

**HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS FROM THE SIXTY FIRST MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 ONLINE, ZOOM PLATFORM**

**Chair's Opening Remarks and Vice Chair Updates and Correspondence**

Mrs Holmes gave a detailed report on two meetings attended by Mr McGhie and herself – the NDA Site Stakeholder Groups Chairs and Vice Chairs Forum on 11 June and the Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting on 29 June 2021.

**Actions and Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting of 3 June 2021 were approved and actions discharged.

Mr Walker announced that NDA, EDF and Magnox have been working together to consider the feasibility of sharing waste storage and processing facilities on the Hunterston A site. On the basis of this feasibility work, the three organisations have agreed that the strategic planning assumption for the Hunterston B Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) should be that use of the Hunterston A ILW store will be possible and will be preferred. On this basis, EDF Energy has decided to suspend work on a standalone store. Magnox and NDA will further develop this option and, if it remains appropriate, formally confirm the change in their plans. This further development work will be completed by Magnox/NDA in line with their normal internal and regulatory processes. EDF Energy will provide support as required. The parties remain committed to finding the optimum technical and environmental solution for waste management at Hunterston sites. Mr Fannin, ONR, pointed out that ONR and SEPA have yet to be formally consulted so this remains a proposal at this stage. Planning permission will also be required from North Ayrshire Council.

**Hunterston B Station Reports**

**Hunterston B Report – Mr Paul Forrest**

The Fire and Rescue Service had been called to the site for the third time this year. It was confirmed that Reactor 3 will cease generation by the end of November / beginning of December 2021. Reactor 4 will cease generation by January 2022. Formal consultations with Trade Unions are taking place with regard to redundancy and individual consultations are being carried out with all employees on site. Mr Forrest gave advance notice of a proposal looking at options for back-up equipment. The warehouse is currently located in Bellshill and the proposal is looking to rehouse at an existing facility in Carlisle. The response times from Carlisle to Hunterston remain consistent with Bellshill to Hunterston.

**ONR Report – Mr Stuart Fannin**

Site visits for one week/month continue, looking closely at preparations for defueling. Arrangements are being looked at for the preparation of temporary Low Level Waste (LLW) stores which will be built. The ONR continues to monitor the safe and compliant operation of the Reactors. The annual Demonstration Exercise of Licence Condition 11 was a joint safety and security exercise, which was graded green.

**SEPA Report – Mr Keith Hammond**

SEPA continues to struggle with recovery from the cyber attack, which is taking longer than anticipated. The EU Emissions Trading Scheme is now only applicable to the UK (UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)).

**Hunterston A Site Reports**

**Hunterston A Report – Mr Alastair Walker**

On-site Covid testing facilities are provided, with home testing also encouraged. Licence Condition inspection by ONR on Smoke Protection Systems rated green. Safety performance is good, with a good safety and reporting culture. Work has taken place to remove the cradle rails from Reactor buildings. A total of 1,032 boxes have emanated from solid waste. Continuing decontamination and deplanting is taking place in the Ponds. Plant is starting to be refurbished, with the A frame removed and disposed of. A significant recruitment campaign is underway to recruit 40 vacancies. Mr Mark Blackley takes over the Site Director role on 13 September 2021.

**ONR Report – Mr Bill Kings**

The inspection of Consignment of Radioactive Materials and Waste was graded green. A Periodic Safety Review takes place every ten years and Hunterston A is now undergoing the assessment period. A decision will be made in October.

**NDA Report – Mr David Wallace**

NDA had briefed Scottish Government Ministers. North Ayrshire Council had received NDA funding for an Economic Impact Study, the results of which are expected in October. Mr Wallace had met with Mrs Holmes and Mr McGhie to discuss plans and approach for Scotland.

**Scottish Government Update – Ms Diane Hamilton**

No changes made to Cabinet Ministers since the inclusion of the Green Party. Officers still taking stock of the Scottish Higher Activity Waste Policy review. The next meeting of the ONR Convention Report will take place in June 2022.

There were a number of questions asked by members, the detail of which can be read in the full Minute of the meeting, available from the Secretariat.

**Next Meeting – Thursday 2 December 2021 at 1.30 pm. Venue / meeting platform to be confirmed.**

**HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
MINUTES OF SIXTY FIRST MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1.30 PM, ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM**

**Present**

**Magnox Ltd**

Mr Alastair Walker (Acting Site Director)  
Mrs Tracey Finn (SSG Secretariat)  
Mr Bill Hamilton (Director of Communications)  
Mr Sean Marshall (Magnox Communications)  
Mr Reuben Phillips (Waste Manager, Hunterston A)

**EDF (Hunterston B)**

Mr Paul Forrest (Station Director)  
Ms Fiona McCall (External Comms Manager)  
Mr Stuart McGhie – SSG Vice Chair

**Community Council Representatives**

Mrs Rita Holmes – SSG Chair (Fairlie CC)  
Mr John Lamb (West Kilbride CC)

**SEPA**

Mr Keith Hammond (Hunterston B)

**North Ayrshire Council (NAC)**

Cllr John Glover (Kilwinning)  
Ms Lesley Jeffrey (Ayrshire Civil Contingencies)  
Mr Scott McKenzie (Environmental Health)

**ONR**

Mr Stuart Fannin (Hunterston B)  
Mr Bill Kings (Hunterston A)

**NDA**

Mr David Wallace (Stakeholder Lead Scotland)

**Scottish Government**

Ms Diane Hamilton

**In Attendance**

Ms Sheila Adams (Minutes)  
Ms Ruth Corney (Marick Communications)  
Ms Helen Smith (Marick Communications)

**Apologies**

Mr Angus Cochran-Patrick (Hunterston Estate)  
Cllr Robert Barr (Dalry and West Kilbride)  
Cllr Todd Ferguson (Dalry and West Kilbride)  
Cllr Alex Gallagher (North Coast and Cumbraes)

Ms Melanie Hayes (SEPA)  
Cllr Tom Marshall (North Coast and Cumbraes)  
Mr David Stone (SEPA)  
Mr Graham Wallace (Cumbrae CC)  
Inspector Alison Wilson

Ms Corney, representing Marick Communications, gave a short presentation on housekeeping rules and guidance for getting the best out of the meeting on the Zoom platform.

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Holmes, Chair, welcomed everyone to the sixty first meeting of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group online. There were no declarations of interest.

Mrs Holmes advised of a slight change to the running order of the agenda. The Scottish Government report would be heard after Hunterston B Station reports to allow Ms Hamilton to leave the meeting for another commitment.

## **2. Chair and Vice Chair Updates and Correspondence**

Mrs Holmes reported on the two main meetings since June, which were the NDA Site Stakeholder Groups Chairs and Vice Chairs Forum on 11 June and the Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting on 29 June, which both her and Mr McGhie attended online. At the NDA meeting, updates on NDA progress were given by David Peattie and Ros Rivaz. Clive Nixon updated on NDA Strategy and Andrew Van Der Lem updated on NDA Social Impact Strategy. Mr Van der Lem has since moved on and been replaced by Neil Smith. Each site gave a short update. At the Scottish Sites meeting, ONR updated on the new leadership structure, the 2021/22 Corporate Plan, Stakeholder Survey results and the strategic framework for International Engagement to 2025. ONR referred to issues at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment, Dungeness degradation, Hinkley Point, Heysham and Hunterston B gaining ONR permission to restart Reactors 3 and 4 for a further six-month period. SEPA referred to the decision on flask debris going on to Hunterston B site. It also referred to Rosyth's major variation of its EASR permit and the need for transboundary assessments. There was no Vulcan update. HMNB Clyde Report referred to the new Nuclear Support Hub which was due to start inactive commissioning this year and will come into service in 2022. Mrs Holmes requested that there is a presentation at the next Scottish Sites meeting on the new Nuclear Support Hub and a general update on what has been happening regarding deployment of training and personnel from Devonport to HMNB Clyde. Various exercises were planned for the Argyll/Clyde area over August and September. Since June, Mrs Holmes and Mr McGhie have also had regular monthly updates from Hunterston A station and Mr Forrest and Ms McCall have been available to answer any queries on Hunterston B station. The Chair and Vice Chair had spoken the day before with both Site Directors and Mr Sean Marshall on liaison between the two sites. They had also had a discussion with Mr Wallace, Mr McNamara and Mr Smith of NDA with regard to North Ayrshire's funding application. Mrs Holmes and Mr McGhie were pleased to have met Mr Wallace face to face in Fairlie for a comprehensive discussion on socio economics. SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs meetings have been attended on Zoom and Paul Valance and John McNamara discussed the future shape and funding of Stakeholder Groups. While there are NDA guidelines and expectations, it is for each Site Stakeholder Group to decide how it progresses. The larger and more complex sites (Dounreay and Sellafield) have control of their own meeting budgets, independent advisers, visits etc. Other sites were offered their own budgets to administer for meetings etc but there was no appetite to do so. The Magnox sites have trust in, and rely heavily on Mrs Callander and Mrs Finn, Secretariat, to organise everything, whereas Dounreay and Sellafield have their own people on site doing these tasks.

## **3. Actions and Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Site Stakeholder Group meeting, held on 3 June 2021, virtually on the Zoom platform, were proposed for approval by Mr John Lamb and seconded by Mr Stuart McGhie.

Before starting the Hunterston B Station reports, Mrs Holmes advised that Mr Alastair Walker had an announcement to make. Mr Walker reported that NDA, EDF and Magnox have been working together to consider the feasibility of sharing waste storage and processing facilities on the Hunterston A site. On the basis of this feasibility work, the three organisations have agreed that the strategic planning assumption for the Hunterston B Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) should be that use of the Hunterston A ILW store will be possible and will be preferred. On this basis, EDF Energy has decided to suspend work on a standalone store. Magnox and NDA will further develop this option and, if it remains appropriate, formally confirm the change in their plans.

This further development work will be completed by Magnox/NDA in line with their normal internal and regulatory processes. EDF Energy will provide support as required. The parties remain committed to finding the optimum technical and environmental solution for waste management at Hunterston sites.

Mr Fannin added that a key factor in this decision is that ONR and SEPA have yet to be consulted. Therefore, it is still very much a proposal at this stage until formal consultations have taken place. Mrs Holmes thanked Mr Fannin for clarifying this and added that a planning application has also to be made to North Ayrshire Council.

Mr Forrest clarified that this is a proposed direction of travel and no formal decision has been made. The announcement was intended to give Stakeholder Group members an early heads-up. ONR and SEPA have still to be consulted and a planning application submitted to North Ayrshire Council.

#### **4. Hunterston B Station Reports**

##### **Hunterston B Report – Mr Paul Forrest**

The EDF report issued with the meeting papers was taken as read. In terms of safety, Mr Forrest reported that the Fire and Rescue Service had been called to the site for the third time this year. All three events are detailed in the written report and no action was required by the Fire Service. The latest incident involved a pump motor set sparking as a result of water in the back of the fuse box. All three incidents were dealt with on site but the Fire Service was called as part of site procedures.

Mr Forrest confirmed that Reactor 3 will cease generation by the end of November / beginning of December 2021. Reactor 4 will cease generation by January 2022. Formal consultations with Trade Unions are taking place with regard to redundancy and individual consultations are being carried out with all employees on site. The Station is committed to going beyond legislative requirements in respect of consultation and redundancy. Individual consultations will be completed in three weeks' time, which is also the end of the collective consultation period. Efforts are being made to match and fit to other jobs as many people as possible, as well as meeting as many aspirations as possible.

Mr Forrest gave advance notice of a proposal looking at options for back-up equipment. The warehouse is currently located in Bellshill and the proposal is looking to demobilise this facility. Support would come from an existing facility in Carlisle. The change will bring response times from Carlisle to Hunterston into line with other stations in the fleet.

##### **ONR Report – Mr Stuart Fannin**

The ONR report issued with the meeting papers was taken as read. Mr Fannin reported that he continued to visit the site for one week/month, looking closely at preparations for defueling. Operational instructions were inspected to ensure that procedures are in place to carry out operations safely. At the end of generation, this will change to defueling then deconstruction. Arrangements are being looked at for the preparation of temporary Low Level Waste (LLW) stores which will be built. The ONR continues to monitor the safe and compliant operation of the Reactors. The ONR's Project Assessment Report is available to view on ONR's website. Mr Fannin confirmed the dates given by Mr Forrest for the end of generation of the Reactors. The annual Demonstration Exercise of Licence Condition 11 was a joint safety and security exercise. The ONR was very pleased with the Station's response and noted the improved interactions with other agencies. The exercise was rated green and Mr Fannin commented on a very strong performance, with robust command and control procedures in place.

The number of fire events is unexpected for a Station of this kind and Mr Fannin was pleased to see that an emerging theme had been recognised and robust contingency measures were being put in place.

### **SEPA Report – Mr Keith Hammond**

The report issued in advance of the meeting was taken as read. Mr Hammond reported that SEPA continues to struggle with recovery from the cyber attack, which is taking longer than anticipated. Two non-radioactive leaks on site were regarded as near misses. The EU Emissions Trading Scheme is now only applicable to the UK (UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)).

### **Members Question and Answer Session**

Mr Lamb asked Mr Forrest if the Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) store at Hunterston A site would require a reconfiguration of waste when combined with waste from Hunterston B Station. Mr Forrest was unable to answer this question. Mr Walker confirmed that there was a reconfiguration exercise done a number of years ago to increase capacity as the inclusion of B Station waste would increase the capacity.

Mr Lamb commented that there appears to have been less problems with the Reactors since being brought back to service than there has been in recent years. Mr Forrest confirmed that the shutdown had helped the Station to demonstrate safety.

Mr Lamb referred to Item 7 of the ONR Report on Licence Conditions 23 and 24 which were described as ‘broadly in line with regular expectations’ and asked Mr Fannin the definition of broad. Mr Fannin responded that this is the favoured wording of some Inspectors and means that ONR is satisfied with progress being made but there is still some work to be done.

Mr Lamb asked Mr Hammond if he had any comment to make in relation to the incoming waste situation and debris in fuel transport flasks. As there will be more waste than normal once B Station starts producing waste, he asked if there was a higher risk of contamination. Mr Hammond replied that this was not the case and there was no special or unusual handling that would lead to contamination. The increase is on the operational side, dealing with more flasks.

Mr McGhie asked Mr Forrest to set up a teleconference or meeting with Mrs Holmes and himself to update on the staff consultations, once these were completed. Mr Forrest confirmed that he would be delighted to set up a meeting with any interested members. He recognised that this impacted on both peoples’ livelihoods and on socio economics and undertook to provide frequent updates.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Hammond the implications of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme and if trade could only be done with UK Stations now, not internationally. Mr Hammond undertook to take this question away and report back with an answer.

- **Action – Mr Hammond to check and advise if trade can only be done with UK Stations with regard to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme.**

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Fannin if control rods going in inadvertently caused different pressures. Mr Fannin responded that this is not the case and there are a number of operating rules to be met to ensure safety margins. The Automatic Protection System kicked in which securely prevents a situation from becoming critical. The core shutdown margin is provided by control rods. This indicates the need to work harder at maintaining configuration control. There are a number of plant items to be configured for defueling. Mrs Holmes referred to the incorrect operating instruction on the Reactor 4 maintenance job. Mr Fannin agreed that this is important which is why a specialist carried out an inspection at the end of June.

The Inspector was satisfied that this was down to human factors and gave a robust inspection and advice to the Station, which has been taken on board by the Station.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Fannin if ONR had any recommendations on the proposal to close the Bellshill facility. Mr Fannin replied that the ONR is in the process of looking at the proposal and checking that response times and capacity are sufficient to discharge the original requirements.

Mrs Holmes commended Mr Forrest on the liaison between the two Stations, ONR and SEPA, which she was pleased to see.

Mrs Holmes asked what EOD stands for in the Station Report on the Level 1 Demonstration Exercise, in relation to the Improvised Explosive Device. Ms McCall advised that this is Explosive Ordnance Disposal (previously known as 'Bomb Squad').

Mrs Holmes commented that it was good to see that the Station had a robust response to the fire theme events and asked about automatic protection systems. Mr Forrest explained the incident which involved an electrical trip due to thermal overload.

Mrs Holmes did not understand the terminology in the section of the report on Zenobe Battery Storage. Mr Forrest clarified that this does not refer to Hunterston at all and offered to explain further offline, if required.

#### **5. Update from Scottish Government – Ms Diane Hamilton**

Ms Hamilton highlighted the key points from the Scottish Government's written report, which was taken as read. There had been no changes to Cabinet Ministers since the inclusion of the Green Party. Officers were still taking stock of the Scottish Higher Activity Waste Policy review, which had been delayed due to staff changes and other priorities. Ms Hamilton will provide an update in this in due course. The next meeting of the ONR Convention Report will take place in June 2022.

#### **Members Question and Answer Session**

Mrs Holmes asked when the next Scottish Sites meeting will be. Ms Hamilton confirmed that Scottish Government is in the process of arranging this, which is likely to be held virtually, at the beginning of December 2021.

- Action – Ms Hamilton to take back Mrs Holmes' request for a presentation at the Scottish Sites meeting on the new Nuclear Support Hub.

*Ms Hamilton left the meeting at 2.10 pm.*

#### **6. Hunterston A Site Reports**

##### **Hunterston A Reports – Mr Alastair Walker**

The Hunterston A Site Report for the period June – August 2021 distributed with the meeting papers was taken as read. Mr Walker reported that the site continues to manage through Covid restrictions. There have been twelve external positive Covid cases. On-site testing facilities are provided, with home testing also encouraged. From 2000+ tests, there has only been one positive case. Regulators have made regular visits to site, with the Licence Condition inspection by ONR on Smoke Protection Systems rated green. Mr Walker was pleased with safety performance, with it being five months since the last Lost Time Incident. The Target Zero campaign continues, with the latest topics being 'Introduction to 5S – 'Everything has a place and everything in its place''; Degrading Assets; and Sustainability. There is generally still a good safety and reporting culture. There have been no significant environmental or radioactive issues.

In and around the Reactor buildings, work has taken place to remove the cradle rails. There is evidence of degradation on the Reactor roofs, with water ingress. Contractors have been engaged and will start on site in September. The Solid Intermediate Level Waste Encapsulation (SILWE) plant is still in inactive commissioning and still on target to start operations for late 2023. Under Waste Operations, a total of 1,032 boxes have emanated from the Solid Active Waste Bunkers, with 139 in the reporting period. Bunker 1 is 50% complete with 54 drums in the period. August was dominated by a planned three-week outage. Continuing decontamination and deplanting is taking place in the Ponds. Plant is starting to be decommissioned with a large redundant A frame on site being removed size reduced and disposed of. A significant recruitment campaign is underway to recruit 40 vacancies. A mechanism to bring in apprenticeships is still being explored. Mr Walker advised that this would be his last Site Stakeholder Group meeting as he hands over the Site Director role to Mr Mark Blackley on 13 September 2021.

### **SEPA Report**

SEPA's report on Hunterston A was circulated with the meeting papers. Mr Hammond advised that Ms Melanie Hayes was on leave and offered to take back any questions.

### **ONR Report – Mr Bill Kings**

The ONR report was circulated with the meeting papers. Mr Kings summarised the main highlights from the report. Mr Walker had mentioned Licence Condition themed inspections. Mr Kings confirmed that the inspection of Consignment of Radioactive Materials and Waste was graded green. ONR had commissioned the go-ahead for the Off Shift Transition in March and this appeared to be going well. A Periodic Safety Review takes place every ten years and Hunterston A is now undergoing the assessment period. A decision will be made in October but nothing unexpected has arisen to date.

### **Members Questions and Answer Session**

Mr Lamb thanked Mr Walker for his dedication and time given to the Site Stakeholder Group. He asked if Hunterston A was likely to go into Continued Decommissioning or not. Mr Walker responded that the direction of travel is for a rolling programme of decommissioning and Hunterston A has been identified to support the programme. Reactor dismantling is expected in 2035, with the current work programme finishing in 2030. The demolition of buildings etc could take place in the five-year gap. Mr Lamb commented that this is good news for the workforce. Mr Walker agreed that the workforce had been buoyed by this news and were now looking at the longer term and longevity of work, with a different focus than when it was thought that work would stop in 2022.

Mrs Holmes asked when the cradle rails are expected to be removed completely. Mr Walker advised that Reactor 2 will be finished within the next couple of weeks. Both Reactor buildings should be finished by late October. However, autumn potentially has more challenging weather, which could delay the completion.

Mrs Holmes asked Mr Walker if the new strategy on Continuous Decommissioning affected the decision on cladding. Mr Walker responded that work on the weather envelope has been deferred as it does not align with the direction of travel for the new site strategy.

Mrs Holmes referred to the alarms going off spuriously and asked if the equipment required modernisation. Mr Walker replied that there is nothing in the Asset Management Plan currently to upgrade the alarm systems but there are resources in place to monitor and maintain.

Referring to the Solid Intermediate Level Waste Encapsulation (SILWE) plant, Mrs Holmes asked

what level of radioactivity is expected inside the plant once into active commissioning. Mr Walker was unable to answer this question offhand. Mr Phillips replied that it is not possible to quote specific figures. This will be remotely operated and the operators will be outwith the cell, as with existing facilities.

Mrs Holmes asked about the debris and metal rope in Bunker 1. Mr Phillips responded that there are items in the bunker that will have to be kept until the end. Some items can be segregated, and some equipment can be reduced in size and there are teams working on this. It would depend on the length of rope. Mrs Holmes asked if a safety case would have to be made to ONR for additional pieces. Mr Phillips replied that it is possible that a Variation document may be required but this is part of the existing safety case.

Mrs Holmes asked the dimensions of the Shield Plates. Mr Phillips explained that there are three tanks and only one tank open at any one time. Shields are placed over the closed tanks. Solid handrails are made around the tank so there is no radiation. In the laydown area, there is only one set of plates at any one time. Dose rates are lower so plates have been taken away.

Mrs Holmes asked for more information on the Pond Control Chambers. Mr Walker responded that historic information is available. Hydraulics information was required, which the site now has, and work is starting.

Mrs Holmes asked if the tank valve chambers where the Mobile Filtration Unit is being used were metal or concrete. Mr Walker confirmed that they are concrete valve chambers.

Mrs Holmes commented that it is good news that the site is looking for 40+ staff / apprentices. She hoped that Kilwinning College would be able to assist with this. Mr Walker clarified that of the 40 vacancies a number of people have been placed and the process is part way through. Historically, Hunterston A has not had apprentices but from looking at age, demographics and skills, will look to start an apprenticeship programme in 2022.

## 7. **NDA Report – Mr David Wallace**

The NDA report was issued in advance of the meeting and taken as read. Mr Wallace referred to the annual ministerial briefing. Mairi McAllan had been briefed on an introduction to the NDA; the NDA's role in Scotland; contribution to the Scottish economy; One NDA; three key sites performance in Scotland; decommissioning of current EDF sites; socio economic activity; diarising ministerial visits to Scottish sites. Civil servants are briefed in advance. The First Minister has reduced the number of Cabinet Secretaries. There are now more Ministers than Cabinet Secretaries and they will all be briefed over the next few weeks.

North Ayrshire Council requested and received funding from the NDA for an Economic Impact Study. This has now been commissioned by North Ayrshire Council and the results, which are expected in October, will be brought back to the Site Stakeholder Group. This Study will be helpful in giving intelligence when looking at future economic activity to know where to direct funds in future.

Mr Wallace had met with Mrs Holmes and Mr McGhie to discuss plans and approach for Scotland. In the longer term, Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors (AGRs) are coming on board which gives huge opportunities around sites. In 5-10 years, there will be an increasing number of sites and 20% of NDA activity will be in Scotland. Discussion is taking place on how the NDA will work with the Scottish Government, Skills Scotland and academia and there are exciting times ahead.

With regard to Covid, the NDA is still working flexibly. There is a hub in Cockermouth, with smaller hubs being created, so that employees can go to the office, if they choose.

### **Members Questions and Answer Session**

Mrs Holmes much appreciated Mr Wallace's visit to her and Mr McGhie in person. She was heartened to see in the report that the NDA is looking to engage more effectively with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). She noted that Mr Adrian Simper now has a joint role with NDA and BEIS and is very experienced.

Mrs Holmes asked if there was any more information available on the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) or any more information on other volunteer communities. Mr Wallace had no more formal information but had heard on the grapevine that there are one or two more communities interested down south. Mrs Holmes asked if the two community groups in Cumbria had been allocated a £1m grant, which Mr Wallace confirmed to be the case.

Mrs Holmes thanked Mr Wallace for providing up-to-date contact details in the report.

Mr Walker added, for information, that Mr David Peattie would visit Hunterston A and B sites the following week with Ms Gwen Parry-Jones.

### **8. Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business raised.

### **9. Next Meeting – Thursday 2 December 2021**

Mr Marshall clarified that the date of the next meeting on the Agenda was a typo and it will in fact be on **Thursday 2 December 2021**, probably virtually.

Mrs Holmes thanked everyone for attending the online meeting and brought it to a close at 2.50pm.