



Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group

Minutes of the Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group held on Friday 1st December 2006 at Council Chambers, Annan Town Hall, High Street, Annan.

In Attendance: Cllr Ian Lindsay (Chair)
 Avril Mitchell (Secretary)
 Cllr Sean Marshall
 Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie
 Cllr Chris Carruthers
 Cllr Tony Turner
 Cllr Allan Graham
 Len Moore (Federation of Community Councils)
 David Orr (S.E.P.A.)
 Mike Travis (Chapelcross Site Manager)
 Dave Wilson (Project Delivery Manager, Chapelcross)
 Sgt David Irving (Emergency Planning D&G Constabulary)
 John Rogerson (Chapelcross)
 Randall Bargelt (Chapelcross Site Programme Manager - NDA)
 Les Davies (Chapelcross Site Inspector - NII)
 Paul Allan (Creca Hall Chairperson)
 John Rogerson (Trade Union convenor)

Apologies: Isabelle Watson (SEPA)
 Ashley Spence (Scottish Enterprise D & G)
 Cllr Wilma Paterson
 Cllr Lavinia Vaughan
 Insp Alan Hill (Chapelcross Civil Nuclear Constabulary)
 Elaine Murray MSP

Present:

Elizabeth Gray (Scottish Executive)	Tony Trayner (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)
Marianne Cook (Scottish Executive)	Alastair Laird (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)
Dean M Wheeler (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)	Andy Feltham (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)
Paul Giles (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)	Charles Rives (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)
Richard Murray (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)	Fergie Bell (Civil Nuclear Constabulary)
Nigel Leckey (British Nuclear Group, Chapelcross)	Dave Johnstone (Civil Nuclear Constabulary)
Bob Curwen (British Nuclear Group, Sellafield)	D Nick Williams (Babcock Services Inc)
Andy Raywood (British Nuclear Group, Sellafield)	Damien Wilson (D & G Council)
Paul Eilbeck (British Nuclear Group, Sellafield)	Steve Southam (D & G Council)
Willie McNairn (Blackhills Farm)	John Wallace (Pile-On Productions)
W Findlay (Eastriggs & Dornock Childrens Gala fund)	Betty Codona (Pile-On Productions)
David Collier (Falkland Associates)	James Penfold (Quintessa)
Kate Shannon (Annandale Observer Newspaper)	Janice Rough (D&G Education Officer)

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December meeting of the Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group. He asked for all mobile phones to be on silent and gave details on emergency fire procedures.

2. Announcement and Apologies

The Secretary gave apologies as listed above.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2006

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Ogilvie and seconded by Cllr Carruthers. The Chairman referred to the Actions arising from this meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

ACTIONS from the last meeting:

Randall Bargelt, NDA – How long will the consultation process be with regard to the Socio-Economic guidelines? Randall completed the action by stating that the NDA Consultation document to be finished at the end of January 2006.

5. Chapelcross Site Manager's Report

Mike Travis referred to and gave an update on, his quarterly report using the attached presentation slides. (*see attached to minutes*)

Questions:

Clean Up - Cllr Tony Turner asked for more information on the stainless steel waste from the tritium production plant and what radioactive levels were being discussed?

Mike Travis explained that although it was not a high quantity, there were components of the irradiated fuel elements which were stainless steel. This stainless steel waste is of a higher radioactive content than Low Level waste and is sent to the Miscellaneous Beta Gamma Waste Store at Sellafield.

Clean Up - The Chairman asked if the tannalised timber at Chapelcross was the same as the tannalised timber used to make garden fences nowadays.

Dave Wilson replied by explaining that the tannalised timber found at Chapelcross had been impregnated with arsenic and is no longer used. He added that modern timber is now treated with modern chemicals.

Jobs - Cllr Sean Marshall asked if there had been a commitment to employ local people.

Mike Travis replied that all vacancies had only gone out in the newspapers and Jobcentres locally and local people had been employed as far as possible.

Mike Travis finished by saying he had supplied his E-mail address for any correspondence to him.

6. Effluent Pipeline Improvements Project – Richard Murray

Project Manager, Richard Murray started his presentation by using a 3D slide to describe and show on the landscape, the Effluent Pipeline route from Chapelcross to the Solway Firth. He continued by giving a project overview, explained the history behind the project and described the current strategy in place to de-scale the pipeline with the time scale involved. *See the attached presentation slides.*

Questions:

Cllr Tony Turner asked if the limescale from the Cooling Towers and pond water was contaminated.

Richard Murray answered by saying that this water was Low Level Waste with very low amounts of Caesium 137

Cllr Turner asked if this contaminated water could form part of the food chain e.g. by fish eating growth from the foreshore.

Richard advised that he would provide further clarification on this.

ACTION: Richard Murray

Cllr Turner asked if the de-scaling was a dry process.

Richard confirmed that this was so.

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked if the scaling was worse towards the bottom end of the pipe.

Richard explained that the scaling was worse at the top end of the pipe nearer to the Chapelcross Site when the limescale deposits were formed as the water cooled.

Cllr Ogilvie explained that the Pipeline went through his ward and asked what stakeholder engagement would be involved.

Richard agreed that stakeholder engagement was important and explained that there will be local press releases to inform the public before the work commenced. He added that if anyone was worried, they were welcome to contact him at Chapelcross for further information.

Mike Travis advised that this presentation was the first part of the community stakeholder engagement by giving information as to what is likely to happen from spring 2007 onwards. He added that a further update would be provided at the next SSG Meeting in March. **ACTION:** Mike Travis / Richard Murray

Cllr Sean Marshall suggested that as part of the stakeholder engagement, Chapelcross could contact the local papers in Dumfriesshire to issue a wider article prior to the cleaning.

He asked how Chapelcross would ensure that members of the public could be prevented from getting on to the pipeline.

Richard Murray answered that there were certain areas of the pipeline which would be fenced off. Duty guards will also be on patrol in silent hours. He added that the Contractor would be supervised by the Chapelcross superintending officer.

Cllr Marshall asked if this would just be a 'one off' project or would the pipeline be required to be cleaned again in the future.

Richard replied that this will be a 'one off' as there will be no scale growth envisaged in the future.

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked if the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) had been involved in the project.

Richard Murray advised that there had been a meeting and that the CNC security were to advise the local D&G Constabulary regarding security arrangements.

Cllr Tony Turner asked if the Effluent Pipe would be removed once it had been cleaned.

Richard answered by saying that the current plan is to remove it.

Mike Travis added that the current plan was to remove it around the time of Site care and maintenance in 2018.

Len Moore asked if the pipe was damaged.

Richard Murray replied by saying that it was in very good condition.

David Irving asked if it would be a noisy operation as he was thinking of people who may be night shift workers, sleeping during the daytime.

Richard said that it would be in the region of 8 decibels and the work will take place between the hours of 0800 – 1700hrs. He added that they will try to cause as minimal disturbance as possible.

Steve Southam asked if it was possible for there to be further deposits on the beach with future heavy rainfall.

Richard explained that air vents of the manholes have been blanked off and the area has been re-landscaped to prevent any more flooding.

Cllr Marshall asked to what degree the pipe would be cleaned.

Richard Murray replied that it would be 99% clean.

Willie McNairn asked if there would be any radioactive liquid going down the pipeline after it had been cleaned.

Richard Murray said that there would be a minimal diluted discharge.

The chairman asked David Orr for any comment from SEPA.

David Orr said that SEPA has been kept up to date with site's plans.

7. Other reports from SSG Bodies

SEPA- David Orr

David Orr said that he had no presentation to make but was happy to take any questions. There were no questions.

NII – Les Davies

Les Davies explained that the NII had published their written report which was distributed along with the agenda and was happy to answer any questions on the report or any other matters.

Questions:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked him if he was happy with the progress on site and did he have any concerns.

Les replied by saying that the operations were safe, personnel were safe and safety was being maintained on an ongoing basis. There were no major issues.

NDA - Randall Bargelt

Randall Bargelt announced that he had no reports for this meeting. He added that he was pleased how the site was moving forward and that the employees were taking safety very seriously.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions from the SSG members and from the floor for Randall. There were no questions.

Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary – Sgt David Irving

Sgt David Irving said that since the last SSG meeting, the Dumfries & Galloway constabulary had been involved in a combined Emergency exercise with Dumfries & Galloway constabulary and Chapelcross Civil Nuclear constabulary (CNC) focussing on security, communications and operability. He added that the exercise had gone very well.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions from the SSG members and from the floor for David. There were no questions.

Head of Radioactive Waste Team for the Scottish Executive – Elizabeth Gray

Elizabeth Gray gave an update on the recent Government changes.

Questions:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked with regard to the waste management, what was happening with the problem regarding high levels of radioactivity in the waste on UK nuclear sites.

Elizabeth Gray replied that the government are to review of the whole package.

Cllr Sean Marshall asked when they would get a report back on this issue.

Elizabeth answered that she would give an update for the next meeting.

ACTION: Elizabeth Gray to send report to Mike Travis

The chairman added that it was good to hear that the tritium problem was being addressed.

8. 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**

Alastair Laird gave verbal update on the Socio-economic activities since the last SSG meeting.

He gave a presentation on the prepared response to the NDA Socio-economic guidelines on behalf of the Chapelcross SSG. He added that the closing date was the 19th January and any direct response on the NDA Socio-economic guidelines should be sent to him. The collated response would then be sent to the Chairman and circulated to the SSG members for comments.

He summarised by saying that the Socio-economic sub-group was proposing

1. Putting a Community fund in place (a single bidding type for all project bids for NDA support)

2. Close out of the NDA Socio-economic guidelines response

The Minutes from two meetings on the 5th October 2006 and 27th October 2006 were endorsed by the SSG.

Questions:

Cllr Tony Turner brought up the subject of the importance of Bridge House.

The Chairman replied that this could not be discussed at this time as there was a certain amount of confidentiality on this subject at present.

- **Community Support**

Minutes from the meetings held on 29th September 2006 and 27th October 2006 were endorsed by the SSG.

Questions:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked if there was still interest in application for awards

Sean Marshall explained that three quarters of the funding had been approved and that more applications were expected.

Cllr Ogilvie asked if the money could be carried over to the next financial year.

Sean Marshall replied that it could not.

The Chairman added that this was a good opportunity for organisations to apply to Chapelcross for funding.

- **Education Support**

Minutes from the meetings held on 5th and 27th October 2006 were endorsed by the SSG.

Janice Rough explained that the link with Annan Academy and Lockerbie Academy is now fully engaged in a proper business partnership for skills development in the de commissioning process and that this will impact on curriculum change for core skill development in this area.

Janice explained that the sub group has decided on a best value policy and use money for strategic views rather than for Ad-Hoc requests. She added that the group were working on schools application criteria to be made as fair as possible.

Questions:

Cllr Ogilvie. Do you still have money left?

Janice replied that funding has still to be paid to existing projects.

Cllr Allan Graham asked why there had been such a delay for Annan Academy coming on board.

Janice replied that links with schools were up to the head teacher. The head teacher at Annan was relatively new and she had helped in developing his vision for skills development at the school.

Sean Marshall added that apart from the £10,000 funding provided, there were people from Chapelcross working in local schools helping teachers and pupils.

Janice agreed that this help was much appreciated and their work supported the fundamental change.

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked if the Education budget would be increased.

Alastair Laird said that best value would have to be worked out between different groups.

- **Site End States & Space Unlimited**

The Site-End State Sub-Group chairman Paul Allan introduced James Penfold from Quintessa and his colleague David Collier, to the SSG.

The Quintessa team gave a presentation on the Site End States consultation and gave details on the aims, the process involved and the options available. It was stated that End Use was to be considered separately and additional work was being done by Lockerbie Academy (Space Unlimited).

Questions:

John Rogerson asked if there was a possibility of de-licencing the site as this would reduce the option for replacement build

James Penfold agreed that there would be real value in keeping the Site Licence and this was being discussed with the NDA.

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie stated that there was only one thing missing from this proposed work. How much was it going to cost. He added that people's hopes for an End Use should not be raised, if it cannot be financed.

James explained that costs were difficult to deal with and that the Sub-Group will need to consult with the NDA to see how these costs were to be factored in.

Cllr Sean Marshall stated that a confirmation to secure the workforce in the longer term should also be factored in.

Randall Bargelt replied that there was no answer but gave an explanation of the process involved. This would involve one to one and a half years for funding discussions to be completed.

Paul Allan added that the determination of the Site End state would be influenced by the cost. He asked how the SSG could influence the NDA of the benefits of taking Chapelcross to an end state within 25years or less.

Randall answered by saying that the consultation was about what the community wants at this point in time and there may be changes in the future. However, the NDA would do the best to influence these issues.

- **Review of the Constitution**

The chairman announced that the Sub-Group would meet to review the constitution and present for adoption after the May 2007 elections.

9. SSG Chairman's Feedback from NSG meeting and SSG visit to Hunterston 'A' in November 2006.

The Chairman, Cllr Ian Lindsay, had attended the National Stakeholder Group meeting in Birmingham on behalf of the Chapelcross SSG. He gave feedback on the issues discussed at the meeting including the accelerated clean-up programme in 25 years. He stated that only some sites would get that and that the SSG must put forward a case to make sure Chapelcross is one of them.

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie gave feedback on the visit to Hunterston 'A' site in November. He said that the trip was very interesting and the SSG members from Chapelcross and Dounreay learned a lot from seeing how other SSG's operated. He added that they had a site tour and was shown the new Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) building and was very impressed with the Contractors safety culture there.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

10. Preview of Chapelcross Cooling Tower documentary video by Pile-On Productions.

The Chairman introduced John Wallace of Pile-On Productions. The SSG members were reminded of the history surrounding the background of this video production.

John explained that this was a 10 minute video which would give a flavour of what would be an hour and a half documentary on the life of Chapelcross up to the demolition of the Cooling Towers.

Questions:

Cllr Ronnie Ogilvie asked what format the film would be in.

John explained that there would be broadcasts with BBC Scotland but he was also hoping to screen it in the local community and make it available for those who were interested. He added that the film was based both on and off site, documenting the place Chapelcross had in the local community and how it affected the lives of the people in the local community. He concluded by saying that the Cooling Tower demolition process will also be documented.

Mike Travis suggested to the Chairman that as the Cooling Tower demolition was a significant event in the community, he would be happy to support a special to talk about the forthcoming Cooling Towers demolition.

The Chairman added that he was quite concerned as to how the SSG should publicise the Cooling Tower demolition. He added that the NDA did not seem to realise that this was a big occasion for the region. The SSG had to get the communications right to show the public openness of the SSG.

Randall Bargelt agreed that this was a very significant event but the NDA did not want to attract crowds near to the site that may jeopardise public safety.

11. Date of next meeting.

Friday 2nd March 2007 at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, Annan.

12. Any Other Business.

The Chairman offered an invitation sent by the Environment agency and SEPA for any two representatives to attend a workshop in Manchester on Tuesday 12th December. The one-day workshop was to review and discuss draft specifications for regulatory guidance on disposal facilities for solid radioactive waste.

The Chairman concluded by thanking everyone for attending and added that members of the Chapelcross lead team were willing to answer any questions after the meeting.