



## Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

### Minutes of the Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan

**In Attendance:** Cllr Ian Lindsay (representing Annandale East) (Chair)  
Avril Campbell (Secretary)  
Cllr Sean Marshall (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie (representing Annandale South)  
Len Moore (Federation of Community Councils)  
Mike Travis (Chapelcross Site Director)  
Insp. Robert Gibson (D&G Constabulary)  
Stuart Chalmers (NDA)  
Les Davies (Chapelcross Site Inspector - NII)  
Janice Rough (D&G Education Officer)  
Paul Giles (Chapelcross HR Manager)  
David Orr (SEPA)  
David Mundell MP  
Tim Dunham (Chapelcross Engineering Manager)  
John Rogerson (Trade Union representative)  
Steve Southam (D & G Council)  
Murray Bainbridge (Scottish Enterprise D & G)  
David Gurney (Emergency Planning Manager)

**Apologies:** Cllr Archie Dryburgh (representing Annandale East)  
Cllr Richard Brodie (representing Annandale South)  
Cllr Michael Dickie (representing Annandale North)  
Dave Wilson (Chapelcross Deputy Site Director)  
Marianne Cook (Scottish Executive)  
Elizabeth Gray (Scottish Executive)  
Neil Erskine (D&G Fire and Rescue Service)  
Paul Allan (Creca Hall Chair)

**Present:**

Fraser Robertson (Dumfriesshire Newspaper Group)  
Willie McNairn (Blackhills Farm)  
Adam McNelis (Hunterston A, Magnox Electric)  
Tony Godley (NDA)  
David McGranaghan (NDA)

Tony Trayner (Chapelcross, Magnox Electric)  
Philip Jones (Chapelcross, Magnox Electric)  
John Wallace (Pile-On Productions)  
Betty Codona (Pile-On Productions)  
Alastair Laird (member of the public)

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group.

#### **2. Announcement and Apologies**

The Secretary gave the apologies as listed above and welcomed Adam McNelis as the new Hunterston SSG Secretary. The Chairman also welcomed David Mundell MP.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Corrections to be made on a title and names in the Minutes and the set of Mike Travis's presentation slides for the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were circulated amongst the members. The minutes were endorsed.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

The Chair referred to the action from the last meeting as to who the NDA single point of contact would be on Socio-economic issues.

Stuart Chalmers explained that process for application on the revised template, should be sent to him until further notice.

### **5. Chapelcross Site Director's Report**

Mike Travis gave his quarterly report using the attached presentation slides (*see attached to minutes*).

One of the slides portrayed the Management Company Sale process and showed the various logos now used within the Site Licence Companies. He added that Steve Creamer CEO of Chapelcross's new owner, Energy Solutions, would pay his first visit to Chapelcross on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Questions and observations:

John Rogerson asked if the Short Term contractors would have their contracts renewed.

Mike Travis replied that it was all under review but it had to be looked at as a business proposition in the end.

John Rogerson queried why Chapelcross personnel couldn't do the work of contractors brought on to Site.

Mike replied that certain staff were already learning and doing other work. Tim Dunham added that jobs such as painting the Pile cap, bowsing and providing support engineering maintenance were some of the jobs being done.

John Rogerson asked if Chapelcross staff could be in control of taking waste off site.

Mike said that this was definitely something to look at. Cllr Marshall commented that it would be good to keep work 'in house' and hoped that there would be something put in place to employ local labour. He asked if the new asbestos lagging contractor Kitson's had the same commitment to employing local labour.

Mike answered by saying that Robison & Davidson was a good example of 'in house' labour and added that local labour was used where possible; Kitson's had already employed some of the people who had worked for Deborah Services Ltd, the previous contracting company. Murray Bainbridge added that Scottish Enterprise ensured that local companies were used as the supply chain and would fulfil training requirements for the company.

Paul Giles stated that in order to make good business decisions, the NDA needed to provide a spending profile for the next three years. He added that resourcing decisions were dependant on funding available. The Chair asked Mike Travis if there had been any recent Emergency Exercises demonstrations at Chapelcross.

Mike replied that the Site was preparing for a re-run in October this year.

Cllr Ogilvie asked who Steve Creamer, Energy Solutions CEO, would be visiting on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Mike replied that no plans or decisions had been made for the visit yet.

### **6. Other reports from SSG Bodies**

#### **NII – Les Davies**

Les Davies explained that the NII had published their quarterly written report which had been distributed along with the agenda and was happy to answer any questions on the report or any other matters. There were no questions.

Cllr Marshall gave feedback on the SSG's annual Chapelcross site visit which had been an action from the last SSG meeting. He commented that the members found the presentations delivered by SEPA and the NII to be very valuable. Murray Bainbridge added that it had been very useful to know and see the scale of things on and off the site.

#### **NDA – Stuart Chalmers**

Stuart said that he had just come from a meeting in Edinburgh where there had been discussions on the Site End State's paperwork. He explained that one of the issues was that the Chapelcross runway would

have to be one metre below ground level as a SLC Site End State condition. The NDA were still questioning this before the final proposal could be completed.

### **SEPA – David Orr**

David announced that he had no presentation or report but the slides from the SSG annual Site visit had been included as part of the Agenda papers. He said that he had proposed to give an update on the monitoring of the Solway, but it had not started. He added that he would pass any news on the subject to the members.

#### Questions and observations:

Cllr Marshall added that the areas to be monitored on the Solway depended on funding from the NDA.

Paul Allan commented that the NDA had acknowledged that it was their responsibility to remove and clean the Chapelcross effluent pipeline up to the outfall.

Mike Travis commented that the monitoring was associated with discharges from Sellafield.

David Orr explained that the subject will be placed in its proper context in any reports which were to be issued.

The Chair expressed a wish for an NDA agenda slot to be provided at future SSG meetings.

Stuart Chalmers agreed that that would be the case. Cllr Marshall added that it would be beneficial for the group to have a regular dialogue to cover topics concerned with assets, site and national issues.

## **7. Chapelcross SSG Sub-Groups update**

***Several SSG Sub-Group meetings had taken place since the last SSG meeting, and the appropriate minutes of the Sub-Groups had been circulated to members. Chairman asked for endorsement of the decisions made at these meetings.***

- **Socio-Economic**

The Chair of this group, Paul Giles, said that there was good and bad news to report. The bad news was that no funding had been secured. The good news was that the group were more positive as they were now clearer on how to secure the money. After discussions with Terry Selby, NDA Head of Strategy and David Rhind, Independent Chair of Socio Economic Committee at Chapelcross, the sub group were given a steer for funding to be provided for job regeneration around the development skills. With this in mind, Chapelcross has agreed to:

1. use right mechanism to spend money locally eg form a new company
2. look at and review existing and any new projects
3. ensure that the role of Governance arrangements and stakeholder management around that is clear

The Subgroup would have the arrangements in place before Christmas and would then invite Terry Selby and David Rhind back for a review of the projects with the hope of a green light for submission.

Paul also stressed the following points:

- ❖ Scottish Enterprise had a master plan for regeneration across the GLA area: land use, supply chain and it needs to be joined up with the Chapelcross delivery plan and look at the overall picture.
- ❖ There is a requirement to look at the Scottish Strategic forum to bring some weight from a National point of view to some of the activities that the group may have

He concluded by saying that he hoped to have secured some significant monies in the next six months for local projects.

#### Questions & Observations:

Cllr Ogilvie stated that he hoped that his optimism was not unfounded.

David Mundell MP expressed his concerns that the NDA had raised expectations and had failed to deliver e.g. the landmark project. He stated that the NDA needed to produce a package of measures which would make a difference and would not be just an add on. He continued by saying that it was important to be seen to be delivering and to show the public some priority. He added that there was a need to go back and cover the work that had been already started by CoRes and look with the NDA, at what projects could be taken forward. Scottish Enterprise needed to identify what was happening to the rest of the 56million pounds which was announced in Annan 2 – 3 years ago and the Scottish Executive needed to be directly involved on a regular basis to keep the national issue for regeneration in the area. He finished

by saying that they needed to know what the NDA, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Executive were going to do for the area.

The Chair agreed that there was no actual criteria set down by the NDA, so that bids can be put together properly.

Janice Rough endorsed David Mundell's statement and added that it was all about life chances and aspirations and that they had been let down in this priority area. The false starts have left a negative effect on the community and that they must help people achieve their aspirations.

David Mundell replied that the NDA credibility in relation to Socio Economics issues was on the line if they did not deliver within the next few months.

The minutes for meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> August were endorsed

- **Community Support**

The Chair of the group, Cllr Marshall announced that there had been one meeting since the last SSG meeting and directed the group to the minutes which were issued with the agenda. He stated that most of the NDA funding of £25,000 money had now been spent and a breakdown of the expenditure would be available at the next meeting. The minutes were endorsed. Cllr Marshall asked if there were any questions.

Cllr Ogilvie asked how one would apply to the CARE scheme

Cllr Marshall replied that it was not promoted widely and normally worked by word of mouth.

- **Education Support**

The Chair of the group, Cllr Marshall directed the group to the minutes of the two meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> August which were issued with the agenda. The minutes were endorsed. Sean explained that there were exciting initiatives happening on the Education front. Projects included Space Unlimited involving Langholm and Moffat academies for 5-6 months, Young Drivers project from Annan, Lockerbie, Moffat and Langholm Academies and there was funding of £20,000 available for a specialist schools project for Annan Academy.

Sean then invited Janice Rough to speak about the two Determined to Succeed awards. These awards had been given to Chapelcross by the Scottish Executive at national level in recognition of the work of supporting education initiatives for two years in a row. Janice commended the sub group and the work done on raising the levels of achievement of all schools in Annandale & Eskdale.

The Chair announced that someone very enthusiastic was needed to lead the Education Sub group and that the person had been her. He added that it was down to Janice at the end of the day and congratulated her on that. The Members applauded her.

Mike Travis announced that there was to be financial support of £175,000 for community and educational support available for Magnox North Sites through Energy Solutions. The criteria for accessing these funds was being worked up.

- **Review of the Constitution**

The chairman referred to the National Stakeholders Group meeting where there had been a debate of constitutions and where it was discussed that SSGs were to be more of a monitoring / scrutiny group as opposed to a liaison group. He recommended that the Sub group led by Steve Southam should be put on hold until there was a change in the NSG constitution. Steve Southam agreed.

Cllr Marshall added that the questionnaire distributed by the NDA was to form part of the review of the SSG role and remit. He added that criteria and guidelines were needed from the NDA nationally so that members were clear of what the role of the SSG was.

Cllr Ogilvie asked why the SSGs had to change direction

The Chair replied that it was because some SSGs did not trust the Site management.

## **8. National Stakeholders Group Meeting on the 5 - 6 July 2007**

The chair stated that at the NSG it was said that all the SSG's were to have a meeting to discuss the role and remit of the SSG's when no NDA members were present. This would be held before the next NSG

## 9. Future of Chapelcross

The Chair announced that at the meeting with NDA and David Rhind it was advised that the SSG should declare an interest in a Chapelcross repository and new build by notifying the Government and the Scottish Executive to make sure that the Site was in the loop.

David Mundell MP agreed and said that because of the political situation in Scotland, the public should record their interest in new build as it was very important to put down a marker to make sure that it was recorded.

Cllr Marshall explained that the Site Licence Company (SLC) had a contract to clean up the Site so it would fall on the SSG as representatives of the local community, to put these proposals forward. He continued by saying that CoRWM group had also asked for local communities to express an interest.

Paul Allan added that Chapelcross must exploit any opportunity when it arises because the community would benefit with a strong economic basis.

Murray Bainbridge agreed an interest in any new opportunities in new nuclear or geological and was also looking at non-SLC land for investment opportunities

The Chair replied that Chapelcross was a large site of 500 acres of land; 250 acres of licenced land and 250 acres unlicenced – enough room for everybody.

Cllr Ogilvie said that he was happy to see a Chapelcross 2 but reserved his judgement on a repository.

The Chair replied that it was only to declare an interest at present as there were no parameters laid down yet. He added that by declaring an interest they would get the parameters and this information may benefit other bodies who were interested in the site.

Len Moore stated that he thought the future of nuclear power was to look after its own waste and that it would be impossible to have one without the other.

Cllr Marshall continued that the SSG must find out more information on a possible repository and referred to the CoRWM consultation on Geological disposal. He proposed sending two members to one of these events.

The chair asked if any members were interested.

It was decided that Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie and Ian Lindsay would attend the meeting in Leeds if possible. Information would be brought back to the next SSG and members could then come to a decision on declaring an interest in new build and a repository at Chapelcross.

**ACTION:** *Cllrs Ogilvie and Lindsay would report back to next SSG after their visit to Leeds.*

## 10. Date of next meeting

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 10am in the Council Chambers, Annan.

## 11. Any Other Business and Public Forum

John Wallace of Pile-On Productions, referred to his half an hour documentary 'When the Towers came Down' which was going to be shown at 7.30pm on ITV Border Premiere on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. He thanked everyone for their support especially Mike Travis and Sean Marshall who had facilitated his visits on and off site. He concluded that he intended to make a longer DVD which would include edited footage. The chair commended John on his good work.

Willie McNairn asked questions with regard to authorised liquid discharges. It was agreed that SEPA would deal with these matters out with the meeting.

**ACTION:** *David Orr to find out about permits for non radioactive liquid waste at Chapelcross for Willie McNairn*

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.