was failed fuel. At this point Mr Andy Taylor, Environment Group Head clarified that there had been documentation that had referred to post irradiation examination (PIE) and not partially irradiated fuel. Mr Taylor confirmed that Hunterston had been chosen to carry out the test as the fuel assemblies at Hunterston were considered to be the lowest form of risk in terms of potential issues in performing this type of fuel movement. With reference to this, Mr Keith Hammond confirmed that ONR had oversaw nuclear safety and transport issues with SEPA being interested in discharges to the environment. He advised that they had conducted a joint inspection last month and were satisfied that the Station was ready to proceed with the trials. Mrs Holmes asked whether Mr Andy Taylor, Environment Group Head could provide an update at the next SSG. Mr Morrison advised that the trial was due to take place in Q1 2015 and would provide an update at a future SSG once work had commenced.

Councillor Alex Gallagher commented on the application for variation of authorisations and the fact that no timescales or limits were listed with regards to disposal storage. Mr Hammond confirmed that ONR had control over the storage whilst on the station, with SEPA authorising the disposal thereafter. He advised that they were exploring possibilities in conjunction with ONR to put a time limit or quantity limit in place as it was within both agencies interests to control this and make sure it was appropriate.

## **5C. ONR REPORT**

There were no representatives from ONR present at the Site Stakeholder Group Meeting, and the ONR Report was taken as read.

## 6A. HUNTERSTON A STATION

Mr Martin Grafton, Hunterston A took the report as read. With regards to performance, Mr Grafton advised that work continued on the removal of intermediate level waste from bunkers into the ILW store, the cleaning of ponds and commencement of building new facilities for encapsulation of solid and wet waste. He advised that safety performance remained excellent with no lost time accidents. Mr Grafton noted one first aid case whereby a worker onsite wearing eye protection had got a dust particle in his eye which had caused discomfort which had been dealt with on site and they were subsequently reviewing the type of eye protection.

The Site had taken part in the European Health & Safety Week and Driving Awareness Week and continued to push their learning from experience and human behaviour programmes emphasising the importance of ensuring there were no detrimental impact on the safe operation of the site. Mr Grafton noted concern regarding the amount of traffic on the access road between the admin building and site.

He indicated that in January there was due to be a large number of concrete lorries going to site with a total of 280 lorries on 5 different occasions across the period with the plan being to manage this activity carefully.

With regards to decommissioning progress, Mr Grafton advised that they were now down to a water level of 1m in ponds and were starting to remove the pontoons. He advised the next stage was to involve a pump and shaving machine to remove contaminated waste to be ready for the next stage which was demolition of the facility. Work continued on the decontamination of the miscellaneous sludge retention tanks.

With regard to Solid ILW, Mr Grafton stated they were half way through emptying Bunker 1 and the second maintenance period for that operation had gone well. He indicated they had also incorporated modifications to allow them to increase the retrieval rate with them now being in the region of four boxes per week. He added that this was part of the critical path to getting the site into care and maintenance. Mr Grafton mentioned the Solid Intermediate Waste Encapsulation Plant contracted by Balfour Beatty who had mobilised and had started the construction phase and hoped to have this operational in 2017. Inactive commissioning of wet ILW encapsulation plant was deemed to go into active commissioning late 2015. He informed the SSG of the new multi-media authorisation for radioactive discharges which came into effect 1 July 2014 which produced some authorised limits and that the site were well within limits authorised by SEPA both for gaseous and liquid. No environmental events had been reported on site within the period. With regard to radiological safety, Mr Grafton stated that they continued to closely monitor doses that individuals receive, reducing the level that an individual can receive with approval commencing from 1 January 2015 and re-emphasised the importance of this. In relation to emergency preparedness, he noted that an ONR security exercise in October had gone well with good lessons learned to pass onto other sites around the Magnox fleet. He stated that the new parent body organisation was conducting a number of deep dives to see where the site was in terms of the programme. There had been some challenges in ILW delivery with the wish to speed up that process where possible.

Mr John Lamb asked whether the solid low level waste disposal referred to the materials extracted from Compound 7. Mr Grafton explained that there was a certain amount of that with excavations on site and other materials from other excavations. Mr Reuben Phillips, Magnox



confirmed that they had reduced the levels of materials extracted from CP7. Mr Grafton noted that due to a few issues relating to a de-sludging pump being delayed and approval of shaving equipment, this had resulted in a month's delay to the programme however that programme was not on the critical path.

Mr Allan Rice asked for an update on the Agresso system and whether any initial teething problems had been addressed. It was explained that whilst a lot of the problems had been addressed, work continued on trying to make the new system more user friendly. Mrs Holmes noted that Mr Grafton had previously mentioned changing from a "no blame attached culture" to a "just" culture and enquired whether this had been introduced and how this was going with the workforce. Mr Grafton responded that he had seen no drop in the number of things raised and did not deem any reaction to this style of reporting. Mr Gareth Dew, Magnox added that there had been no negative reactions to this with open reporting encouraged.

Mr Grafton gave further detail on working within confined spaces stating that there were very few areas deemed as confined spaces. Mr Grafton indicated high risk activities were more associated with working at height or working on live voltage electrical systems. He advised a workshop had been done with contractors where they had shared processes on working in confined spaces.

Mrs Holmes enquired as to the cooling pond building and whether robots or people were used when going into individual cells. Mr Grafton confirmed that people were used to clean the ponds. He added that a maximum dose rate for working in all areas was pending approval.

With regard to the existing ventilation system, Mrs Holmes made reference to the report whereby it mentioned that this system would be becoming "redundant" and therefore was this system still venting. Mr Reuben Phillips, Magnox confirmed that the related area mentioned was the MSRTs where work was largely finished with them just having to justify and work out what they were going to do with the kit and modification controls with relevant processes to go through. He added that the components would be re-used. Mrs Holmes enquired that as the site had been formally handed over to contractor Balfour Beatty, whether there were any issues relating to SEPA or ONR accessing the site. Mr Grafton advised that whilst Encaps plant site was handed over to Balfour Beatty, it was still on his licence site and that there was no issue in obtaining access for regulators to the site. He noted that Balfour Beatty were happy to attend future SSGs which was deemed beneficial by the SSG.

## **6B. SEPA REPORT**

Although apologies were received from Mr Adam Stackhouse, SEPA, he forwarded a communication stating that with regards to Hunterston A, there was relatively little to report with no matters of concern and no incident reports to SEPA since the last SSG. SEPA activity had focused on how much radioactivity may be left in-situ in the Hunterston site and the site were in the process of agreeing this with SEPA. They were happy to discuss the matter further at the next meeting in March 2015.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Grafton how much radioactivity was left on site in the care and maintenance period and was this to do with a change in insurance liability. Mr Grafton indicated that if any radioactive material was left on site, it was deemed as near surface storage facility. He confirmed that Mr Stackhouse had written to him explaining what



approvals would be necessary to get that permissioning and the process involved and that they were still reviewing the strategy of what the care and maintenance would be, whether it be a three box model or otherwise. He advised that Mr Stackhouse could explain the process at the next meeting if required.

## **6C. ONR REPORT**

There were no representatives from ONR present at the Site Stakeholder Group Meeting.

## **7. NDA UPDATE**

Mr Bill Hamilton, NDA made reference to the NDA monthly report sent out to all SSGs to enable members across the UK to obtain a wider understanding of the NDA as owner of the sites current activity. He highlighted the share transfer event with new PBO being three months into their management of the 12 sites. Any relevant changes in the programme to any of the sites would be reported back to NDA in April and if there were any subsequent impact on Hunterston A, Magnox would report this at future SSGs. The hope would be that through the period of contract, tax payers would save in excess of £1bn due to the more efficient way the company will manage decommissioning programmes across the 12 sites.

Mr Hamilton advised that a £375,000 grant had been awarded to the Ardrossan Quayside project. He highlighted that during the summer, then Deputy First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon had visited the site.

He made reference to the National Stakeholder Event and NDA's strategy which was renewed every five years, advising that the new strategy would be available in draft form in September 2015. He stated that key stakeholders, including the SSG Chair and Vice Chair, would come together in spring 2015 to see a final version of the draft strategy with an opportunity for people to consider the document. The draft would be published in September 2015 and time taken at September's SSG to give presentation on the draft strategy where any points or concerns could be addressed. He indicated two critical enablers as being stakeholder engagement and socio-economics.

With regard to socio-economics, Mr Hamilton gave reassurance that there would no change on socio economics and their delivery of strategy which worked well. He indicated potential changes with regards to stakeholder engagement, highlighting that within the next strategy period 2016-2021 a number of sites would go into interim care and maintenance with a site in Dorset potentially reaching an end state. He added that NDA would liaise with each SSG and review and refresh stakeholder engagement where appropriate to ensure it was correct for the community. He spoke of regional engagement and bringing sites who were experiencing similar issues together to share experiences. He noted that the new strategy would be approved by Government at the end of March 2016.

Mr Hamilton highlighted a recent supply chain event in November which had proved very successful and well attended enabling small or medium sized enterprises to exhibit at this event and network with larger organisations and make vital introductions to promote what they do. He indicated that a consultation was being carried out by the Ministry of Defense over a short-list of sites that would potentially hold an intermediate level waste store for reactor



pressure vessels coming out of redundant nuclear submarines with Chapelcross being listed as one of those sites and recent public consultation being carried out at the site. He added that Sellafield was another NDA site on the short-list with consultation due to commence in West Cumbria, mid-December.

Mr Hamilton advised that NDA had started a public engagement in Wick around a proposal to build an NDA Nuclear Archive in this area. NDA Draft Business Plan was due to be published on Monday, 8 December 2015 and would be available on their website. Mr Hamilton explained that it was a three year rolling plan which would highlight what the SLC or PBO will be doing in the Magnox Estate, providing a site by site breakdown of key activities over the next three years at Hunterston A. It would also give note of the funding of SLC for the next 12 months. Mr Hamilton advised that funding had been guaranteed for the next financial year only with a Government spending review planned after this time which would be challenging. A special team had been set up at NDA with independent experts which had proved successful at the previous spending review who would do their best to defend their estate and spending. Councillor, Alex Gallagher enquired if there were to be a cut in budget, what effect would this have. Mr Hamilton explained the strong argument used that there was a legal requirement of maintaining the sites in a safe condition which resulted in high costs but that this had been agreed by the Treasury. Government had paid for significant investment, bidders had put in significant investment, with the target figure promised which could not be removed.

Mr Allan Rice enquired as to the number of redundant submarines. Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government confirmed there was a total of 27; 17 were redundant, five based at Rosyth and 12 at Devonport advising that when decommissioning commenced, there would be one submarine decommissioned per year over 27 years. Mr Hamilton explained that the store would be similar to the ILW store but would be considerably smaller in size. Councillor Robert Barr enquired as to the site at Harwell and the licence lifted on plots of land and whether that land was free of any contamination. Mr Hamilton gave further explanation noting that NDA could confirm that the land had been formally de-licensed by regulators.

## **8. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE**

Mr Ewan Young, Scottish Government thanked those from Hunterston A and B and members of the SSG for their attendance at the Scottish Sites Meeting. Mr Young provided an update for the SSG as follows:

With regard to the Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy, Mr Young indicated that it was hoped the Implementation Strategy would be issued shortly for a 12 week consultation period. The proposed strategy would set out key stages for the effective implementation of the 2011 Policy and would outline key actions and decisions required by NDA and Scottish Government during those phases to help move implementation forward. He stated that the strategy would not address site specific issues and would not be prescriptive about which management solutions should be used in specific circumstances.

NORM strategy had been published in July 2014 and a NORM Strategy Implementation Group had been established with representation from DECC, Devolved Authorities, Regulators and Industry where appropriate. The group had met in November and hoped to have another meeting before the end of year. They were expected to hold biennial open forums for industry whereby overall progress with regards to implementation of the strategy

and its future development could be discussed with the first open forum being planned in early 2016.

Mr Young noted that The Smith Commission Report had been published on 27 November 2014 and was available on their website. The Report highlighted work carried out from 19 September 2014 and detailed the agreement reached between all five of Scotland's main political parties. Mr Young noted new powers proposed would deliver three important overarching improvements to the devolution settlement as a stronger Parliament within the UK, a more accountable and responsible Parliament and a more autonomous Parliament. He advised that the powers were arranged within Heads of Agreement according to three pillars: providing a durable but responsive constitutional settlement for governance of Scotland; delivering prosperity, a healthy economy, jobs and social justice and strengthening the financial responsibility of the Scottish Parliament. Mr Young concluded that the UK Government had undertaken to produce draft clauses implementing the consensus contained within the report with the clauses being published by 25 January 2015. Councillor Alex Gallagher enquired as to what impact any agreement made within The Smith Commission would have on the areas. Mr Young indicated that as the majority of powers were reserved or devolved, at this stage there would be no changes to activity.

Mr Young confirmed that the Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy was being further consulted with SSGs involved in this process.

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

From within the public audience, Professor Nick Higgins, University of West of Scotland informed the SSG of a forthcoming study being undertaken by students who would be visiting the Hunterston site and surrounding area to ascertain what it was like to work at a nuclear site and how the local community felt about living nearby. He noted that 10 students were scheduled to visit Hunterston B Station with other visits planned to Hunterston Estate and offered his contact details should anyone wish to be involved or give comment to this study. Mrs Holmes encouraged SSG members to approach Professor Higgins if they wished to be involved.

## **10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next SSG meeting will be held on Thursday, 5 March 2015 in the Lauriston Hotel, Ardrossan. Future meetings will be held at the same venue on the following dates:

- Thursday, 4 June 2015
- Thursday, 3 September 2015
- Thursday, 3 December 2015

## ACTION LIST

### Thirty-Eighth Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group Meeting

Thursday, 4 December 2014

No	Action	Responsible	Target Date	Status/Comments
01	To correspond again with Ayrshire & Arran Health Board regarding no-attendance at SSG Meetings.	Secretariat	05/03/15	
02	To arrange a meeting with relevant parties to discuss Mr Allan Rice's intention to attend SSG as part of Three Towns Co-operation	Mrs Holmes	05/03/15	
03	To amend typographical errors from September 2014 Minutes.	Secretariat	05/03/15	
04	To report on the legal height restriction on flying an unmanned aerial vehicle from a nuclear power station.	Mr Morrison	05/03/15	
05	To provide an update on the Pollution Prevention and Control Permit following a site visit on 5 December 2014.	Mr Hammond	05/03/15	