

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

**Minutes of Dalgety Bay Forum Meeting
Held on Thursday 30 May 2013, Civic Centre, Inverkeithing**

Present

Nick Atkins (NA), Morton Fraser (accompanying DIO)
 John Burton (JB), HPA
 Donald Grant (DG), Fife Council
 Richard Higgins (RH), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Mark Hill, (MH), DIO
 Will Munro (WM), FSA in Scotland
 Iain Robertson (IR), DIO
 Linda Turner (LT), Fife Council
 Cllr Lesley Laird (LL), Fife Council
 Martin Macdonald (MMac), Scottish Government
 Colin McPhail (CMcP), DB&HCC
 Matt Thomas, (MT) Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 John Sim (JS), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 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
 James Hamilton, (JH), SEPA
 Nina Patton, (NP), SEPA

Apologies

David Brack (DB), DIO
 Ron Brown (RB), MOD/DSTL
 Simon Cuthbert-Kerr (SCK), Scottish Government
 Helen Eadie MSP (HE), M'br of Scottish Parliament
 Donald Adrain (DA), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 David Burnett (DBur), Dalgety Bay Sailing Club
 Jackie Hyland (JH), NHS Fife
 Andrew Howard (AH), Moray Estates
 Rory McLeod (RM), Moray Estates
 Annette Stuart (AS), Scottish Government
 Cllr Gavin Yates (GY), Fife Council

1.0	Welcome and Apologies	Actions
1.1	JM welcomed those present to the meeting. Round table introductions were made and apologies were noted and recorded above.	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting 11th March 2013	
2.1	Forum members agreed the minute of the meeting held on 11 th March 2013.	

	Actions arising from previous meeting held on 11th March 2013	
Action 2013-03-01	Action No: 2013-03-01: Forum Members to email GS with any amendments to the previous minutes of 5 th December 2013.	COMPLETE
Action 2013-03-02	Action No: 2013-03-02: SEPA to arrange appropriate date and venue for the next Forum Meeting.	COMPLETE

3.0	Communications	
	Moved to agenda item No 4.	
3.0	UPDATE	
3.1	SEPA	
3.1.1	JG advised that SEPA's Radioactive Contaminated Land Risk Assessment is now complete and will be presented to Forum members today and made available on SEPA's website next week.	
3.1.2	Other reports which have been issued to date are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoD Coastal Processes Report • SEPA's Aerial Photography Interpretation Report • Dalgety Bay Radiological Habits Survey 	
3.1.3	At the last Forum meeting some members asked for a pre-amble relating to the context of the report. This has been done and is available on SEPA's web-site http://www.sepa.org.uk/radioactive_substances/publications/dalgety_bay_reports.aspx	

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3.1.4	Progress on identifying potential Appropriate Person(s) has been kept separate and will be reported separately, although there is a linkage between the reports. The report on Appropriate Person(s) is scheduled to be published in about one month. This is a complex report, as it takes time to evaluate the volume of historical material involved in producing a coherent picture of what happened.
3.1.5	JG advised that DIO Chief Officer and SEPA's Director of Operations will meet next Thursday.
3.1.6	Risk Assessment Presentation PD presented SEPA's Radioactive Contaminated Land Risk Assessment to the Forum.
3.1.7	RH asked if the measures stated in the report understated the risk to children. PD stated that children nominally have thinner skin thicknesses, therefore the effect of skin contact would be higher to children. PD noted that this is a complex issue that requires further development.
3.1.8	It was reiterated that the Radioactive Contaminated Land Risk Assessment Report does not identify the Appropriate Person or Persons. A further report (Appropriate Person(s) Report) will be issued by SEPA and this will outline the processes involved which have resulted in the contamination.
3.1.9	CMcPh reiterated that the ingestion dose had not changed for children and noted that in the report it was highlighted that children have thinner skin and the measurements were for adult's skin. PD advised that Public Health England (formerly the Health Protection Agency) is currently working on the dose rates for children to account for thinner skin dimensions.
3.1.10	LL thanked PD for sharing the presentation. She stated that it had been narrowed down that there is a clear risk and deliberations are continuing. So what measure should there be for areas C, D and E as mentioned in the report – should there be any further interim measure put in place.
3.1.11	JG said that he did not believe so at the moment and that the area currently marked off (referred to in the report as C, D and E) will remain marked off, it is not anticipated that any other interventions are required at this time. The report highlights that there is no great pattern of events leading to the outcomes. The conclusions from this report are the ordinary weather events can throw up material.
3.1.12	LL stated that when the report is published her concern was people's reaction to the material contained in the report, she felt that lessons had not been learned from previous occasions when information gets into the public domain.
3.1.13	JG stated that SEPA had contemplated cancelling this meeting. LL it's not about the meeting it's about the matter being made available to the public and the consequences. JG said in the past we have been criticised for not issuing material. Today's meeting went ahead in order for SEPA to present the Risk Assessment Report to the Forum members.
3.1.14	LL asked about the forthcoming meeting between SEPA and DIO. JG said that they could not comment on the outcome of next week's meeting. LL said that this was not satisfactory. JG agreed that the originating situation is not satisfactory but SEPA is working to make it satisfactory.

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3.1.15	LL was concerned that people will draw their own conclusions. NA said that the DIO share this concern.	
3.2 3.2.1	DIO Thanked SEPA for the presentation. MH stated that DIO are committed to continuing to assisting SEPA and continue to show commitment to a way forward at Dalgety Bay.	
3.2.2	MoD monthly monitoring is still being carried out and the latest results have been sent to SEPA.	
3.2.3	LL asked if MoD had a contingency plan once the outcome of the report is issued. MH advised that if MoD is named as an Appropriate Person there will be no unnecessary delay.	
3.2.4	MoD is following regime and statutory guidance.	
3.3 3.3.1	Scottish Government MM stated that he was pleased to see progress has been made and recognised the work still to be done and hoped for this to be carried out as soon as possible.	
3.4 3.4.1	FIFE Council LT advised that there has been one enquiry regarding the harvesting of shellfish around Dalgety Bay which is subject to a FEPA Order. Inspectors from the Council identified that the harvesting occurred out with the restricted area.	
3.5 3.5.1	FSA WM welcomed the Risk Assessment Report from SEPA. He advised that the situation regarding monitoring has not changed. An additional piece of work is being undertaken to determine if there is any radium leaching into the samples.	
3.6 3.6.1	Public Health England (PHE) – formerly HPA No further updates.	
3.7 3.7.1	Sailing Club JS advised that participation levels at the club are lower and uptake of places by younger people at sailing regattas is down. The Sailing Club is concerned about the shore defence and the slipway continues to degrade and may be condemned if remedial works are not undertaken shortly.	
3.8 3.8.1	Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council CMcPh was concerned about reports from a local estate agent regarding MoD ownership of land. NA advised that MoD does not own any land in the area and that the organisation “Landmark” produce reports for estate agents and this report will show the former MoD site – and how this is interpreted is out with our control. CMcPh said he would check with the Estate Agent. PD said that it may be worthwhile speaking to the surveyor to explain the situation.	
3.8.2	CMcPh referred to the final inventory report and provided those present with statistics of the items found in the made ground which included radioactive particles along with pottery dating 1947-1950 along with various other items. CMcPh stated that this shows a presence of radium 226 in the made up ground.	
3.9 3.9.1	Moray Estates No report available.	
4.0 4.1	Communications CMcPh thanked Mark Hutchinson CEO of DIO for replying to his letter of 27 th	

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	February 2013.	
4.2	SEPA had attended recent Community Council meetings and will attend the next meeting on 10 th June 2013.	
4.3	SEPA advised that it is hoped that the Appropriate Person(s) report would be issued at the end of June following discussion with identified Appropriate Person(s) and landowners.	
5.0	Future Actions	
5.1	LL asked what sequence of events would take place and if there was any benchmark available as to how long the work would take following the issue of SEPA's Appropriate Persons report.	
5.2	JG stated that further work will be required for remediation options. Additionally as this situation has never happened before and is new territory of work therefore no benchmarks are available for guidance.	
5.3	NA enquired about the NUVIA skin dosage report. PD confirmed that this would not be available until at least August and PHE are looking to cover the issues of skin doses to younger people and those with thinner skin thicknesses.	
6.0	Date of Next Meeting	
6.1	It was suggested that the next Dalgety Bay Forum meeting be held in August 2013, following the publication of the Appropriate Persons report and consideration of the next steps.	
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