



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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the meeting of 9 September 2016 were approved and the two actions were complete. Cllr Ogilvie will represent Dumfries and Galloway Council on SCCORS.

**Chapelcross Closure Director's Report – Mr John Grierson**

Safety performance on site had been excellent since the last site stand down. The Health Environment Safety Advisory Committee (HESAC) visited the site and was pleased with both the condition of the site and the performance of staff. Under Heat Exchanger Deplanting, Reactors 3, 4, 5 and 6 are ready for the removal of the top ducts and cranes are on site ready to start in January. Mr Grierson showed photographs and a video of works in the Ponds. A Magnox video was shown demonstrating achievements at the twelve Magnox sites over the last two years. Fewer applications have been received this year but £12,520 has been awarded to projects from the Socio Economic Fund. To refocus on safety, there will be a site stand-down on the first day back after the festive break.

**NDA Report – Mr Brian Hough**

There is no update on the Court Case with EnergySolutions EU. The NDA Supply Chain Event was very successful. The consultation period on the NDA's draft Business Plan runs from 12 December 2016 to 3 February 2017. Feedback on this can be provided to the Secretariat to be included in a collective response from the SSG. The Plan will be published and effective from April 2017. Significant senior management changes will take place during 2017.

**ONR Report – Mr Rob Eales**

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

**SEPA Report – Mr 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 – Mr Ewan Young**

Updates were received on the Scottish Government's position on Brexit, the Article 35 visit to Torness, the Submarine Dismantling project and the Scottish Nuclear Sites Group meeting held on 29 September 2016. The next Scottish Site Group meeting will be held on 23 March 2017.

**External Meetings and Invitations –**

**Scottish Nuclear Sites Meeting, Edinburgh, 29 September 2016 - Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie**

The Chair reported on a very interesting meeting hearing from different sites at different stages.

**SSG Chairs Meeting, London – 22/23 November 2016 – Cllr Craig Peacock**

Cllr Peacock gave a comprehensive account of the SSG Chairs meeting and reported on the content and discussion of the various presentations by Magnox personnel and the NDA.

**CoReS / Beyond Chapelcross – Mr Steven Szostak and Mr Allan McNaught**

Mr Szostak and Mr McNaught presented a report on Year 5 of the Beyond Chapelcross project. The original five year project finished in August 2016 but has sufficient funding to be extended for a further year, to August 2017. It is anticipated that the successor project, the CX Succession Programme will start in September 2017, running until August 2022. Discussions are underway on governance arrangements. Members were pleased to hear of the success and overachievement of the project. There was some discussion on the Gretna, Lockerbie and Annan Masterplans and opportunities for the future.

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**

There were no other items of business.

**Public Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Next Meeting – Friday 10 March 2017 at 10.00 am in Annan Town Hall.**



## Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

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

### **Present:**

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie (representing Annandale South) (Chairman)  
Mr Harry Brown (2km Resident Representative)  
Mrs Jill Callander (SSG Secretariat)  
Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)  
Mr John Grierson (Scottish Sites Lead and Chapelcross Closure Director)  
Mr Brian Hough (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)  
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)  
Mr Gordon McMiken (Scottish Government, Rural Payments and Inspections)  
Mr Willie McNairn (2km Resident Representative)  
Mr Allan McNaught (D&G Council, Business Gateway)  
Mr Ian Park (Chapelcross Union Representative)  
Cllr Craig Peacock (representing Annandale East and Eskdale) (Vice Chairman)  
Mr Steven Szostak ((D&G Council, BCX Gretna, Lockerbie and Annan Project Officer)  
Cllr Stephen Thompson (representing Annandale North)  
Mr Ewan Young (Scottish Government)

### **Apologies:**

Mr Martin Brown (representing Federation of Community Councils)  
Cllr Peter Diggle (representing Annandale North)  
Mr Rob Eales (ONR)  
Cllr Douglas Fairbairn (representing Annandale North)  
Mr Bill Hamilton (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)  
Mr Alistair McKinnon (Scottish Enterprise)  
Mr David Mundell, MP  
Mr Oliver Mundell, MSP  
Mr David Stone (Scottish Environment Protection Agency, SEPA)  
Mark Raffle (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)

### **In Attendance:**

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December meeting and shared an interesting fact. Mr Willie McNairn (2km Resident Representative) has 100% attendance at Site Stakeholder Group meetings and has not missed a single meeting in ten years. Cllr Ogilvie congratulated Mr McNairn on this achievement and thanked him for his input and commitment to the Group.

#### **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 9 September 2016 were approved as a true record and proposed as such by Cllr Craig Peacock and seconded by Mr Ian Park.

#### Action Points from previous meeting:

The reminder to members to feed back any views on the Site Stakeholder Groups to the SSG Secretariat had been superseded by the circulation of the Magnox Stakeholder Survey to members for completion – action complete.

As a result of the 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 was now the nominated Elected Member representative, with Mr Steven Herriott being the nominated Officer – action complete.

Cllr Thompson referred to the annual Safety Review discussed at the last meeting, which is prepared by Dumfries and Galloway Council and used to be distributed annually to Elected Members and asked if there was any update on this.

- Action – Cllr Ogilvie will ask the relevant Council Officer about the provision of annual Safety Review information to Elected Members.

### 4. Chapelcross Closure Director's Report

*(including update on Magnox Socio-Economic Scheme)*

Mr Grierson presented his report using the attached slides, under the headings: Site News, Care and Maintenance Programme, Socio Economics, Magnox in the Community, a video demonstrating Magnox achievements across its sites, and Final Thoughts.

Mr Grierson was pleased to report on the focus on safety and excellent safety performance since the last SSG Meeting. Emergency arrangements have now become Contingency Arrangements. The Company Health Environment Safety Advisory Committee (CHESAC) visited the site and was pleased with both the condition of the site and the performance of staff. Advice on facilities was offered, particularly for the ponds, paths and disposals. The site has a good photographic record of the site visit. Preparations have been undertaken to minimise the impact of adverse weather conditions forecast.

With regard to the Business Schedule, not all of the work scheduled has been completed and some catching up is required, but the budget is being spent efficiently. The ONR's representative with responsibility for Chapelcross, Mr Peter Donnelly, has handed over to Mr Rob Eales. Kelly Duane, Head of Communications and Socio Economics, has been replaced by Pip Hatt. Workforce numbers have reduced slightly to 190 employees, 16 ASW and 6 CSW.

Under Heat Exchanger (HEX) Deplanting, HEX 3, 4, 5 and 6 are ready for the removal of the top ducts and cranes are on site ready to start in January. HEX 11, 12, 13 and 14 are being prepared. The scaffolding on HEX 7 and 8 is complete and HEX 9 and 10 are progressing well.

Mr Grierson showed photographs and a video of works in the Ponds, which included cutting the Intermediate Level Waste (ILW), moving the long cut section, loading ILW into the basket, moving the short cut section and picking up the ILW component. He further explained progress on the waste projects.

In terms of Site Restoration, six ground water monitoring ponds have been installed. Work will begin on Land Quality Management in the new year. Work on a new substation by Scottish Power / Iberdrola on the leased area on the south site continues. Targets under Waste Operations have been met and Mr Grierson explained the statistics.

This year has seen fewer applications to the Socio Economic Fund, with £12,520 being awarded to date. Beneficiaries include Annandale and Eskdale Sports Partnership events, Tour of Britain D&G Stage, Annan Riding of the Marches and Youth Beatz.

Mr Grierson showed the Magnox Ltd Achievements Video for 2016 narrated by Mr Kenny Douglas, Managing Director, and Mr Pete Knollmeyer, Deputy Managing Director of Magnox, demonstrating achievements at the twelve Magnox sites over the last two years. This included Wylfa ending generation in 2015; Oldbury being fuel-free three months ahead of schedule; the Magnox Change Programme; and Target Zero Safety Initiative.

As always, Mr Grierson ended his presentation with safety, referring to the Target Zero initiative. At this time of the year there are more challenges with weather conditions and the site is aware and prepared for this. To refocus on safety, there will be a site stand down on the first day back to work after the Christmas holidays.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Ogilvie thanked Mr Grierson for his excellent presentation and commended Magnox on its achievements over the past 12 months.

Cllr Dryburgh asked what was happening with the old Administration Building. Mr Grierson responded that the building is not currently heated, powered or serviced and the demolition is part of a later project scheduled for 2023/24.

Cllr Peacock asked if the work being done on the substation by Scottish Power / Iberdrola is intended for Magnox use or for future business use on the site. Mr Grierson confirmed that this is being done to reinforce the network within the local area and modernise the aged equipment. Cllr Peacock asked if it would be able to be used for others in future. Mr Grierson responded that he believed that this would be possible but he was unable to comment on the capacity.

Mr Park asked if there was a programme for the reduction in staff numbers. Mr Grierson responded and confirmed that 2017 will see a drop in resources. The Lifetime Plan gives continuity going forward and reductions should be on a gradual cycle with no big step changes. Staffing will be reduced at the end of the heat exchanger deplanting, with proper processes being followed at the appropriate times. Cllr Marshall added that the vast majority of people working on the heat exchanger project are contractors. Mr Grierson explained that there are 60 contract staff and 10-12 Magnox employees. Options such as redeployment to another area, displacement and as a last resort, redundancy will be explored through the correct procedures.

Cllr Thompson referred to the ONR report and asked if safety is now more of a challenge. Mr Grierson disagreed with some aspects flagged up in the ONR report and has responded to the ONR to this effect. This relates to interpretation of the regulations and the site may have to change some arrangements when it receives the ONR's response. Mr Grierson believes that the site followed arrangements but acknowledged that the ONR has every right to challenge this and Mr Grierson was pleased that it had done so.

Cllr Thompson asked how safety arrangements are cascaded to agency workers. Mr Grierson advised that Contractors follow Construction Site Safety Instructions, which are audited. Mr Grierson has personnel on site checking this to give assurances.

Cllr Thompson asked about the tritium discharge referred to at previous meetings. Mr Grierson advised that a change in authorisation was granted a year ago by SEPA and that levels will drop further.

Cllr Thompson asked for further information on the false fire alarm. Mr Grierson advised that a detector activated a false alarm, which the site has to verify within five minutes. A team was deployed to the north site, which is challenging within five minutes to reach the furthest point of

the site. An operator contacted the Fire Brigade and a fire tender came to check the site. As a result of this incident, procedures have been reviewed and timescales extended to allow on site checks to be made to try and prevent false call-outs. Some of the timescales within Fire Safety Groups have been extended to ten minutes, but buildings with nuclear inventory remain at five minutes.

Cllr Marshall noted that the workforce would reduce next year and pointed out that the local economy needs jobs. He noted the influence that the Site Stakeholder Group had had on stakeholder activity over the last ten years and referred to the upcoming Council elections in May 2017 which may see new Elected Members. Cllr Marshall considered it important to demonstrate in future SSG meetings how far the waste inventory has come over the years which would be helpful to see, particularly for any new members. Mr Grierson confirmed that new members would be invited on site for a briefing and a longer presentation would be prepared covering progress over the years.

Mr Park asked how active the site was in challenging safety of the workforce and contractors. Mr Grierson responded that the site has a good reporting culture with Learning Capture System reports on both good and bad incidents. Around 15-20 forms are received per week which cover things such as trip hazards and maintenance. The site has excellent Safety Representatives and their report was highlighted at a national meeting. Photo reports are available, as well as Task observations (identifying errors and barriers), Project and Safety reviews, Housekeeping observations and Behavioural Safety observations.

Cllr Peacock referred to the 19 successful dives into ponds by divers at Dungeness which seems to be a more dangerous method than the one adopted at Chapelcross. Mr Grierson explained that rigorous assessments are undertaken and commercial divers are used. The protective clothing and water keeps the divers safe and while every method has an element of risk, it is a case of managing the level of risk. Cllr Dryburgh added that the ponds at Chapelcross are much cleaner than some. Mr Grierson confirmed that Chapelcross has the cleanest ponds in the Magnox fleet.

## **5. NDA Report**

The NDA report, provided with the meeting papers, was taken as read. Mr Brian Hough attended the meeting in place of Mr Hamilton on this occasion and introduced himself and explained his role, which is similar to Mr Hamilton's but focusses on West Cumbria. From the report, Mr Hough highlighted the NDA Supply Chain Event held in Manchester which is believed to be the biggest event of its type in Europe across the sector. The event also attracted a lot of international interest.

The annual consultation on the NDA's three year rolling Business Plan will be open from 12 December 2016 until 3 February 2017. Mr Hough recommended looking at the draft Business Plan, which takes account of the latest Spending Review settlement and contains an outline of work planned between 2017- 2020 and should contain no surprises. This focuses on the NDA objectives at a higher strategic level and sites have their own detailed arrangements. The final version of the Business Plan will be published and effective from April 2017. Mr Hough picked up on Cllr Marshall's comment regarding an inventory and record of achievements and advised that this has been discussed at other Site Stakeholder Group meetings and the NDA is considering how this can be published more effectively to map the journey of the individual sites.

The NDA's Research and Development brochure has been published, which is available on request from the NDA or on the NDA's website. This gives case studies showing how modern technologies have been deployed into the older sites across the estate. Alongside this, another document, People and Skills, covers reskilling, redeployment and preparing the workforce as work on sites comes to an end. The Nuclear Provision document has been published, explaining the origins of the UK's nuclear legacy and the best estimate of how much it will cost to clean up the UK's 17 earliest nuclear sites over 120 years. The latest edition of the stakeholder magazine, Insight, has also been published which is an interesting read.

The impact of the Panorama programme on safety at Sellafield has been minimal. Stakeholder and Government Departmental support has continued and has not been detracted by this.

The NDA is facing significant senior management changes. The Chief Executive, Mr John Clarke, will retire during 2017; Mr Peter Lutwyche, Chief Operating Officer, is leaving to take up a post in the private sector and Mr Stephen Henwood, Chairman, has reached the end of his three year term of office.

There is no update since the last meeting on the Court Case against EnergySolutions EU. Any updates between meetings will be forwarded to members through the Secretariat.

A pre engagement session on Proportionate Regulatory Control was hosted by the UK Government on 28 November in Manchester. This was an important event for the NDA and the Regulators.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Marshall was pleased to hear that the NDA is considering how best to accurately represent the inventories of sites.

Cllr Marshall noted that the NDA Business Plan will reflect the Lifetime Plans of Magnox sites and asked if the Lifetime Plans will be signed off before or after the publication of the Business Plan. Mr Grierson advised that final consolidation of the Lifetime Plans is taking place. Mr Hough did not know the answer to this but advised that the Business Plan will be laid before the Government in March 2017.

Mr Park asked if the Business Plan would refer to skills development for employees and the risks affecting the Pension Scheme as these issues drive focus away from the job and lead highly skilled people to assess their future. Mr Hough offered to ask an NDA representative to attend the next meeting to discuss skills development. He understood concerns relating to pensions and will feed back comments but pointed out that the NDA is a Government body and has to implement Government policy. He assured members that conversations have taken place at national level about the kind of points raised.

➤ **Action –NDA to provide an update on skills development planning at June SSG.**

Mr Szostak had been unable to attend the pre consultation meeting on Proportionary Regulatory Control but considered that Chapelcross is in a different position to other sites. In terms of disposal and asset transfer, Mr Szostak suggested that Chapelcross has an opportunity to lead the way and emphasised the interest of the Site Stakeholder Group in the future disposal of the site. He asked if the NDA has a clear strategy in respect of asset disposal. Mr Hough explained that there is not a single NDA disposal strategy due to the variances in land which is licensed and that which is not licensed. It was noted that Chapelcross has a large amount of land which is unlicensed. When an asset is no longer required, the NDA is required to dispose of it but that does not necessarily mean it must be sold to the highest bidder – the public value of the land should be maximised. Mr Hough will take comments back to the NDA Property arm. Cllr Marshall asked about the development of a disposal process and advised that the Site Stakeholder Group is regarded as a statutory consultee as it is the interface with the community and stressed the importance of the SSG having a say.

Cllr Dryburgh reminded members that Chapelcross SSG has a Sub Group for responding to consultations. It was agreed that the Sub Group would be reconvened to formulate a response to the consultation on the draft NDA Business Plan.

➤ **Action – Sub Group to draft response to NDA draft Business Plan consultation to be sent to voting members for comment and thereafter formulated into Chapelcross SSG response to the NDA.**

Cllr Dryburgh asked if the National Skills Academy for Nuclear is still active. Mr Hough explained that each industrial sector has its own Skills Programme but 'Academy' is a misnomer as it is not a physical thing. Mr Hough added that a more recent development is the National College of Nuclear. The Government has agreed to invest in more infrastructure and skills development focussing on decommissioning and Lillyhall in Cumbria has a wide range of apprenticeship training. Decommissioning has only been going for ten years so this is still a new industry where learning and capacity is building going forward.

Mr Park reiterated that Chapelcross is a model for the rest of the country and the workforce would like to see the NDA doing more to progress more opportunities for industries based on site.

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

### **ONR**

Mr Eales was not present at the meeting and the ONR report, circulated with the meeting papers, was taken as read.

### **SEPA**

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

### **Scottish Government**

With regard to Brexit, Mr Young stressed that the main point is that it is still business as usual with regard to the work of the Scottish Government and its relationship in terms of European engagement. It continues to be committed to maintaining, protecting and enhancing Scotland's environment. The Scottish Government firmly believes that EU membership delivers many benefits for individuals, business and communities across Scotland. Its priority is to protect Scotland's interests. It is therefore seeking to embed itself as firmly as possible in the UK's process of developing its negotiating strategy. It is doing this by adopting a three pronged approach:

- It will seek to make common cause with those of like minds across the UK, to try to reach the least-worst outcomes for the UK as a whole. This means remaining in the single market.
- it will seek to explore differential options for Scotland. The Scottish Government's Standing Council on Europe is already working on a spectrum of options.
- it will make sure that the option of independence remains open, if it concludes that it is simply not possible to protect Scotland's interests in the UK. The consultation on a draft bill was published on 20 October 2016.

As this is a constantly evolving item, Mr Young recommended checking the Scottish Government website and in particular the news page for the latest updates <http://news.gov.scot>.

Mr Young described the Article 35 Visit to Torness on 24–27 October 2016. The background to Article 35 of the Euratom Treaty states that *"Each Member State shall establish the facilities necessary to carry out continuous monitoring of the level of radioactivity in the air, water and soil and to ensure compliance with the basic standards. The Commission shall have the right of access to such facilities: it may verify their operation and efficiency"*. In addition the Commission can look at radiation monitoring as part of emergency preparedness systems in highly populated areas. In the event of a nuclear emergency, the reliable monitoring of doses to the population of large cities is very important, as decisions concerning sheltering and evacuation will be taken on the basis of these measurements. Carrying out verifications under Article 35 is a right of the Commission, not an obligation. Part of the procedure is the requirement for a detailed questionnaire to be completed. This is to ensure that the verification team have adequate knowledge of the monitoring systems in place. The completed questionnaire for Scotland (146 pages) focussed on monitoring undertaken in Scotland by both the environmental regulators and the site operator. It also provided details of the legislation in place as well as how each organisation interacted in respect of environmental monitoring and its reporting both to government and the EC.

The visit took place over four days and included a visit to the Scottish Government for a series of short presentations from those involved in the production of the questionnaire response. The EC Inspectors then undertook a two day visit to the EDF Energy Torness site and a half day visit to Public Health England (PHE) laboratories, Glasgow. The EC Inspectors will write their draft report on the visit which will take around 6-9 months to produce. Once written the draft is sent to the UK Representative (BEIS). BEIS then circulate the draft to all those parties involved to seek views/comments on the draft. A period of six weeks is allowed for responses. The overall response will be issued back to the EC through BEIS. Following the Scottish Government's response, the EC will then finalise the report and publish it in english, together with the Scottish Government's comments on the EC website. The next UK Article 35 verification visit will be to London In 2018.

The Scottish Nuclear Sites Group met on 29 September 2016. This group is focussed on the nuclear sector covering both civil and defence. The Group received an update on how the Scottish Government is addressing the way forward in respect of Brexit and its possible implications to the nuclear industry and associated areas. In addition, SEPA provided a presentation on Proportionate Regulatory Control (PRC). The next meeting will be on 23 March 2017.

The Submarine Dismantling project is a long running project which has recently taken a significant step forward in terms of undertaking work to decommissioning. Firstly, the site selected for the storage of the reactor elements was Capenhurst, with Aldermaston as the back-up site. Following this, applications were made to SEPA by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) under a Memorandum of Understanding and under RSA93 by Rosyth Royal Dockyard Limited (RRDL). The MoD application was to dispose of the low level waste arising from the dismantling of the seven nuclear submarines laid up at Rosyth by transferring it to RRDL. The RRDL application was for the disposal of low level waste from the seven nuclear submarines once it has been transferred to them by the MoD. Both these applications have gone through due process and the relevant 'authorisations' were issued by SEPA to MoD and RRDL on 3 November 2016.

### **Questions and Observations**

With regard to the Submarine Dismantling project, Cllr Marshall reminded members that Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group was collectively opposed to Chapelcross being selected as the location for the storage of the reactor elements.

Cllr Marshall asked about timescales for the publication of the Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Implementation Strategy. Mr Young confirmed that the HAW Implementation Strategy had been approved and was now with the Scottish Government's Communications Team to be published. Distributions lists have been prepared and links will be sent through the Secretariat when this is ready.

Mr Park would like to see effort by the Scottish Government to support development land and jobs at Chapelcross as there is a perception locally that the Scottish Government's preference is to support the central belt. Mr Young undertook to take the comments back to the relevant colleagues.

## **7. External Meetings and Invitations – Scottish Nuclear Sites Meeting, Edinburgh, 29 September 2016**

Cllr Ogilvie referred to an action from a previous meeting for Scottish Government Officers to invite Cabinet Secretary, Roseanna Cunningham, to attend the Scottish Sites meeting. Ms Cunningham had noted the invitation.

Cllr Ogilvie advised that there were new faces around the table at the meeting with different perspectives and it was interesting to hear from different sites at different stages.

## **SSG Chairs Meeting, London – 22/23 November 2016**

Cllr Peacock reported on the Site Stakeholder Group Chairs meeting which he had attended in London on 22/23 November 2016 with Mrs Callander and the Chair and Vice Chair from Hunterston A site.

The event included a dinner, and a private meeting of the SSG Chairs prior to the Magnox SSG Chair's Meeting. Topics of discussion varied considerably and included: setting up a meeting with the new Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the NDA once they are appointed, a visit to Sellafield, and the Magnox Stakeholder Feedback survey. Some sites are now holding joint SSG's with new/generating partners, and having separate site reports which is causing its own issues. Many of the sites are now being involved in Enterprise Zones which allows better opportunities for business use. One point of interest and concern which was mentioned is that the Government is considering joining the MoD/CNC/Transport Police into a single force, and how would that effect the sites concerned.

The Meeting involved various presentations. Mr Pete Knollmeyer, Deputy Managing Director of Magnox, gave a Company update on topics such as Target Zero Safety Campaign and Lifetime Plans. At this stage, Magnox does not have all the funding needed to complete all the Plans, with £550 million to spend per year over the next two years. A decision will be reached in January 2017 on the way forward regarding the pension schemes for employees.

Ms Val Drake gave an update on waste strategy. 7500m<sup>3</sup> of Low Level Waste (LLW) has been taken from all Magnox sites and 93% of this has been diverted from final disposal at the national LLW repository. Cllr Peacock asked how the Scottish strategy fitted within the overall UK wide strategy and was told that the Magnox plan would be to store for up to 300 years. There will be some consolidation of waste stores in England which raised concerns from sites regarding lack of community benefit.

Mr David Hubbard updated on the decommissioning works. At Chapelcross the top ducts of the heat exchangers will be removed and bridges lowered. This work will enter the supply chain in April, in the new financial year. It is proposed to keep the existing cladding on the buildings rather than renewing it all.

Mr Paul Lonsdale spoke on Care and Maintenance. Once a site is in care and maintenance it will be remotely controlled using a standardised method. To begin with a regional hub will be used to monitor sites as they enter care and maintenance, with Chapelcross being the Scottish hub and monitoring Hunterston at the appropriate time. Once all sites have entered care and maintenance a single national hub will monitor all sites in the Magnox estate, expected to be around 2028/30. There will be a security presence on sites until it is deemed suitable to remove it.

The NDA advised that it is open to transparent engagement and is reviewing guidance issued to Site Stakeholder Groups. It is looking for SSG membership to reflect local stakeholders, better engagement with local authorities and young people, and improved presentational material coming from the NDA.

The next National Stakeholder Conference will take place in West Cumbria, around late June, lasting two days and including a site visit to Sellafield. A special Socio Economic summit will be incorporated into the Conference.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Ogilvie thanked Cllr Peacock for attending the meeting on his behalf and for the comprehensive report.

## **8. CoReS / Beyond Chapelcross**

### **CX Project – Year 5 Report – Mr Steve Szostak and Mr Allan McNaught**

Mr Szostak circulated the Beyond Chapelcross project Year Five Report and asked members to maintain confidentiality on any commercially sensitive information.

Mr Szostak explained that although the original project length was five years, there is sufficient funding to allow for a sixth 'bonus' year, to run from September 2016 to August 2017. This will allow for completion of some elements which are not quite complete and a seamless transition to the CX Succession Programme which will begin in September 2017 and run till August 2022.

Mr Szostak and Mr McNaught reported on the achievements of the project using the attached presentation slides. Mr Szostak gave an overview of Year 5, the key headlines, Strategic projects, Chapelcross Development Framework, proposals for Year 6 and the CX Succession Programme. Mr McNaught described Business Development and Support, Business Adviser Year 5 Targets and Achievement, Business Adviser Young Entrepreneurs, Dumfries and Galloway Council's Activity in Annandale and Eskdale, External Leverage and the CX Project Cumulative Business Targets and Outputs.

### **Questions and Observations**

Cllr Dryburgh noted that Gretna was the first Masterplan approved but the last to be delivered. He referred to a cross-border strategy and asked if officials had spoken to Borderlands or the South of Scotland Alliance. Mr Szostak confirmed that Mr Ewan Green is engaged with the South of Scotland Alliance and will also engage with Borderlands.

Cllr Marshall referred to the Central Avenue project within Gretna Masterplan and made the point that it was only one of a suite of projects. He considered that the additional year gives further opportunities and as there are well developed Masterplans, assurance is required from Dumfries and Galloway Council that it will integrate the Masterplan projects into its work plan. He urged Officers not to let the Masterplans wither on the vine and to allocate the resources required to deliver the projects. Mr Szostak responded that he cannot commit funding from the Local Authority and Mr Green is very aware of the situation but it is for others to determine the prioritisation of budgets.

Cllr Marshall asked about the governance arrangements for the successor programme and suggested that this be run similarly to the Beyond Chapelcross project, with representatives from the Site Stakeholder Group and Magnox involved. Mr Szostak advised that governance arrangements, influence and ownership is under discussion to determine the best agencies to do this. There are many questions and aspirations to be addressed, such as the feasibility of having an entity to own land or receive asset transfers. Cllr Marshall clarified that this would only apply to the non-licensed part of the site.

Cllr Marshall noted the interesting and commendable figures of achievements from Years 1 – 5 and requested cumulative figures incorporating Year 6 next year to give the complete picture, together with annual comparisons. Mr Szostak agreed to provide a full project resume at the end of the project.

Cllr Peacock asked Mr McNaught about the engagement with and purpose of intermediaries. Mr McNaught responded that a Bank is an intermediary as it supplies a service but can also assist a start-up business by providing an overdraft or loan for example which can sometimes be difficult to obtain. Some Banks will accept grants as personal finance or owner contributions which makes a big difference to new business owners. Advisers do not recommend specific suppliers or products but give a range of options to businesses looking for advice.

Cllr Peacock advised members, for information, that all business units in Gretna have now been let.

Mr Park referred to the big difference made by the project to Central Avenue in Gretna. He reminded members that one hundred years ago Gretna and Eastriggs were industrial towns and as members will not be here by the time Chapelcross is finally cleared, it is important to put the effort in now to ensure that Chapelcross makes a similar difference in another hundred years.

Cllr Ogilvie thanked Mr Szostak and Mr McNaught for their presentation on this very successful project which has lead the way as an exemplar and overachieved on targets.

**9. Any Other Business**

Cllr Ogilvie reflected on a very busy year for the site, the Site Stakeholder Group, the new Secretariat regime, and Scotland in general, with the Independence Referendum and Brexit.

Cllr Ogilvie was pleased to see a healthy attendance and thanked those present for their input. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**10. Public Forum**

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

**11. Next Meeting – Friday 10 March 2017**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Friday, 10 March 2017.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.