

## Site Stakeholder Group Socio-Economic Subgroup

THE SECOND SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUBGROUP MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 AT HUNTERSTON A SITE.

### Present

#### Hunterston A Site

Mrs Shelagh Milligan  
Mr Tony Bale

#### Councillors

Mr Robert Barr (Dalry & West Kilbride)

#### Site Stakeholder Subgroup

Mr Kenny MacDougall (Chair)  
Mr John Lamb  
Mr John Robertson  
Mr Peter MacFarlane  
Mr Frank Craig  
Mr Ian Frame  
Mr William Jack

### 1. WELCOME

Mr Kenny MacDougall welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group Socio-Economic Subgroup, including new National Farmers Union representative Mr William Jack. Mr MacDougall stated that paperwork would be sent to Mr Jack providing information on the NDA and their remit. **ACTION: S. MILLIGAN**

Apologies were given for Mr Angus Cochran-Patrick, Mr Keith Riding and Mr Peter Roach.

### 2. SOCIO-ECONOMIC APPLICATIONS RECIEVED

#### **Quarriers:**

Mr John Robertson stated that he thought the £10k request to establish GLOW (a National schools intranet resource which breaks down geographical and social barriers to educational development) at Seafield School was a reasonable request from a worthy organisation. Mr MacDougall proposed that the request be passed on to the NDA for consideration. This proposal was accepted by the group.

Mr Frank Craig asked if there would be any match funding support from North Ayrshire. Mr MacDougall replied that the only support received was a letter from Ms Carol Kirk stating that North Ayrshire supported the initiative but not in a financial sense.

#### **Scottish Sports Council Trust Company (42.5k):**

Mr Ian Frame highlighted that the current fitness facility on the Island of Cumbrae is within a classroom and is not practical for those who wish to use it on a regular basis. It is proposed to construct a new community fitness facility which will provide the people of Millport with a proper service they can use throughout the year. Mr Frame added that overall project would cost £85k, however there were sufficient funds in place to cover 50% of these costs, hence the requirement for a further £42.5k.

Mr Robertson stated that he had no objections to the request as it is important that Islands such as Cumbrae need services and facilities such as this. Cllr Robert Barr stated the he was

in favour of helping small communities and, in this instance, such a facility would be beneficial to the Island. Mr MacDougall stated that a recommendation would be made in favour of giving this request particular consideration.

***Scottish Sports Council Trust Company (200k):***

Mr Robertson stated that he felt there was no benefit to the local community with regards to the request for £200k to construct an indoor sports hall at Inverclyde. He added that this project, from a private company, would not generate enough money back into the area, as only a certain amount of people would benefit. Mr Lamb stated that this was not a private company, rather a Government subsidiary for SportScotland and is the only national facility in Scotland. The facility is used by local schools for events, a large number of local clubs and international teams.

It was decided that the submission be sent to the NDA without further comment.

***West Kilbride Community Initiative (Village Hall Refurbishment):***

Mr Lamb stated that this application, for refurbishment of the West Kilbride Village Hall, was originally submitted two years ago. However, this application was never formally considered by the NDA due to the fact that it was never recorded as being on file.

A reply has since been received from the NDA stating that, following careful consideration, no funding would be given towards this proposal as it does not fulfil key criteria in the NDA's socio-economic policy.

***West Kilbride Initiative (Craft Town Scotland):***

Mr Lamb explained that this application was submitted by West Kilbride Community Initiative to pay for architectural costs relating to the Barony Church extension. Since submitting the application however, £800k has been received from lottery funding, plus an extra £437k from the Town Regeneration Project, of which £100k was put in as a joint bid for the village hall refurbishment. It was decided by the group that a recommendation would be made clarifying that £1.2 million funding had already been secured for this application.

***Millport Snooker Club:***

A discussion ensued regarding the above request before it was agreed that more information would be required. A copy of the club's constitution and a detailed cost breakdown of the application is required before a recommendation decision can be made.

**ACTION: S. MILLIGAN**

Mr MacDougall wished to explain that the latest Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Report shows the Hunterston area to be three times worse off than Chapelcross for example. Mr MacDougall asked for the groups support in submitting this report and a covering letter, along with each socio-economic application, to highlight how deprived an area this is. Mr Bale confirmed that this type of evidence had already been provided to the NDA in the past. Mr MacDougall concluded that if the NDA do not take note, the matter will be lobbied with Government Representative Mrs Elizabeth Gray to further investigate. There were no objections to submitting the SIMD Report with each application.

**3 NDA UPDATE BY JONATHAN JENKIN (DIALLING IN)**

Mr Jonathin Jenkin, NDA Socio-Economic Manager, gave an NDA update and addressed an action from the previous meeting to provide clearer guidance on the sort of applications which

would meet the NDA's criteria. Mr Jenkin explained that a review of the application process is now underway which will provide a better all round application form with clearer guidance, and which highlights some standard terms and conditions. This new form should be agreed by the end of March 2010.

Mr Bale informed Mr Jenkin that the Site is looking at ways of keeping skills within the industry and, as a result, a Site based project group has been set up. This will be driven by Magnox North and will involve a consultant being brought in to work alongside the group. A timescale has been set with a first draft report to be produced by the end of the financial year. Mr MacDougall added that the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) has previously supplied the NDA with documentation of how deprived the Hunterston area is, which the SSG are still awaiting feedback on. Mr MacDougall added that both he and Mr John Lamb had discussed this matter with enterprise zones and as such, new information has arrived in terms of area deprivation.

Mr Lamb referred to the change of application form, and asked what is happening with current submissions. Mr Jenkin stated that the process is still running as normal with the panel meeting to review applications. It is hoped that in a few months, a better process will be in place.

Mr Lamb then asked in what way the West Kilbride Village Hall application did not meet NDA criteria. Mr Jenkin replied that the application did not make clear how the work would contribute to a sustainable economic future post decommissioning, and this is the key aspect which has to be looked at in any application. Mr Lamb asked for clarity on whether the NDA criteria is based on the long term economic support for the community while highlighting that the Scottish Government recently awarded a grant to the Village Hall on the grounds that it is creating sustainable facilities within the community. Mr Jenkin explained that the NDA are looking to support projects which will cushion the blow of decommissioning and explained that NDA criteria tends to concentrate more so on the economic impact.

It was agreed that Mr Jenkin would meet Mr MacDougall and Mr Lamb on Tuesday 17 November, following the NSG meeting in Manchester, to discuss the SIMD Report.

#### **4 SITE UPDATE**

Mr Tony Bale, Magnox North Trade Union Representative, reiterated that a small group of Site staff, including Mr Bale himself and Mrs Shelagh Milligan, had put together a project plan to focus on mitigating jobs for the future. The subgroup will be kept informed of any updates as and when they occur, however the plan is at its early stages.

Mr MacDougall thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting drew to a close.

**Mr Kenny MacDougal**  
**SSG Vice Chairman**