



## **Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group**

**THE EIGHTH HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2007 IN THE BRISBANE HOUSE HOTEL,  
LARGS.**

### **Present**

#### **North Ayrshire Council**

Councillor Richard Wilkinson

#### **British Energy**

Mr Tom Ungi

Ms Marian Carlin

Mr Bob Kafka (B Station Specialist)

#### **Community Councillors**

Mrs Rita Holmes - Fairlie

Mr John Lamb – West Kilbride (Chair)

Mr Ian Frame – Millport

Mr Kenny MacDougall - Ardrossan

#### **HSE**

Mr Peter Ford (A Station Inspector)

#### **British Nuclear Group**

Mr Peter Roach

Miss Lynne McTaggart (A Site Specialist)

Mr Tony Bale

Mrs Jennifer Gillie

#### **Hunterston Estate**

Mr Angus Cochran Patrick (Deputy Chair)

#### **National Farmers Union**

Mrs Eleanor Lamont

#### **Nuclear Decommissioning Authority**

Mr Randall Bargelt

Several members of the public were also in attendance

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor E McLardy, Mr K Littlewood, SEPA, Dr J Cooper, Ms L Gilmour, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Strathclyde Police, Mr D Shepherd, NII, Mr H Kerr, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Councillor Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the eighth meeting of the SSG and announced he had stood down as Chairman of the SSG and Mrs Eleanor Lamont had also stood down as Deputy Chair.

Furthermore, Councillor Wilkinson congratulated Mr John Lamb on securing the position as new Chairman of the SSG and Mr Angus Cochran Patrick for becoming the new Deputy Chairman.

Moreover, Councillor Wilkinson thanked all the members of the SSG for their support and hard work during his time as Chairman, the attending local authorities, both Site Managers Mr Tom Ungi and Mr Peter Roach, and finally SSG Secretariat Mrs A Russell-Stevenson and Mrs Jennifer Gillie.

Councillor Wilkinson handed over the rest of the meeting and welcomed the new Chairman of the SSG, Mr John Lamb.

Mr Lamb introduced himself and thanked Councillor Wilkinson for his time as Chairman of the SSG.

**2. MINUTES of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the SSG meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 were discussed and agreed.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs Jennifer Gillie confirmed that there were no correspondents.

**4. CONSTITUTION**

Mr Lamb announced that the SSG sub group had been working on the revision of the constitution and had made a significant number of amendments to it.

The main changes of note:

- Membership will now include the British Nuclear Constabulary.
- Hunterston B is to have a member on the SSG.
- All voting members would be appointed for a period of two years.
- The SSG will appoint five individual members from the local community, which was the result of the advertisements in the local press over the past month, and nominations for these places had been received.
- The SSG would have the option of co-opting up to five persons to maintain the continuity of the work of the SSG.
- The Chair, Vice-Chair or appointed substitute would attend all appropriate meetings, thus if the Chair or Vice-Chair is unable to attend they will have the authority to nominate a substitute to stand in for them.
- At meetings where the public are present they will be able to answer questions themselves at the end, not just their local community representatives.

- Members who have not attended three consecutive meetings of the main group of the SSG may be deemed to have resigned if their apologies have not been submitted. This is designed as a safeguard against people being elected to the SSG then not attending.
- The five elected members from the local community will have full voting rights.

The revised constitution will be available to the public as soon as the recent changes have been implemented.

There were no questions asked concerning the new constitutional changes when Mr Lamb gave those present the opportunity to do so.

## 5. **SITE END STATE RECONCILIATION**

Chairman Mr John Lamb explained that the SSG was actioned by the NDA to produce a site end state reconciliation for Hunterston A.

The SSG acquired the services of an external company (Nuclear Technologies PLC) to provide a report and to work on a local consultation that was carried out throughout north Ayrshire.

There was a significant take up of the offer for consultation, although Mr Lamb added that the take up of consultation could have been improved upon.

The recommendation as a result of the consultation was that the site should be returned to a fully de-licensed site following the point where the NDA had finished its business.

Mr Lamb asked the members of the SSG if they accepted this will be the report that the SSG should forward to the NDA, as there were no objections Mr Lamb as Chairman took it that it was agreed and the report would be forwarded to the NDA to fulfil the criteria for what the SSG were asked to do.

The Chairman stated that the report would be sent in the next week in line with the NDA's timetable.

Councillor Wilkinson suggested that the SSG communicate with those who had expressed their views to the consultation as he felt it would encourage the public and those who took part to take an interest in the outcome of the consultation process, and that there should be something in the local press regarding this matter.

Mr Lamb added that all comments submitted by the general public in the consultation were included in the report submitted to the NDA.

A press statement will be issued regarding this and the outcome of the consultation, emphasising that it has been forwarded to the NDA.

Mr Peter Roach suggested that we include in the press statement what the next steps will be to explain further to the public.

Ms Rita Holmes asked if all the comments that were received had been added to the appendix of the report, Mrs Alyson Russell-Stevenson confirmed that they had.

Mr Kenny MacDougall suggested that the public should be able to request that a report be posted to them, and the possibility of this be added to the press statement.

Mr Lamb added that once the report was submitted to the NDA a copy of the report should be lodged in all local public libraries.

Lastly, Mr Lamb said that the report was being sent to the local libraries to allow the public to view it as and when they want.

#### **6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SSG**

Due to recent amendments in the constitution there are five new members to be elected to the SSG from the local community, there have been six nominations received.

Voting by existing members of the SSG will take place in the following week to establish who will gain membership to the SSG. As soon as all of the votes have been gathered the successful candidates will be notified by post and they will be full members of the SSG.

#### **7. HUNTERSTON B STATION REPORTS**

#### **8. HUNTERSTON A SITE REPORTS**

Hunterston A Site Manager Mr Peter Roach introduced himself and started the report by saying that Hunterston A's performance continues to be very high and that the station is achieving all its key milestones.

Hunterston A has achieved sixty seven months without a lost time incident and nine months without a medical safety case.

A vigilant security policy continues to be maintained at A station.

Environmental focus will need to be increased and the profile will be lifted accordingly.

Decommissioning progress continues to be excellent at Hunterston A. The decommissioning plan is on schedule and financial savings have been made.

Previously reported concerns regarding budgeting constraints coming from the NDA will not effect Hunterston A's safety, security or environmental performance.

The ILW store has been completed in a structural sense and will continue to be worked on inside. Reactor de-planting work continues with minor redundant equipment being removed. All the work relating to dry fuel routes has been completed. With regards to the wet routes, work has started on the fuel skips in the pond and the first disposals are expected to be seen this summer.

Land characterisation and the work on foreshore reinforcement has been completed.

The new contractors' car park is almost fully completed.

Mr Peter Roach explained that he was keen to put forward a case for re-enforcement of the shoreline as he felt it would be prudent as an insurance policy should there be a sustained period of heavy storms.

Hunterston A continue to work on the plan of having a new weather envelope to go over the two reactors.

All maintenance on site has been completed on time.

Morale is up on site, people are enjoying coming to work and the number of people being recruited has increased. The workforce at Hunterston A are performing, they are a highly skilled and committed workforce.

Miss Lynne McTaggart informed the SSG that commissioning work is almost finished on the new sewage treatment plant which was completed in April 2006.

Dose on site at A station came in within the dose budgets.

For the annual period of 2006 there were five incidents where small quantities of radioactivity were found out with contamination controlled areas.

In the last year Hunterston A has sent twenty ISO containers to Drigg.

Mr Peter Roach informed those present that Life-time Plan has just been completed and submitted to the NDA.

Furthermore, Peter explained that the NDA is not being sold in its entirety, parts of it are. Magnox Electric who deal with reactor sites is up for sale and is expected to be sold this summer.

Hunterston A continues to have lots of requests for visits due to its high level of performance.

Mr Kenny MacDougall highlighted his concern that the company was only being courted by foreign companies. Mr Peter Roach could neither deny or confirm this as it was not in his or the NDA's knowledge at present.

Moreover, Mr Kenny MacDougall asked Mr Peter Roach about the stations emergency preparedness and Peter assured everyone that everything is satisfactory in this area. (??? I presume fireman spokesperson) explained that the fire service would not jeopardise their personnel and the public for the sake of drills, but assured everyone that these drills were carried out in the most practical and safe ways possible.

Mr Angus Cochran Patrick asked when exactly the weather envelopes will go up, Mr Peter Roach explained that there is no exact date at present and that the contracts will be awarded in the next few weeks.

Ms Rita Holmes asked if finance has played a part in determining how work constructing the weather envelopes will be carried out. Peter confirmed that finance did not come in to it.

Ms Rita Holmes asked further about who had gained the contracts to decommission the pond and when work would start. Mr Peter Roach responded by saying that no decision has yet been made.

Councillor Wilkinson requested an update on the socio economic plans. Miss Lynne McTaggart explained that there have been five or six applications, but there has been no movement forward as Hunterston A are still waiting to hear back from the NDA.

Mr Angus Cochran Patrick suggested that a socio economic sub group be set up.

Mr Kenny MacDougall asked if the NDA had a specific budget for socio economic. Randall (??? Surname) explained that the NDA does not have a specific budget for socio economic, the budget comes out of the savings made at each individual site. Some savings go into more decommissioning work and some goes into socio economic.

Mrs Alyson Russell-Stevenson informed the SSG about some details regarding socio economic. There is £40,000 for this year through savings for specific socio economic projects, there is another £7000 to go into the sponsorship area and £3000 to go to smaller charitable projects, with the possibility of more socio economic funds coming to the site.

Furthermore, Alyson explained that socio economic is a long term policy in conjunction with local authorities etc and this year the target is to build a foundation for years to come.

Moreover, Alyson announced that she will be taking up a socio economic position for Magnox North which includes sites through the UK.

The members of the SSG agreed to Chairman John Lamb's proposal that they be part of a socio economic SSG.

The overall findings from the HSE/ NII A station inspector's report were that no major issues of concern have been raised. Although, Mr Kenny MacDougall wanted to know when the bunker roof was last checked by a NII inspector.

## **9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007 at the Brisbane House Hotel, Largs.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Peter Roach addressed the concerns that had been mentioned in the press with regards to funding. The NDA have had some problems in having all their appropriate funding

arrangements in place for next year, issues relating to the operational input lead to a shortfall, although Hunterston A has been awarded exactly what it asked for. All key issues and projects are to be fully funded and progressed. Hunterston A will spending more money this forthcoming year than they are just now.

Mr John Lamb asked the existing members of the SSG to co-opt five new members.

Mr Randall (??? Find out) confirmed that the NDA will continue to support the SSGs throughout the country

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

No questions were asked by the public.

**Mr John Lamb**

**SSG Chair**