

**CHAPELCROSS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS FROM THE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN ANNAN TOWN HALL**

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2016 were approved and there were no actions carried forward.

Chapelcross Closure Director's Report – John Grierson

Magnox has introduced a new campaign, Target Zero, as part of the Company's Safety Improvement Plan, the aim of which is to have zero accidents, zero incidents and zero harm. The site was stood down for a safety brief to focus awareness and raise the bar in safety standards. Emergency arrangements were witnessed by EHSS&Q and ONR inspectors who were satisfied with arrangements. Heat exchanger deplanting and ponds remediation work is progressing. Momentum is building on the Intermediate Level Waste storage facility. The contract has been let to change the ageing steam supply to an electrical heating system. Progress on other Magnox sites was given for comparison on the different stages of decommissioning. £9,180 has been awarded to eight projects from the Socio Economic Fund.

NDA Report – Bill Hamilton

EnergySolutions EU submitted a claim for damages to the High Court, following its unsuccessful bid in the Magnox Competition to secure the Parent Body Organisation (PBO) Contract. The High Court Judge ruled against the NDA in respect of the way that the scoring was carried out. The NDA will lodge an appeal and the case continues. The NDA will address community engagement over coming months to ensure that Site Stakeholder Groups are fully engaging with the whole community and transparent.

ONR Report – Peter Donnelly

Existing emergency arrangements were tested on site in April which resulted in a green rating, under the ONR's new rating system. This is very good for the site and some individuals should be commended on their behaviours.

SEPA Report – David Stone

Mr Stone was not present at the meeting but his report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Update from Scottish Government – Ewan Young

Confirmation of approval for publication of the Scottish Government's Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Implementation Strategy is awaited from the Cabinet Secretary. The definition of 'near site, near surface' was given. An update on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS) was given.

External Meetings and Invitations – Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie

The Chair reported on the Site Stakeholder Groups Chairs meeting, held at Heathrow Airport, London on 25/26 July 2016.

CoReS / Beyond Chapelcross – Ewan Green and Steven Szostak

The next CoReS meeting will include a site visit to Solway 45, Longtown. The Final report and evaluation of the Beyond Chapelcross project is being prepared and will be presented to the next meeting. The Council is working on a bid to the NDA to take forward the Chapelcross Development Framework document to the next stage, of which the NDA is supportive, in principle. A Memorandum of Agreement is being prepared between the NDA, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Scottish Enterprise. Inward investment opportunities are being pursued.

After each presentation, a number of questions were asked by members, which can be read, with the responses, in the full Minutes of the meeting, available from the SSG Secretariat.

Any Other Business

Proposed meeting dates for 2017 are: 10 March, 9 June, 15 September and 15 December. The dates in September and December are one week later than usual, on the third Friday of the month instead of the second, due to clashes with Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group meetings.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Next Meeting – Friday 9 December 2016 at 10.00 am in Annan Town Hall.



Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 9 September 2016 at 10.00 am
at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan**

Present:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie (representing Annandale South) (Chairman)
Harry Brown (2km Resident Representative)
Jill Callander (SSG Secretary)
Peter Donnelly (Office for Nuclear Regulation, ONR)
Ewan Green (D & G Council, Head of Economic Development)
John Grierson (Scottish Sites Lead and Chapelcross Closure Director)
Bill Hamilton (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)
Willie McNairn (2km Resident Representative)
Ian Park (Chapelcross Union Representative)
Cllr Craig Peacock (representing Annandale East and Eskdale) (Vice Chairman)
Steven Szostak ((D&G Council, Beyond CX Gretna, Lockerbie and Annan Project Officer)
Cllr Stephen Thompson (representing Annandale North)
Ewan Young (Scottish Government)

Apologies:

Jonathan Burgess, Cumbria Emergency Planning
Dr Nigel Calvert (Public Health Medicine, NHS Dumfries and Galloway)
Cllr Peter Diggie (representing Annandale North)
Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)
Alistair McKinnon (Scottish Enterprise)
David Stone (Scottish Environment Protection Agency, SEPA)

In Attendance:

Sheila Adams (Minutes)
Rod Edgar (Press representative, DNG Media)

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September meeting.

2. Announcements and Apologies (including Declarations of Interest)

The Secretary read the Apologies as listed above.

Councillor Marshall confirmed that he is employed by Magnox Limited and was attending the meeting as a Councillor, representing Annandale South.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2016 were approved as a true record and proposed as such by Cllr Craig Peacock and seconded by Cllr Sean Marshall.

There was only one Action Point from the previous meeting, which was complete. Mrs Callander had written to the training providers to thank them on behalf of the Site Stakeholder Group for the training provided to employees.

4. Chapelcross Closure Director's Report

(including update on Magnox Socio-Economic Scheme)

Mr Grierson presented his report using the attached slides, following the same format as the last meeting: Site News, Shaping the Organisation, Life Time Plan 2015, Care and Maintenance Programme, Company Achievements, Socio Economics, Magnox in the Community and Final Thoughts.

Under Overall Safety Performance, Mr Grierson reflected on injuries over the past year, which included a slip on a pathway and a cut finger in the last quarter on low risk work activities. To address this, the site was stood down and given a safety brief to lift the bar in terms of awareness and Mr Grierson was pleased with the response since the stand down. He referred to Magnox's latest safety campaign, Target Zero, the aim of which is zero accidents, zero incidents and zero harm. Emergency arrangements were witnessed by EHSS&Q inspectors who were satisfied with arrangements. A senior EHSS&Q review was carried out by senior executives. Presentations and on site discussions took place with Mr Grierson receiving feedback. Positives from this were that the site feels safe and the staff feel supported by safety representatives. Improvements included embedding standards and expectations and learning from Contractors.

In terms of the Business indicators, the Ponds are slightly behind programme but the budget is being spent efficiently and more physical work is taking place on site. The NDA Site Programme Manager is now Mark Raffle, who has replaced Laura Baker. Employee numbers are dropping, with the workforce currently sitting at 194 employees, 18 ASW and 8 CSW.

Mr Grierson explained the Magnox Values, RSRL Values and Cavendish Fluor Partnership Values shown in the slide and the values developed for Magnox moving forward. Under Shaping the Organisation, the transitions and new structures for programmes, sites and functions have been implemented and completed. Statistics were reported on the organisational restructuring and Management of Change 8.

Various photographs were shown of the heat exchanger deplanting and ponds remediation work. Category C3 work is now underway in the ponds which requires plastic suits and respirators. Flask vats are being washed and stripped out as part of an intensive work programme. Preparation on plant for drum substantiation with regard to Intermediate Level Waste storage is taking place with cutting sequences and the design process being looked at now. Under site restoration, trials have been done to produce a solution that works and the contractor has been appointed. Momentum is starting to build in this area.

With regard to asset care and maintenance, high level glazing has been refurbished on the reactor buildings. The contract has been let for moving from steam supply to electrical heating system in the workshop areas. The fire system is being replaced by a reactor fire system due to age related problems. It is pleasing to see some of the smaller local companies working with the bigger contractors. Work on a new substation by Scottish Power / Iberdrola on the leased area on the south site is taking place which may lead to an increase in traffic. Under Waste Operations, a lot of material is being shipped from site, but there is less waste than in previous years. Bradwell has become the first Magnox site to empty and decontaminate all of its underground waste storage vaults ready for the care and maintenance phase. Demolition of the external active sludge tanks at Winfrith has been carried out. The new weather envelope has been completed at Bradwell which has transformed its appearance.

Under the Socio Economic Scheme, £894,628 was awarded in 2015/16 to 120 organisations and a slide was shown of the benefits achieved by this funding. In respect of applications to Chapelcross for 2016/17, £9,180 has been awarded to eight projects, which include Gretna Festival, Annan Academy and Moffat Cadets. Photos were shown demonstrating stakeholder activity, which includes netball competitions, gymnastics, Dumfries and Galloway Sub Aqua Club and Annan Riding of the Marches.

Mr Grierson concluded, as always, with a safety message, stressing the importance of getting workers home safely.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Peacock referred to the site stand down to explain the new Magnox values and asked if this also involves contractors or just Magnox personnel. Mr Grierson confirmed that some contractors are included, particularly long term contractors, as Magnox tries to influence positive behaviours on contractors. Mr Grierson added that where it is a safety stand down, it applies to every person on site and will involve 300 people done over six sessions over three weeks.

Cllr Peacock thanked Mr Grierson for his visit to the site where it was good to see first-hand and close up what is being done and gave an appreciation of the scale of the works.

Mr Park referred to the cocoon structure over the building at Bradwell and asked about progress at Chapelcross. Mr Grierson advised that the cladding is being repaired and replaced with an ILW Store for Chapelcross scheduled for 2026.

Mr Park asked about reception staff having to respond to incidents to contact the emergency services. Mr Grierson responded that there is a healthy number of first aiders on site and priority is given to emergency calls. Mr Grierson advised that the site works closely with the emergency services and is working through arrangements which should be quicker under the new arrangements. A small amount of work will be done outwith core hours and a contingency team will be on standby for this. Contractors are also included in emergency arrangements. Mr Grierson assured members that there had been significant management focus on ensuring the effectiveness of the new arrangements and these will be monitored and adjusted where necessary.

Cllr Marshall asked about the waste movements of the steel from the heat exchangers. Mr Grierson replied that the bulk of this will go out in skips to be recycled.

Cllr Ogilvie was pleased to see the site receiving good press coverage recently and acknowledged it was of value to the local community. Cllr Ogilvie was also interested to hear of progress of other Magnox sites in the presentation to give comparisons. Bradwell was just starting cladding when Cllr Ogilvie last visited 2-3 years ago so he was interested to see the considerable progress made. Mr Grierson felt that this demonstrated the volume of work and how it fits in with Chapelcross.

5. NDA Reports

Mr Hamilton's report, provided with the meeting papers, was taken as read. Mr Hamilton referred to the High Court case between *EnergySolutions EU* and the NDA. *EnergySolutions EU* has lodged a claim for damages, following its unsuccessful bid in the Magnox Competition to secure the Parent Body Organisation (PBO) Contract. The High Court Judge ruled against the NDA in respect of the way that the scoring was carried out and the case continues. If found in *EnergySolutions* favour, it would receive financial damages and the NDA has made the decision to appeal the Judge's decision. The final hearing is not expected until autumn 2017 at the earliest so the case has a long way to go. The question now being asked is about the impact on the decommissioning programme of financial damages being awarded to *EnergySolutions*, the answer to which is none as it is too early to say if an award will be made and for how much.

Mr Hamilton advised of a Panorama programme which was aired on Monday 5 September on safety at Sellafield. The NDA had spent some time briefing Contractors and Chairs of the Site Stakeholder Groups and invited feedback to the NDA. The NDA spoke to the programme producers and provided copious documentation for seven months prior to the programme being aired. Documents were explained and meetings held with producers and reporters. Invitations to film on site were declined. The NDA was aware that former employees and Nuclear Management Partners had been interviewed but was confident that it had been as transparent as it could be.

The new Minister of State for the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Baroness Rolfe, had visited Sellafield site and tweeted to congratulate the workforce on a well-run and very safe site. Local MP, Jamie Reed, tabled an urgent question on safety in the House of Commons the day after the programme.

Mr Hamilton was pleased to see what is being delivered locally in terms of Socio Economics and stressed that this Fund is about more than just handing out money but also benefitting the local economy through systems such as contractors and supply chains. He advised that Karen Dickens has presented a paper to the NDA Executive Committee to mainstream Socio Economics which has been agreed.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Peacock asked if there was any indication of any other Contractors following the same route as *EnergySolutions* and claiming damages. Mr Hamilton responded that the High Court Judge ruled against the NDA due to the scoring process but no damages have yet been awarded. It will be well over a year before the amount of damages, if any, is known. It has been documented in the media that Bechtel, who partnered *EnergySolutions* in a bid, may also join *EnergySolutions* in submitting a case. Bechtel has the same argument as *EnergySolutions* but the other two bidders do not and would have to start from scratch, for which they have now run out of time. It is still possible that they could bring a civil case but this is not expected.

Cllr Marshall agreed that the outcome should not be speculated on but considered it likely that there would be a cost either way, whether legal or a settlement, and asked if there had been any discussion on where this money might come from. Mr Hamilton replied that no money will come from the Government.

Mr Park asked if it was appropriate to ask Magnox for apprenticeships due to the extended period for decommissioning. Mr Grierson confirmed that an apprentice levy is being introduced by government and there will be some impact within Magnox, but this is a challenge where workforce resources are reducing. It is however important to have younger people on site and to give people transferable skills and upskill where appropriate.

Cllr Peacock asked if there was any indication of a change in priorities since the change in the NDA's reporting Department. Mr Hamilton responded that early indications show that there will be no dramatic change. Baroness Rolfe has attended NDA meetings, dinners etc and feedback has been very supportive.

Mr Park asked if the NDA has funding in place for the Life Time Plan going forward. Mr Hamilton confirmed that the NDA is subject to a periodic Spending Review, which is part of its five year Strategy. The Life Time Plans contain budgets which have been approved by the Government but the money is not physically in the bank. He reminded members that the NDA was set up as part of the Energy Act in 2004. There have been ten or eleven Secretary of States since then. NDA executives are constantly in Whitehall working with Ministers and government personnel to keep them appraised of NDA work. Mr Park asked if Brexit was likely to affect the NDA or its funding, to which Mr Hamilton responded no.

Cllr Ogilvie considered the interview techniques of the reporter on the Panorama programme to be aggressive and thought that Mr John Clarke had handled the interview well. It was evident that there was a time lapse between what is happening on site now and the production of the programme.

Cllr Ogilvie referred to the 60th anniversary of Calder Hall, which was considered to be the twin station of Chapelcross and asked if it is also the 60th anniversary of Chapelcross. It was confirmed that Calder Hall was the first and oldest station and Chapelcross is second.

Cllr Thompson noted that NDA executives are working with the new Government reporting Department putting forward arguments for funding but asked what sort of risk the legal case with *EnergySolutions* might make on these arguments. He asked if this new Department recognises that the NDA is a credible spender of Government money. Mr Hamilton responded that executives are in discussion with Ministers who understand that errors were made in the marking process but that the NDA was trying to do the right thing and there are no allegations of corruption or wrongdoing. The NDA tried to act in a professional and proper manner but veered slightly from the Competition documents and the argument is over how the NDA implemented its own rules for the Competition. The Government has agreed that the NDA should appeal which demonstrates Government confidence in the NDA. Procurement in the public sector can be complex and the NDA is standing up for itself and others in the public sector by appealing. There is a risk that this could happen to any organisation and the Government sees the NDA as well placed to challenge the ruling.

Cllr Marshall referred to the Panorama programme and the influence which this could have on the public. Given that politicians are swayed by public opinion, he asked if funding may be diverted from other Magnox sites to Sellafield. Mr Hamilton considered this to be an overly negative question as analytics on Twitter, blogs, social media, etc, surrounding the Panorama programme have shown the impact to be very weak in the public's consciousness. Cllr Marshall was reassured to hear that feedback and public opinion is being monitored.

6. Other reports from SSG Bodies – ONR, SEPA, Scottish Government

ONR

The ONR report for April - June 2016, circulated with the meeting papers, was taken as read. Mr Donnelly reported on two deficiencies found during an inspection which related to the control of mobile phones. This was a paper exercise involving deficiencies in record keeping, which had since been addressed, and had no impact on safety.

Two Licence Instruments had been issued during the period. Existing emergency arrangements were tested on site in April which resulted in a green rating, under the ONR's new rating system. This is very good for the site and some individuals should be commended on their behaviours. Mr Donnelly believed that praise should be given for positive outcomes where this is merited and feedback should not just be on negatives.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Peacock appreciated that praise is given where warranted and not just criticism. Mr Donnelly added that the role of the ONR is to find nuances in systems. Some colleagues focus on this solely but he considered that it is important to compliment where it is deserved.

Mr Park noted that the existing emergency arrangements had been tested and asked about the proposals for the new arrangements. Mr Donnelly responded that he can only test the arrangements that are in place at that time and will test the new arrangements once they have been approved and are in place.

SEPA

Mr Stone was not present at the meeting and his report, distributed with the meeting papers, was taken as read.

Scottish Government

Mr Young reported that following the result of the EU Referendum vote on 23 June the Scottish Government has been asked how it will work going forward until the UK leaves the European Union. The First Minister has made a number of statements on the subject which have all been well documented. One of the main concerns asked of the Scottish Government refers to membership of the European Atomic Energy Community and also

membership of Euratom. The most recent answers to these questions appear in the Hansard for the House of Lords and are as follows:

The implications of the European referendum result for the Scottish Government's membership of the European Atomic Energy Community have yet to be determined. It will be for the UK Government to begin negotiations to exit the EU and determine the future relationship with the European Atomic Energy Community.

In terms of membership of Euratom, the UK Government's guiding principle throughout the process of leaving the EU will be to ensure the best possible outcome for the British people.

With regard to Scotland, the Scottish Government's starting point must be that the best way of solving anything other than very local issues is to co-operate across national boundaries and that solutions need to be developed in a common framework. Whatever shape that takes does not change the fundamental necessity. The European Union has been the mechanism by which that common approach has been taken. It has provided strategic policy direction for environmental measures and for many of the laws that the Scottish Parliament has passed. Laws to protect the environment have been made in the framework of EU legislation. The referendum result does not change the force of Scotland's domestic law, in which regulation and protection are embedded. Scotland's regulatory bodies - SEPA, ONR and others - will continue to regulate and protect and will continue to do what they need to do to effect the outcomes that are considered to be necessary. Mapping of all the different impacts on different policy areas and assessing how quickly they might be felt is in the early stages. There are certain uncertainties that are not easy to calculate at the moment, but understanding Scotland's exposure will be important. The Department will have to do work not only in its policy area but also across the whole of the Scottish Government. The timescale for remaining in the EU is uncertain and looks as if it might continue to be uncertain for quite some time so EU rules and obligations continue to apply. The Scottish Government will continue to contribute to EU-wide environment policies, and to make sure that its own environment is maintained, protected and advanced.

With regard to the Scottish Government's Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Implementation Strategy, written confirmation of approval from the Cabinet Secretary to publish the Implementation Strategy is awaited. The Implementation Strategy is expected to include new content on milestones, public engagement and Research and Development and the timeframe of the work involved in delivering the Strategy will take many decades. The Scottish Government aims to continue to work closely with the sites as well as the Site Stakeholder Groups, as the work streams emerging from the Strategy over the coming months and years ahead become clearer.

For the purposes of the Policy and Strategy, 'near surface' for storage and disposal means:

- Facilities located at the surface of the ground or at depths down to several tens of metres below the surface.
- Near surface facilities may use the geology (rock structure) to provide an environmental safety function, but some may rely solely on engineered barriers.
- Near surface facilities may use existing structures if an acceptable safety case is made.

The 2011 Policy does not give a prescriptive definition of 'near site' for storage or disposal facilities. However, the presumption will be that disposal facilities will be as near to the site where the waste is produced as practicable. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis and will be subject to robust regulatory requirements and the principles underlying the Policy.

The next meeting of the Scottish Nuclear Sites Group will take place on Thursday 29 September 2016 at 10.00 am in Scottish Government offices, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh. There will be two presentations on two different but relevant topics.

The presentations will cover the work done to date in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act and the various regulatory changes being proposed and the upcoming UK wide consultation on the subject of Proportionate Regulatory Control (PRC).

Meetings of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS) took place on 15 April 2016 at which the appointment of Councillor Nick Gardner, Edinburgh Council, was ratified and on 1 July 2016 when members discussed consultation on requirements for the release of nuclear sites from radioactive substances regulation and appointed representatives to a number of groups. A presentation was given by Dr George Hunter on the extent of use of radioactive materials in society and how they are regulated in Scotland.

Edinburgh Council will now also provide the secretariat for the meetings. The next meeting will take place on 7 October 2016, where a speaker from the NDA will discuss the NDA's Higher Activity Waste Strategy and Mr Charles Stewart Roper and Mr Martin Macdonald will discuss the Scottish Government's Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy.

In respect of membership of SCCORS, there are no Councillors for the following local authorities: Aberdeenshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Moray, North Ayrshire, Western Isles, West Lothian. Although there is no councillor from Dumfries and Galloway Council, Steven Herriot attends as the Council's representative. Similarly, although there is no Councillor from North Ayrshire Council, Scott McKenzie attends as the Council's representative. While it is acceptable for Officers to attend, each Council should have a Councillor representative and it may be worthwhile writing to the Council Chief Executives to request an Elected Member nomination.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Marshall was shocked that neither Dumfries and Galloway Council nor North Ayrshire Council have Councillor representation on SCCORS when they have nuclear power stations in their areas, Chapelcross and Hunterston respectively. Cllr Marshall asked Mr Green to take this back to the Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee, which Mr Green agreed to do and report back.

- [Action – Ewan Green to put a request to DGC Environment and Infrastructure Committee for an Elected Member to represent Dumfries and Galloway Council on SCCORS and report back to the Site Stakeholder Group.](#)

Cllr Ogilvie recalled that he had asked this question some months ago but Dumfries and Galloway Council had not advised Elected Members. He found it difficult to understand how an Officer can attend meetings if he does not communicate with the Site Stakeholder Group or have a knowledge of nuclear issues. Cllr Thompson added that Dumfries and Galloway Council should report on any nuclear safety issues and green lights annually through the Environment and Infrastructure Committee or Chief Executive. Cllr Ogilvie noted that Councillors used to get an annual review in the past but this seemed to have slipped off the radar. Cllr Marshall added that the Council used to provide papers to Elected Members for information and comment.

Cllr Marshall welcomed the definition of 'near surface' but was disappointed that the definition of 'near site' was still not clear. He hoped that a clear definition would be included when the Strategy is produced. Mr Young could not provide a definitive answer but undertook to take the comments back to the Scottish Government.

7. External Meetings and Invitations – SSG Chairs meeting, London – 25/26 July 2016

Cllr Ogilvie reported on the Site Stakeholder Group Chairs meeting which he had attended at Heathrow Airport on 25/26 July 2016. Mr Mike Caswell had stood down as the Chair of Chairs and was succeeded by Vice Chair, Mr Aled Jones.

A Company update had been received, as well as updates on the end states of sites, decommissioning and Waste Strategy. There was a discussion on how Site Stakeholder Groups are run and whether they work effectively. Views from members were invited and this will be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

- **Action – Mrs Callander to send a reminder to members to feed back any views on the Site Stakeholder Groups to the SSG Secretariat.**

Referring to the review of the Site Stakeholder Group Secretariat, Cllr Ogilvie considered that it had worked well for the first six months and congratulated Mrs Callander and her counterpart. Cllr Ogilvie was also pleased to have the support of the local press which takes an interest and reports positively.

With regard to the Waste Strategy, Councillor Ogilvie has been invited to a Radioactive Waste Management meeting on 22/23 November in Manchester.

8. CoReS / Beyond Chapelcross

Mr Green reported on the positive discussion at the last CoReS meeting in respect of promoting Chapelcross site to the business community in Scotland and the north of England. The Council is supporting a Business Week in the first week of October. Marketing material has been created and an inward investment event will be held for the first time which is a positive step forward. The Beyond Chapelcross project is in the final stages of evaluation and will be presented at the next meeting. Mr Szostak added that although the Beyond Chapelcross project finished in August, some aspects will run until the end of the financial year. The Annual Review and Five Year report are being prepared. This has been a well regarded project which achieved its targets and outcomes and has set the scene for the next programme.

The Chapelcross Framework document has twelve areas of action and a Business Plan is being prepared and ideas sought for inward investment. The Council is working with NDA colleagues. The unique selling point of the site has to be determined to be clear on what is different to other major sites in Dumfries and Galloway and Cumbria. The next CoReS meeting will visit Solway 45 at Longtown. A bid is being prepared for submission to the NDA and a Memorandum of Agreement is being prepared and agreed with strategic partners collaborating. All other funding opportunities will be explored.

Mr Green and Mr Szostak agreed to provide a written update paper in advance of future meetings instead of a verbal report at the meeting.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Thompson was pleased to hear that the CoReS meeting will visit Solway 45 as it is good to get this into the wider public consciousness. Cllr Thompson considered that Lockerbie Masterplan projects had struggled to get going in the same way that Annan and Gretna has and asked that this be included in the next report. Mr Szostak responded that he will take guidance from senior officers on taking projects forward. Cllr Thompson added that finding funding is not the priority but providing a platform and facilitating a meeting to take projects forward is.

Cllr Peacock advised that the invitation he has received to the next CoReS meeting refers to a visit to Eastriggs MOD site not Longtown. Mr Szostak apologised for the confusion and confirmed that the visit is definitely to Solway 45 at Longtown as he has arranged this and he will ensure that amended invitations are issued.

Cllr Marshall enquired who the parties would be signing up to the Memorandum of Agreement. He added that it is necessary to have a clear definition of where the Masterplans will go and reassurances that projects will be delivered. Mr Szostak responded that the signatories of the Memorandum of Agreement will be the NDA, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Scottish Enterprise. Others stakeholders such as Magnox Ltd and Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group will be enshrined in this collaborative relationship but not signatories.

Mr Szostak reminded members that some elements of the Beyond Chapelcross project have been mainstreamed into the Council and referred to the excellent Business Awards held on 22 June 2016. This was a well regarded event, which was well covered by the press and a fitting end for Mrs Chris Brown, who has now left Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Mr Szostak advised that it is not yet known if future bids to the NDA will include other elements of the Masterplans. Mr Green added that there is no intention not to have a continuation of work but capital is required to take some projects forward and how to mainstream the work and fund it is currently being addressed. Cllr Ogilvie stressed the importance of Scottish Enterprise and the Council working together.

Cllr Marshall informed members that a consultancy company called EKOS is contacting members for feedback as part of the evaluation of Beyond Chapelcross. This takes 1–1½ hours and is worthwhile doing if contacted.

Mr Park asked if the NDA intends to carry on supporting the next stage of the Beyond Chapelcross Framework. Mr Hamilton replied that in principle the NDA is very supportive and would like to see the exciting and ground-breaking work continue going forward. The work over the last five years has been exemplary and the NDA is very supportive in principle but cannot guarantee funding at the present time. Cllr Ogilvie reiterated that the Beyond Chapelcross Framework is well recognised by the NDA and other Site Stakeholder Groups and some of the other Site Stakeholder Groups aspire to do something similar.

Cllr Peacock reminded members that the main focus of the Site Stakeholder Group is to monitor site activity and report back to the public. There is a wider role to report back on all activities including future prospects and it is important that Mr Green and Mr Szostak continue to attend SSG meetings. Cllr Marshall referred to his comment at the last meeting that the public has to be able to live with the decisions that are made on the area in which they live.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Ogilvie informed members of the proposed meeting dates for 2017, which are: 10 March, 9 June, 15 September and 15 December. The dates in September and December are one week later than usual on the third Friday of the month instead of the second, due to clashes with Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group meetings.

Mrs Callander took a photo of the members present for the Site Stakeholder Group archives.

10. Public Forum

There was no-one present in the public gallery and no questions from the press representative.

11. Next Meeting – Friday 10th June 2016

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished them a safe return journey. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Friday, 9 December 2016.

The meeting closed at 11.55 pm.