

**CHAPELCROSS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS FROM THE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN ANNAN TOWN HALL, ANNAN, DG12 6AQ**

Cllr Henry McClelland, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair, Cllr Archie Dryburgh.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2018 were approved, with one minor amendment.

Chapelcross Site Closure Director's Report – Mr John Grierson

The Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) and the Day Away Case Rate (DACR) for the site remains at zero. Target Zero Campaign on safety continues, as does the focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Transition activities will take place over the next few months as the current contract model changes from Parent Body Organisation (Cavendish Fluor Partnership) to Magnox being a subsidiary of the NDA. Mr Grierson updated on progress in the Key Work Programmes and told the story of the final chapter of the Heat Exchangers from the 16 duct units being lifted on to heavy haulage trailers on site to arriving at their destination in Sweden by boat, within an 11 day window. More applications from community groups are being encouraged to the Magnox Socio Economic Fund.

NDA Report – Mr Bill Hamilton

Mr Hamilton further explained the transition which will take place between now and September 2019 when Magnox becomes an NDA subsidiary. Recruitment is underway for the new Managing Director of Magnox. Mr Hamilton described the successful NDA Site Stakeholder Summit held in July at which some pertinent questions were asked.

ONR Report

A report from ONR was provided with the meeting papers. Mr Rob Eales has resigned from the ONR and his replacement is expected to attend the December SSG meeting.

SEPA Report

Mr David Stone was not present at the meeting but provided a report in advance of the meeting.

Update from Scottish Government – Mr Ewan Young

Mr Young updated members on Regulation of Radioactive Substances activities; Scottish Higher Waste Strategy Implementation; Radioactive Contaminated Land. The Scottish Nuclear Sites Group meeting will be held on 29 November 2018, at a venue in Edinburgh to be confirmed. Mr Young's report included an update on the Programme for Government, covering: South of Scotland Enterprise Agency Bill; South of Scotland Economic Partnership; Apprenticeships; Environmental Standards; Public Health Scotland.

External Meetings and Invitations – Cllr Henry McClelland

NDA Stakeholder Summit, Berkeley College Campus – 10/11 July 2018

Cllr McClelland reported on the event held in the College building which was once an engineering workshop and lab was now a Conference Hall with classrooms surrounding it and demonstrated the tremendous transformation of a decommissioned nuclear site. Cllr Dryburgh took the opportunity to make BEIS aware of the Borderlands Initiative and the potential transfer of land at Chapelcross from the NDA to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

CX Project – Ms Jan Falconer

Ms Falconer reported on the work being done by the CX Team and the work being done in partnership with stakeholders on the Borderlands Growth Deal, a decision on which is expected in November 2018.

Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group Constitution

The SSG Constitution has been refreshed and updated in line with NDA guidelines following its review of SSGs. Minor changes have been made to the membership. The number of meetings per year has been reduced from four to three.

Questions and Observations

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

Meeting dates for 2019 are: Friday 26 June 2019; Friday 13 September 2019; Friday 13 December 2019.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present but two representatives of Cumbria County Council Resilience Unit thanked the SSG for the invitation to attend and share knowledge and engage in cross-border cooperation.

Next Meeting – Friday 14 December 2018 at 10.00 am in Annan Town Hall.



Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 14 September 2018 at 10.00 am
at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan

Present:

Mrs Jill Callander (SSG Secretary)
Mr John Grierson (Scottish Regional Lead / Closure Director - Chapelcross and Hunterston A)
Mr Bill Hamilton (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, NDA)
Ms Jan Falconer (D&G Council, Head of Economic Development)
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)
Cllr Henry McClelland (representing Annandale South) (Vice Chair)
Mr Willie McNair (2km Resident Representative)
Mr Scott Muir (Chapelcross Prospect Union Representative)
Ms Jaime Nicholson (D&G Council, Principal Officer Facilities Annandale and Eskdale)
Mr Ian Park (Chapelcross Unite Union Representative)
Cllr Stephen Thompson (representing Annandale North)
Mr Ewan Young (Scottish Government)
Mr Ian Winchester (Senior Emergency Planner, Cumbria County Council Resilience Unit)
Ms Sheralee Heaviside (Cumbria County Council Resilience Unit)

In Attendance:

Mrs Sheila Adams (Minutes)

Apologies:

Mr Martin Brown (Federation of Community Councils)
Ms Teresa Dougall (National Farmers Union Scotland, NFUS)
Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East and Eskdale) (Chair)
Mr Rob Eales (Office for Nuclear Regulation, ONR)
Cllr Douglas Fairbairn (representing Annandale North)
Mr David Stone (Scottish Environment Protection Agency, SEPA)
Cllr Ronnie Tait (representing Annandale East and Eskdale)
Mr Alex Thomson (Federation of Community Councils / Gretna and Rigg Community Council)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr McClelland, Vice Chair, took the Chair in Cllr Dryburgh's absence. Cllr McClelland welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Ms Jan Falconer, Dumfries and Galloway Council's Head of Economic Development would attend the meeting instead of Mr Jason Syers. Cllr McClelland ran through housekeeping arrangements.

2. Announcements and Apologies (*including Declarations of Interest*)

The Secretary read the Apologies as listed above.

Cllr 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

There was a small amendment to the Minutes of the previous meeting on Page 9. The first sentence of the third last paragraph should have read “Mr McNairn explained that his **wife’s** family have always worked on the River Annan as millers and farmers.”

With this amendment, the Minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2018 were approved as a true record and proposed as such by Mr Ian Park and seconded by Cllr Stephen Thompson.

Action points from the last meeting

Mr Grierson offered to host a site visit to see the Interim Storage Facility after it is handed over from the Contractor and before the packages go in – this will be arranged at the appropriate time – probably November/December 2018 – action carried forward.

Virtual reality display to be presented at the next meeting – this was available on the table at the back of the meeting room to view after the meeting – action complete.

Secretariat to bring report on proposed amendments to Chapelcross SSG Constitution to next meeting – Agenda Item 9 – action complete.

Secretariat to send thank you letters on behalf of the SSG to Mr Brown and Mr McMiken – letters had been sent – action complete.

Cllr Thompson asked if there was another action on P5 of the Minutes where he had asked about for further information and a breakdown of the figures on suppliers and SMEs based in Scotland to gain a deeper understanding of the £208m contracts awarded through the Decommissioning Programme. Mr Hamilton had advised that the figures are complex and offered to share the report with the Secretariat for circulation with the Minutes. Mr Hamilton had offered to arrange for someone to come and speak at a future meeting if more information is required after members have read the report. Mr Hamilton thought that the report had been forwarded but will chase this up and ensure that it is circulated with the Minutes this time.

- [Action – NDA report on SME's to be circulated.](#)

Ms Jan Falconer entered the meeting at 10.05 am.

4. Chapelcross Site Closure Director’s Report – Mr John Grierson (including update on Magnox Socio-Economic Scheme)

Mr Grierson began his presentation, as always, with safety and was pleased to report that the site had retained its excellent safety record with the Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) and the Day Away Case Rate (DACR) for the site being zero. Scotland is the only region in the Magnox estate to achieve a zero record and safety performance across the Company is the best that has been in four years. Safety is always a worry heading towards transition as people are more distracted and safety will remain a focus throughout.

A senior EHSS&Q review has been carried out and Mr Grierson ran through the positives and negatives from the review. The two inspections carried out by the ONR in the period received green gradings. Mr Rob Eales has resigned from the ONR and it is expected that his replacement will attend the December Site Stakeholder Group meeting.

The Target Zero campaign continues, with monthly themes. The focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) remains and a Strategy is due to be released company-wide. A video has been made by staff and will be shown on sites at stand-downs. Mr Grierson, and representatives of other Scottish sites, had attended the Women’s Network Conference which is leading the way in EDI Diversity Groups.

Transition activities will take place over the next few months as the current contract model changes from Parent Body Organisation (Cavendish Fluor Partnership) to Magnox being a subsidiary of the NDA, in a model similar to that of Sellafield. Presentations will be made to keep staff informed.

The site budget for business is currently £35m but this figure will start to drop next year. Employee numbers are currently stable, with contractor numbers tailing off. The dates on the Critical Path Diagram remain the same with no slippage.

Under the Ponds programme, miscellaneous activated components are being cut up under water and placed in a waste storage container which has been specially designed and tested. Mr Grierson showed photos of the equipment retrieving sludge from the ponds.

Under Waste projects, welding equipment was delivered to plant yesterday. Physical work on plant is taking place on the Flask Handling building and Advanced Vacuum Drying System. A photo was shown of the vacuum control unit. The dryer units are expected to arrive from Bradwell in the next week. The main contractor for the project is Storeys. The project is slightly behind schedule as Storey's electrical sub-contractor was taken over and due diligence had to be carried out by the new Company. The Interim Storage Facility is almost complete. A slight delay was experienced as two concrete boxes were required from Harwell. It is expected that the contractor, Interserve, will hand this over in approx. four weeks.

Under Asset Care, the CXPP has a new lighting system and glazed areas removed for translucent panels will commence on the reactor building.

Mr Grierson showed a series of photos depicting the final chapter of the Heat Exchanger Top Ducts and told the story from the ducts being lifted on to heavy haulage trailers on site to arriving at their destination in Sweden. There was an 11 day window for the 8 shipments (2 units per day) to get to the port by road and some logistical challenges to overcome, such as highways being closed and a trailer having a burst tyre. Three shipments had been done by day six and Mr Grierson was very relieved that the site succeeded in shipping the last five shipments in five days.

With regard to the Socio Economic Scheme, £4,534 has been awarded to date. Only £1,034 has been awarded to schemes under £1k and more community projects are required. Stakeholder engagement for the period such as attending Magnox funded socio-economic funded projects included Active Schools, Dumfries Y Gymnastics and Annan Swimming Gala, plus a presentation on site by Prostate Cancer Scotland.

Mr Grierson concluded his presentation, as he started, with a safety message. The first of the waste containers will have gone through the process by March and a renewed focus on safety to avoid distractions will be required as the site goes through transition.

Questions and Observations

Cllr McClelland noted that Mr Grierson always begins and ends with safety and congratulated the site on its excellent safety performance. Mr Grierson was particularly pleased with the safety record due to site undertaking the most intensive work programmes, with the heat exchanger deplanting posing high hazard work. Two years ago the site had the highest accident rate in the Magnox estate so it was gratifying to now be in this position but Mr Grierson warned that it only takes one second for an injury to occur.

Cllr McClelland was intrigued as to why the transportation of the ducts went to West Cumbria before going eastwards. Mr Grierson advised that the route was determined by transfrontier shipping agreements, which is from Lilyhall to Sweden. The site was careful to follow the law and regulations to the letter.

Mr McNairn commented that he had watched two big wagons going past his house with ducts on them. He had followed the wagons to the five road ends and saw branches being pulled from trees as they passed. The second driver stopped and removed the branches and cleared up the road so that there was no sign that they had been present. Mr Grierson replied that the whole route of the trucks had to be planned. There was a police escort to the border and escort vehicles after that. Mr McNairn added that when the first driver passed close to overhead lines at Prestonfield Farm, he slowed down and indicated this hazard to the second wagon.

Cllr Thompson referred to the water ingress into the ducts in the SEPA report and the management of storage and disposal of waste and asked for further explanation. Mr Grierson explained that waste accumulates on site as projects are shut down but not yet cleared up. The process is to take plant down, package, then store; one of the storage drums had a small hole which resulted in sub limits exceeding the authorisation limit. No action was taken by SEPA. The site was ahead of the game and identified and controlled the leak and applied for an increase to the sub limit.

With regard to the Socio Economic Fund, Cllr Thompson advised that he attends community group meetings and the perception of community groups is that the application process is complicated and disproportionate for groups seeking smaller grants. Cllr Marshall advised that a number of applications had been received from community groups that week. The Scheme criteria has been updated and will be circulated with the Minutes. Less information is now required for grants less than £1k. The criteria for grants of £1k-£10k or over £10k is more onerous. Cllr Marshall encouraged potential applicants to speak to him in the first instance. Cllr Thompson asked if the process had been streamlined recently. Cllr Marshall confirmed that the web portal has been active for 5-6 years and the process for under £1k applications was streamlined two years ago and is relatively straightforward. Cllr Marshall also mentioned the Chapelcross Charity Snowball Fund, which is funded by Chapelcross workers and gives grants up to £500, through a more simplified process.

- [Action – Magnox Socio Economic Fund guidelines and criteria to be circulated by the Secretariat](#)

Mr Park asked how many people were likely to be employed in 2026 and if new blood would be recruited as a high proportion of employees will be pension age. Mr Grierson agreed that retention of staff is a worry. Key resources are required and succession planning is done. He would like to recruit some new positions but cannot recruit at the present time as new Terms and Conditions are being negotiated for new staff.

Cllr Marshall asked the correlation of budgets to workforce and as the budget reduces from £35m, the impact that will have on the number of workers. He gave the example of Interim Care and Maintenance in 2017 when there was to be a cliff-edge reduction. Situations can change very quickly (for example, Pinneys) and Cllr Marshall asked for further information on staffing levels going forward. Mr Grierson confirmed that contractor numbers will reduce with the handover of the Interim Storage Facility in 4-6 weeks. Further reductions in contractor numbers would be seen around February 2019 when the Flask Handling building and Advanced Vacuum Drying System is finished. Contractors working on pipework will be finished in 2-3 weeks and sludge removal by Christmas. Contractors such as Hertel and Interserve will remain on site but itinerant contractors will only be on site for short periods of time when required. Mr Grierson added that when projects finish some of the team step down but there are other work programmes, such as CXPP. The intensity of work in the supply chain will increase when ponds are dismantled, admin buildings and workshops demolished and waste cleared.

- [Action – Mr Grierson to include information on staffing curve and Life Time Plan in next meeting.](#)

5. NDA Reports - Mr Bill Hamilton

The NDA report for July, issued with the meeting papers, was taken as read. The reports for August and September will be forwarded. Mr Hamilton described the transition work taking place. The Transition Team is very well aware of the last transition and the key message is around retaining a focus on safety. A strong message is being sent to the workforce that there will be no change in Terms and Conditions of individual workers and the new model will not affect the site budget. A series of stand-down presentations will be made to the workforce with a presentation firstly by Mr Nigel Lowe, the Head of Magnox Transition Team. This will be circulated with the Minutes after it is uploaded on the Staff Network.

- [Action – Magnox Transition Team presentation to workforce to be circulated following all Magnox site briefs.](#)

Cavendish Fluor Partnership will cease to be the Parent Body Organisation from 31 August 2019. Recruitment of the new Managing Director of Magnox is well underway, with two teams of recruitment specialists brought in to oversee this process. Four Director level posts will also be publicly advertised and the recruitment process should be complete by February 2019. The new incumbents will be in post from spring 2019 and will attend transitioning meetings. Mr Hamilton has already been to two site stand-downs in Wales where there were a number of questions asked. Mr Hamilton reassured members that there is no hidden agenda and will be no cuts to the Magnox estate. Trade Unions have been heavily involved in the process. He further assured members that day-to-day relationships with the workforce, regulators, communications and the supply chain will not change. Effectively a layer is being removed, with instructions coming directly from the NDA to Magnox and not through Cavendish Fluor Partnership.

The Holliday Inquiry Report is almost complete and is expected at any time. The NDA has engaged with the Holliday Inquiry at the highest level.

Mr Hamilton referred to the very successful NDA Site Stakeholder Summit held in July. Chapelcross SSG Chair, Cllr Dryburgh, had asked about the alignment with the NDA, Scottish Government and UK Government in the Borderlands Growth Deal. This was followed by a letter from Dumfries and Galloway Council's (DGC) Chief Executive, Gavin Stevenson, to Permanent Secretary of BEIS, Alex Chisholm, asking a further set of questions regarding the Borderlands Initiative and confirmation of the transfer of a parcel of land from the NDA to DGC. Dumfries and Galloway Council has requested a meeting and details of a potential land transaction are being worked up by the NDA Property Team and Council Officials. Mr Hamilton confirmed that, in principle, the NDA is supportive of the transfer of land to the Council and the Borderlands Initiative.

Questions and Observations

Cllr McClelland advised that Mr Chisholm appeared to be completely unaware of the Borderlands Initiative prior to the Summit, which prompted the letter from Mr Stevenson and Cllr McClelland was pleased to hear Mr Hamilton's response.

Cllr Marshall referred to the very successful Beyond Chapelcross (CX1) project and the momentum growing for the Borderlands Initiative and CX2 project. He noted that there was a feature a couple of weeks previously in the Annandale press and considered it worth exploring how best to convey information to the workforce as the projects develop.

Cllr Marshall asked if the employees will be regarded as public or private sector employees under the new arrangement and how this will affect pensions. Mr Hamilton responded that any site licensed Company workers are classed as public sector workers and always have been. Some confusion may have been caused by the Magnox Competition in terms of management of the Company by the Parent Body Organisation, Cavendish Fluor Partnership.

However, the salaries of the workforce are paid by the Treasury, making them public sector workers and this will not be affected by the transition. Mr Hamilton further clarified that the result of the Enterprise Bill will not be affected by the transition.

Mr Park was pleased to hear the news regarding the potential land transfer. He asked about changes in Terms and Conditions for new employees, referred to earlier by Mr Grierson, and asked if this would stop recruitment. Mr Grierson pointed out that this is a question for Magnox, as employer, not the NDA. Mr Grierson replied that positions could be filled by recruited workers, agency workers or existing workers could be retrained. The site has a higher turnover of agency workers than Mr Grierson would like and he would prefer to build employee positions. Mr Park understood that there was a current embargo on recruitment due to the desire by the current Company to change Terms and Conditions. Mr Grierson reiterated that this is not an NDA issue but for Magnox as the employer. Mr Grierson clarified that there is no change proposed to any Terms and Conditions of existing employees. The proposed change in Terms and Conditions refers to new staff, which may potentially affect 100 people in the next few years across Magnox. Mr Hamilton further clarified that Magnox is the employer, not the NDA. The current management Company, Cavendish Fluor Partnership, signalled its intention to make changes to Terms and Conditions of new staff. Mr Hamilton explained that the transition is not to become employees of the NDA but is a transition of the legal transfer from management by Cavendish Fluor Partnership to strategic management by the NDA through Magnox Board of Directors. Mr Muir pointed out that there have been a few transitions under Cavendish Fluor Partnership management and the workforce felt undervalued by some of the changes made. He considered that the NDA owns the asset of the estate and the workforce is a part of that asset.

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

ONR

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

SEPA

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

Scottish Government – Mr Ewan Young

Mr Young gave his report as below, including an update on the Programme for Government.

Regulation of Radioactive Substances activities

The Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations 2018 came into force for the regulation of activities with radioactive substances on 1 September 2018. This regime will ultimately extend to the regulation of waste, water environment and industrial pollution. The regulations bring in a new system of tiered regulation, with General Binding Rules for the lowest risk activities, notification for low/moderate risk activities, and full permitting with standardised conditions for complex or higher risk activities. There will be no immediate impact on operators, as existing permits will transition to the new regime. Over time, the new regime can be more flexible and proportionate, and sites will be able to have single authorisations across their environmental activities.

Scottish Higher Activity Waste Strategy Implementation

The Scottish Government is continuing discussions with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), the NDA subsidiary Radioactive Waste Management (RWM), and with the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM), on early steps to ensure the effective long-term delivery of the Scottish Government's Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy.

There has been further developments of the UK Government's proposals for a Geological Disposal Facility, to be located in England or Wales, with discussion of the UK Government's proposed planning treatment in England for this infrastructure. Mr Young stressed that this has no impact on Scottish radioactive waste or planning policies.

Radioactive Contaminated Land

The Scottish Government's consultation on revised guidance on protecting the public from radioactive contamination in land closed on 21 August. A workshop was held on 10 August, attended by a number of individuals including Contaminated Land Officers from a good cross section of Scottish Local Authorities, and the Scottish Government is very grateful to all who participated. The outputs of the workshop are being considered alongside the formal consultation responses, with no attribution of views to individual workshop participants. There were some very constructive ideas for improving the draft text, in particular on the interaction with development planning, and for other follow-up work that the Scottish Government can commission in order to improve the sourcing, availability and sharing of information on areas of potential contamination. There will be a final draft of the revised guidance for approval by Scottish Ministers by the end of September, ready for its formal clearance by the Scottish Parliament and then notification to the European Commission.

Scottish Nuclear Sites Group

The next meeting of this Group will take place on Thursday 29 November 2018. Due to the high demand for the only rooms large enough to accommodate this Group, the venue is still to be determined. An external venue close to the Victoria Quay building is being considered and an email providing all the details will be issued to the members in the near future.

PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2018-2019

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency Bill

The Scottish Government will introduce a Bill to establish a new Enterprise Agency for the south of Scotland. The South of Scotland Enterprise Agency Bill will establish a new enterprise agency to support a diverse and resilient economy, sustain and grow communities and harness the potential of people and resources.

South of Scotland Economic Partnership (SoSEP)

The South of Scotland Economic Partnership has been established, backed by £10 million in funding. Its members have engaged widely with local communities and businesses to establish priorities for the new agency and will take forward a range of projects and investments to drive the local economy. The Scottish Government wants the South of Scotland to benefit from a new approach that supports a diverse and resilient economy, sustains and grows communities and harnesses the potential of people and resources.

Apprenticeships

The Scottish Government will continue to improve opportunities for apprenticeships as well as providing opportunities for the existing workforce through a range of programmes including: The Flexible Workforce Development Fund, Individual Training Accounts and the Scottish Union Learning Fund. It will prioritise Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and higher level apprenticeships and continue to progress the Developing the Young Workforce Programme. It will also continue to increase the number of modern apprenticeships, to meet its commitment of 30,000 by 2020.

Environmental Standards

Much of the progress in environmental protection in Scotland and the UK has been driven and enabled by EU membership. Around 80% of Scotland's environmental legislation comes from the EU and EU membership has provided essential sources of funding, labour, scientific expertise and collective initiatives that have played an important role in delivering Scotland's environment and climate ambitions.

The Scottish Government is committed to maintaining and enhancing environmental standards in Scotland and carrying forward EU environmental principles. It is also vital to ensure effective governance arrangements are in place to monitor and enforce these standards. In the autumn the Scottish Government will consult on future environmental governance arrangements in Scotland as well as how EU principles will continue to guide its approach to environmental policy. Regardless of the UK's future relationship with Europe, Scotland will continue to lead action to protect, enjoy and enhance our environment and tackle global environmental challenges. To support this, it will publish an Environment Strategy which will help to co-ordinate action and guide future activity across Scotland's existing environment policies, addressing biodiversity, land use, water, air, seas, climate change, the circular economy and its connection with nature. As the UK prepares to leave the EU, Scotland will not leave its moral responsibilities behind. The Scottish Government supports the EU's vision to phase out single-use plastics by 2030 and will do what it can in Scotland to make this a reality. It will continue to press the UK Government to step up its action on plastics to match the ambitions in Scotland.

Public Health Scotland

Establish Public Health Scotland to help drive improvements in population health. Public Health Scotland to lead support and enable progress against our priorities.

Questions and Observations

Mrs Callander asked where SoSEP would be based. Mr Young replied that this is not yet known. Ms Falconer added that the Partnership feels overwhelmingly that it should be across the South of Scotland. Cllr Marshall added that there is currently a shadow Board working from Scottish Enterprise buildings in Dumfries and Galloway. Ms Falconer confirmed that as a team, it is working across the area but meetings are mainly held in Moffat for convenience.

Cllr Marshall asked for more detailed plans on STEM and more specific information on apprenticeships in this area. Ms Falconer acknowledged the low-wage economy and advised that CX2 will look specifically at upskilling. Mr Park asked how this links in with the Borderlands Initiative and this will be covered under Agenda Item 8.

- [Action – Mr Young to provide further information on STEM and apprenticeships in Dumfries and Galloway for the next meeting.](#)

7. External Meetings and Invitations –

NDA Stakeholder Summit, Berkeley College Campus – 10/11 July 2018

Cllr McClelland reported on the event, which he attended with Cllr Dryburgh. The College building which was once an engineering workshop and lab was now a Conference Hall with classrooms surrounding it and demonstrated the tremendous transformation of a decommissioned nuclear site which gives hope to sites going forward. The Summit also showed how much easier it is to deal with the Scottish Government as it is smaller. The Permanent Secretary of BEIS was not aware of Borderlands or the question of the transfer and complexity of the land, raised by Cllr Dryburgh. The asbestos strip at Chapelcross site was mentioned, as was the Business Park. The Geological Disposal Facility which is important in England was talked about, as was scrutiny and funding packages. Mr David Peattie gave a presentation on Euratom and stressed that the NDA needs the support of local communities. It is facing culture changes and difficulties and challenges, as in any industry. The key message from the NDA was that it had learned from the Holliday Inquiry and it was time to move on with transparency.

An invitation was extended to attend the Magnox Executive Site Stakeholders Chairs Meeting in London on 19 November 2018.

8. CX Project – Ms Jan Falconer

Ms Falconer was pleased to be working with a fantastic team on ground-breaking work and confirmed that Dumfries and Galloway Council will work to enable the ambition for the site. A meeting of stakeholders has taken place to go through the documentation for the Borderlands Bid. This could bring real jobs and make a real contribution to the economy and is significant for the whole of the Borderlands and not just the south of Scotland. There are challenges in positioning a robust case, aligned to the work of other agencies. New and innovative energy is central to the offer enabling infrastructure and connectivity. Ms Falconer assured members that the CX Team and Consultants are making themselves and opportunities for the future known. The training and apprenticeship opportunities will not just be for school leavers but for all ages.

The Simplified Planning Zone and Design Code is going to procurement and the Steering Group will work to obtain best practice and knowledge transfer. Work will be done in partnership to accelerate existing sites and work with new sites as there is significant interest in the CX site and identified sites in the Local Development Plan. Innovative energy businesses and private sector organisations have expressed interest and Dumfries and Galloway Council is considering strategic energy application. A new Project Manager has not yet been appointed to replace Mr Szostak but the work is still being done and the team is very busy.

Questions and Observations

Cllr Marshall noted that the CX2 project was based on having a Project Manager in place and asked the timeline for recruitment. Ms Falconer responded that this was intended to be within the next couple of months but this has changed with the impact of the Borderlands Initiative work as it may be that a different skills set will be required. Once the outcome of the Borderlands Bid is known, recruitment will commence in late November. Cllr Marshall referred to Annan Masterplan and asked if the team is working on this. Ms Falconer advised that work is being done with the Annan team but the focus is on the CX project. Cllr Marshall stressed the need for continued dialogue.

Mr Park asked if there had been any progress with road network improvements between Annan and the motorway as this is required both for the workforce and for transporting materials. Ms Falconer confirmed that this is an integral part of the Borderlands Bid but she did not have detailed information on this to hand.

9. Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group Constitution

Cllr Marshall advised that a Sub Group of the Site Stakeholder Group comprising Cllr Dryburgh, Cllr McClelland, Mrs Callander and himself had reviewed the SSG Constitution in light of the NDA review and new guidelines. The Constitution, issued with the meeting papers, has been refreshed and updated with no significant changes made. Cllr Marshall highlighted that the number of meetings has been changed from four per year to three. The number of representatives from the Federation of Community Councils (who represent the local Community Councils) was formerly two, but to ensure that neighbouring Community Councils are engaged and aware of developments at the Site, three neighbouring Community Councils have been identified and included, these Community Councils will be invited to nominate one representative each – Eastriggs; Dornock and Creca, Kirtle and Eaglesfield; and the Royal Burgh of Annan. There is also a vacancy for a new 2km resident's representative following Harry Brown leaving the area.

[Action – Secretariat to contact the relevant Community Councils to invite nominations.](#)

Questions and Observations

Cllr Thompson suggested that some of the wording is more specific and under paragraph 2 where it lists the voting members, it should say '... the Site Stakeholder Group will include ...' rather than '... should have provision'

Cllr Thompson asked if the representatives of Annandale and Eskdale Federation of Community Council could be representatives from Community Councils and suggested that the wording here is clarified to avoid confusion.

Cllr Thompson asked how the local residents are nominated. Mrs Callander advised that there used to be a list of all residents but this is now based on people who have expressed an interest.

The typing error on Page 8 under Code of Conduct will be amended to 'Do not talk' (not talks).

With the modifications discussed, the revised Constitution of the Site Stakeholder Group was adopted and was moved for adoption by Mr Ian Park and seconded by Cllr Stephen Thompson.

10. Any Other Business

The meeting dates for 2019 were proposed as: Friday 3 May 2019; Friday 23 August 2019; and Friday 13 December 2019.

11. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr McClelland invited the representatives from Cumbria County Council's Resilience Unit to speak. Mr Winchester thanked Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group for the invitation to the meeting. The equivalent Site Stakeholder Group in Cumbria is Sellafield. Mr Winchester referred to the value of cross-border cooperation and knowledge sharing and hoped to maintain engagement with Chapelcross SSG going forward.

12. Next Meeting – Friday 14 December 2018

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Friday 14 December 2018.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.50 pm, reminding those present to make use of the opportunity to view the virtual reality display at the back of the room.