

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

**Minutes of Dalgety Bay Forum Meeting
Held on Thursday 30th January 2014, Civic Centre, Inverkeithing**

Present

John Burton (JB), HPA
 Donald Grant (DG), Fife Council
 Dr Becky Gait, Scottish Government
 Will Munro (WM), FSA in Scotland
 Linda Turner (LT), Fife Council
 Cllr Lesley Laird (LL), Fife Council
 Colin McPhail (CMcP), DB&HCC
 John Sim (JS), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Simon Cuthbert-Kerr (SCK), Scottish Government
 Rory McLeod (RM), Moray Estates
 Annette Stuart (AS), Scottish Government
 Cllr Gavin Yates (GY), Fife Council
 Janice Milne (JM), Chairperson, SEPA
 Jim Gemmill (JG), SEPA
 Paul Dale (PD), SEPA
 Gillian Sinclair (GS), SEPA
 Debbie Storm (DS), SEPA
 Mark Toner (MT), SEPA
 Nina Patton, (NP), SEPA

Apologies

Richard Higgins (RH), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Martin Macdonald (MMac), Scottish Government
 Matt Thomas, (MT) Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Donald Adrain (DA), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Andrew Howard (AH), Moray Estates
 Dr Chris McGuigan, (CM) NHS Fife
 James Hamilton JH, (SEPA)

Not present

Nick Atkins (NA), DIO / Morton Fraser
 David Brack (DB), DIO
 Ron Brown (RB), MoD/DSTL
 Iain Robertson (IR), DIO
 Mark Hill (MH), DIO

Janice Milne expressed condolences from member's of the Forum on the death of Helen Eadie MSP and their thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

1.0	Welcome and Apologies	Actions
1.1	<p>JM welcomed those present to the meeting. She advised that Jackie Hyland had stepped down from the Forum and would be represented by Dr Chris McGuigan (NHS Fife).</p> <p>Round table introductions were made and apologies were noted and recorded above.</p> <p>JM reminded the Group that the Dalgety Bay Forum was created to allow all interested organisations to meet to discuss and exchange information relating to Dalgety Bay and that the Forum had no mandate in itself for decision making or making statements.</p>	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting 30th May 2013	
2.1	JM asked Forum Members to send any comments on the previous minutes to GS by Friday 7 th February 2014.	

Actions arising from previous meeting held on 30th May 2013		
	There were no actions arising from the previous meeting.	

3.0	UPDATE	
3.1	SEPA	
3.1.1	JG advised that although it had been some time since the last meeting of the Dalgety Bay Forum SEPA had met with most members in a variety of different fora and this would continue in the future.	
3.1.2	JG noted that monitoring and recovery of sources has continued on the beach at Dalgety Bay resulting in the removal of further items from the	

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	foreshore.	
3.1.3	SEPA has also published the Risk Assessment Report and the Appropriate Persons Report in May and June 2013.	
3.1.4	As part of the agreed investigation plan DIO has now produced a report on the potential range of Management Options which could be adopted at Dalgety Bay. The report is available on both SEPA and DIO websites. The report does not state what will be done but what could be done at Dalgety Bay. While it is recognised some options, such as the option of fencing off the beach, would not prevent the spread of radioactive material it was important that this and all the other options were considered initially. It was also recognised that the MoD had moved forward to complete the assessment work of radioactive contamination present in the ground which is important in the design and identification of options for Dalgety Bay.	
3.1.5	JG advised that meetings will be held next week with Public Health England (PHE) and DIO to discuss remediation criteria to allow the design and costing of options.	
3.1.6	Options Report PD went on to explain that the DIO report was a high level document and outlines all and any options which can be used at Dalgety Bay to address the source, pathway or receptor or a combination of any of these. Many factors need to be taken into account when considering a bespoke solution and the optimal solution for the whole site may not necessarily be a single option but could be a combination of several of the proposed options outlined in the report with differing options used at different locations.	
3.1.7	PD stated that in taking things forward to achieve a long term management arrangement for Dalgety Bay SEPA has identified stakeholder groups with whom it needs to engage. Four groups have been identified namely: The Dalgety Bay Forum, Implementation Parties, Permitting Agencies and Other Interested Stakeholders. SEPA will make contact with each of these stakeholder groups in order to progress specific issues or areas of work. The Forum will be updated as appropriate either by the current method of meetings or communication via email.	
3.1.8	PD asked Forum Members for their comments on both the Options Report and the Stakeholder Engagement Paper.	
3.1.9	CMcPh stated that the Stakeholder Engagement Updates could also be launched through the Dalgety Bay Web Pages as well as The Diary.	
3.1.10	In addition he stated that he would forward his comments on the Options Report direct to PD before SEPA's forthcoming meeting with PHE next week.	
3.1.11	CMcPh expressed his disappointment that DIO was not present at today's meeting.	
3.1.12	CMcPh referred to the Options Paper, Table 4.9 Timescales which stated the estimated timescale for options as 19-27 months ie Sept 2015 to April 2016.	

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3.1.13	CMcPh asked if there were any significant particle findings at Dalgety Bay following recent winter storms and how many are currently being found. PD stated that the site was relatively protected as the storms occurred after high tide. SEPA had inspected the site following the storms and recovered particles.	
3.1.14	LL asked who attended the meetings scheduled next week with the DIO and if any “decision makers” would be present. She stated that the public need to know what will be happening. JG stated that next weeks meeting would involve technical discussions following which management would need to agree and sign off timelines and future actions.	
3.1.15	PD stated that next weeks meeting was to determine the level of radiological protection and the standards that Dalgety Bay gets cleaned to in order for the site to be returned to a normal situation i.e. removal of signage and demarcation.	
3.1.16	LL asked what would be a reasonable timeframe to digest this and come up with a tangible plan to go forward with.	
3.1.17	PD stated that from SEPA’s point of view to develop a bespoke solution could take around 6-7 months to identify, however, various factors need to be considered which can affect this such as holiday’s and the fact that it is a marine environment. PD stated that SEPA believe that the DIO are moving as quickly as possible to get to a preferred option.	
3.1.18	CMcPh asked if DIO had committed to funding the clean up operation. PD stated that no commitment to funding has been made as until they are aware of what bespoke option will be used and how much this will cost they are not in a position to sign this off. NP stated that the initial plan was for them to produce the Outline Report.	
3.1.19	LL asked how the local community will be kept informed and people’s expectations managed and felt that that a briefing from today’s meeting would be appropriate to inform people at Dalgety Bay of the next steps. GY reiterated this and also expressed his disappointment that DIO were not present at the meeting.	
2.1.20	JM stated that SEPA will issue a briefing from today’s meeting which will be available on SEPA’s website additionally a further briefing will be issued after SEPA’s meeting with DIO.	
3.1.21	In addition JM asked that Forum members send any comments on the Stakeholder Engagement Paper by email.	
3.2 3.2.1	DIO No update available.	
3.3 3.3.1	Scottish Government Health Department Scottish Government Health Department stated that following receipt of COMARE’s 15 th Report Scottish Ministers have provided their responses and approved its release. It was noted that the report concludes that there is no significant evidence that the radiation at Dalgety Bay is linked to cancers in the area. The COMARE report also recommends remediation of the area as soon as possible. SG will advise SEPA when the report is published.	

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3.4 3.4.1	FIFE Council LT stated that the Stakeholder Engagement plan is to be welcomed. She also reiterated the importance of the next stage (in identifying the preferred option by MoD) and that it must be done correctly to ensure acceptance by all parties.	
3.5 3.5.1	FSA WM stated that a joint programme had been carried out with SEPA and shellfish beds had been monitored. No contamination was present in the samples. The current FEPA ban remains in place.	
3.6 3.6.1	Public Health England (PHE) – formerly HPA No further updates.	
3.7 3.7.1	Sailing Club JS reported that they are continuing to make efforts to rebuild the Club. Revenue is down by 20% and visitor numbers have reduced. The Sailing Club no longer engages in discussions with the press as this has a negative effect on the Club.	
3.8 3.8.1	Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council CMcPh thanked SEPA for attending the last Community Council meeting. The Community Council also continues to acknowledge the support of Gordon Brown MP who recently led a 4 th debate on radiation contamination at Dalgety Bay in Westminster.	
3.9 3.9.1	Moray Estates RM stated that Moray Estates will be happy to be involved in the Stakeholder Implementation Group. He also welcomes a sustainable solution and is pleased things are moving forward at Dalgety Bay.	
4.0	Communications	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums comments on the Stakeholder Group paper are welcome. • SEPA will issue a briefing following today's meeting. • No pro-active press statements will be issued following today's meeting. 	
4.2	CMcPh stated that the last communication he had with Mark Hutchinson of DIO was in December and he advised that DIO would be meeting with SEPA and PHE early 2014. JG advised CMcPh that Mark Hutchinson is currently the Acting CEO of DIO.	
5.0	Future Actions	
5.1	SEPA to provide and update following today's meeting to advise of the situation to date. SEPA will issue and update to Forum Members following next week's meeting with PHE and DIO.	
5.2	COMARE Report. When available members to be provide a link/copy.	
5.3	PD advised that there will be a series of reports issued as we go forward moving towards a long term solution for Dalgety Bay.	
5.4	JM advised that Alex Rowley MSP has been invited to join the Dalgety	

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	Bay Forum.	
6.0	Date of Next Meeting	
6.1	JM stated that the next meeting date might be beginning of the summer but would be called when needed. However, JG envisaged that Stakeholder Groups would meet more frequently to provide the input and feedback as the process moves forward.	
6.2	The next Dalgety Bay Expert Group Meeting will take place in March.	
6.3	JM noted that progress is being made at Dalgety Bay which is working to appropriate timescales and thanked members for their attendance at today's meeting.	
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