



Bradwell Site

Draft Minutes of the 55th Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC) Annual General Meeting

Three Rivers Golf & Country Club, Cold Norton
Wednesday 15th May 2013

Present:

LCLC Executive:

Brian Main
Cllr John White
Sophie Winter
Adele Morgan

LCLC Chairman
Vice Chairman
LCLC Secretary
Clerk

LCLC Members

Cllr Les Barclay
Cllr Colin Batchelor
Cllr G Betts
Cllr Brian Beale
Cllr Robert Boyce
Ben Bridgewater
Cllr Roy Bryant
Cllr Paul Burgess
Peter Clark
Cllr Tim Drain
David Edwards
Cllr Peter Elliot
Cllr Adrian Fluker
Cllr Heather Glynn
Mike Gull
Patrick Haley
Paul Hetherington
Brian Hughes
Jonathan Jenkin
Cllr Ivan Joslin
Tom Knibbs

Bryan Ledger
Karl Littlewood
Cllr Ian Milligan
Haf Morris
Catherine O'Sullivan
Cllr Tony Pluckrose
Liz Pulford
Russ Rainger
Chris Roberts
Philip Rowson
Cllr Stephen Savage
Cllr Tony Shrimpton
Sarah Speakman
Cllr Sylvia Wargent
Pippa Waterman

Cold Norton Parish Council
Braintree District Council
St Lawrence Parish Council
Althorne Parish Council
Essex County Council
Magnox Ltd.
Tillingham Parish Council
Althorne Parish Council
Mundon Parish Council
Bradwell Parish Council
NDA
Burnham Town Council
Maldon District Council
Rochford District Council
Site Director, Bradwell Site, Magnox Ltd.
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Hub Director, Magnox Ltd.
NDA
St Lawrence Parish Council
Essex Civil Protection and Emergency
Management
Asheldham and Dengie Council
Environment Agency
Bradwell Parish Council
Magnox Ltd
CAS Restoration Partnership
Tillingham Parish Council
Babcock Fluor Partnership
Bradwell Site, Magnox Ltd.
Maldon District Council
Maldon District Council
Maldon Town Council
Maldon Town Council
UK Nuclear Restoration
West Mersea Town Council
Magnox Ltd.

Mike Webley
May Yeung

Environment Agency
Magnox Ltd.

Bold type – denotes voting members

Members of the public in attendance:

David Bragg
Ian Corbett
Barry Davis
Burt Foss
John Harrison
Beryl Lancaster
Dave Smith
Alan Stillborn
Barry Turner

1. INTRODUCTION

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The chairman Brian Main (BM) opened the meeting by welcoming those present. BM also explained for new comers the reason for this six monthly meeting is to discuss the decommissioning of Bradwell site and not to discuss possible new build in the UK.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Sophie Winter confirmed apologies had been received from:

Nicola Beach	Braintree District Council
Andy Blowers	Member of the public
Rosanna Briggs	Essex Civil Protection and Emergency Management
Kathy Brown	Braintree District Council
Charles Clarke	Member of the Public
David Fisher	Member of the Public
Paul Kennedy	Food Standards Agency
Derek Lawrence	Maldon District Council
Jenny Lewsey	Maldon District Council
Dave Moore	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Cllr Robert Mitchell	Braintree District Council
Steve Nicholson	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Adrian Porter	Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation
Averil Price	Chelmsford City Council
Michael Pudney	Steeple Parish Council
Pauline Rampling	Essex and Suffolk Water
Selwyn Runacres	Food Standards Agency
Belinda Troupe	Golder Associates
Alan Tyne	Member of the Public
John Wilson	Maldon District Council

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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The minutes of the 54th meeting of the LCLC held on 4th December 2012 were considered and approved subject to the following amendments:

- L.Barclay was denoted as member of the public instead of a councillor for Cold Norton Parish Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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No matters were arising.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN

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Brian Main was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Adrian Fluker and seconded by Cllr Robert Boyce. Cllr John White was proposed as Vice Chairman by Brian Main and seconded by Cllr Ian Milligan. Brian Main thanked the council for the nomination for the 9th year running.

6. SITE REPORT

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Mike Gull introduced himself as the Site Director of Bradwell Site. Attendees noted that the presentation would also include a visual demonstration of progress covering the following aspects:

- Safety
- Plant and Structures Programme delivery
- Ponds Programme delivery
- Fuel Element Debris (FED) Programme delivery
- Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) Programme delivery
- Transition at the site
- Upcoming community evenings
- Information about Bradwell's upcoming move into care and maintenance

2368 Safety

- Maintaining a good safety record
- Safety improvement plan
- Construction office introduced to increase co-ordination between activities on site
- Delivery of a 4P safety improvement plan (people, plant, processes and performance)

2369 Plant and Structures

- On target to complete the deplant of the pile caps and boiler houses
- Safestore cladding is underway
- Demolition of the remaining barrier wall structure will be undertaken
- North end remediation is planned

2370 Ponds

- A polyurea coating is being applied to the ponds to reach a care and maintenance end state

2371 Fuel Element Debris (FED)

- Retrieve remaining FED and complete construction of the dissolution facility
- Dissolution operations will begin next year
- Install and commission liquid waste treatment plant

2372 Intermediate Level Waste (ILW)

- Commission the interim storage facility this year
- Complete resin and sludge retrievals and dry the waste for storage in Yellow Boxes
- Retrieve, sort, segregate and package other ILW ready for care and maintenance

2373 Transition

- 242 personal pathway planning sessions held with staff providing on-going support ahead of the entry to care and maintenance
- Hub being established for on-going site monitoring during care and maintenance

2374 Upcoming community evenings

- Bradwell – 28th May 2013 – Bradwell Village Hall – 18:00
- Mersea – 29th May 2013 – St Peters and St Pauls Church Hall – 18:00

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Questions were invited and Cllr Brian Beale asked regarding the boilers being decommissioned, if they were removing the material from the water side and not the duct?

Mike Gull confirmed the team would be removing the duct.

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It was questioned if the site still had authority for the new discharge line?

Mike Gull stated the site still had authority for the current discharge line on site which is not portable. This was being replaced by the Aqueous Discharge Abatement Plant (ADAP) which is in ISO containers, so once finished with, could be transported to another site.

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Cllr Brian Beale asked if FED from other sites would be processed at Bradwell?

Mike Gull replied – there are no current plans to process FED from other sites at Bradwell. The site's main objective is to reach care and maintenance.

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Cllr Brian Beale questioned if much waste was going to be transported by the rail line in Southminster, and if so how frequently?

Mike Gull answered – Where the site can transport by rail they will but most will still go by road. Where possible, the site works to co-ordinate traffic movements with other organisations such as the wind farm development.

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Cllr Heather Glynn questioned if Rochford will still be classed as being in the 'danger zone' once in care and maintenance?

Mike Gull stated – by processing and packaging the waste we eliminate the capacity to have an accident which requires us to have an emergency planning zone.

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Beryl Lancaster questioned what would be happening to the site area?

Mike Gull stated the reactors would be clad, the ponds building would be size reduced to ground level and covered with a weatherproof envelope and all offices and other buildings would be demolished or removed.

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It was questioned if the programme was affected by the recent arrival of nesting peregrines?

Patrick Haley answered – The site had employed specialists and they have confirmed the peregrines had nested on R2 reactor.

Instead of stopping work completely the site has focused on R1 reactor. R2 reactor work has been postponed until the summer.

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Cllr Adrian Fluker questioned if the rumours about the RJ Roe tanker leaving site when contaminated were true?

Mike Gull confirmed this was only a rumour, it was a site event but was dealt with in the correct manor and no contaminated equipment left site.

Patrick Haley stated a team were clearing debris. A tanker on site still had water in, but due to it being a bank holiday no one was around to check if it contaminated until the Tuesday.

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David Bragg asked what and why a new discharge line was being put in if the site is decommissioning?

Mike Gull stated there is plant on site that still requires the discharge line; the barrier wall project was currently putting in a smaller pipe to prevent silt build up. Any impurities would stay behind to be disposed of.

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It was questioned what the graphite pots were (shown in the site director presentation) and would they be put into the yellow containers?
Mike Gull answered during operation gas was pumped around the reactors and pots were used to collect any dust. Some of the waste from the pots will be put into yellow boxes. The remaining waste will go to the Low Level Waste Repository.

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Cllr Ian Milligan stated there was concern with the security of the site once in Care and Maintenance.
Mike Gull stated that the site will have to adhere to security standards and the hub team was working with regulators to develop a plan.

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Cllr Brian Beale questioned what was happening to the tritium filters (birlec dryers)?
Mike Gull answered the tritiated resins were being disposed of and would be put into yellow boxes ready for storage.

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It was questioned what was happening on the pilecap and had the charge machines been taken apart?
Mike Gull responded – a lot had been removed and waste is being reduced.

7. THE HUB

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Brian Hughes, Magnox Hub Director, gave a presentation explaining the hub. The hub would be used to manage the security of all 10 sites once in care and maintenance, with Bradwell being the first.
The site would be secured with various different alarms, for security and plant. If an alarm is triggered the hub would be notified immediately to action personnel to carry out correct action.

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It was stated the site would still be licensed during care and maintenance and Magnox will still be responsible for the site. Maintenance will take place and personnel will be on site regularly.
There is already a small hub team developing the plan for care and maintenance, mainly focusing on waste and environmental issues.
Engagement is underway with stakeholders including regulators and the local authorities to develop the plan for care and maintenance.

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Once Brian had finished his presentation, he asked if anyone had any questions:

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Cllr Ian Milligan questioned if someone decided to steal the metal fencing or try to break in, how long would it be for someone to come to site to sort it out, as the hub is unlikely to be based locally?
Brian Hughes stated Magnox will hire a contractor with a defined response time. The security company will have local responders to ensure a quick response.

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Paul Burgess questioned if someone managed to steal the fences, would the site have them fixed straight away or leave it, leaving easier access into the site?

Brian Hughes stated there would be a number of fences around the site. If the outer ones were damaged or stolen the site would have them repaired ASAP as it is just as important to protect the outer fences as well as inner fences.

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It was asked if once the site went into care and maintenance the LCLC would continue to meet?
This is currently under discussion and further information will be presented in the future.

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Paul Burgess questioned if there was a document they could be given regarding the security requirement?
It was stated any information about security could be found on websites of the site's regulators but due to legislation, some information may be restricted.

8. NDA WASTE CONSULTATION

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A slide show was presented by Ben Bridgewater. He explained that Magnox had been asked by NDA to review its strategy for interim storage of intermediate level waste (ILW). This follows a commitment in the NDA Strategy to see what financial, environmental and other benefits there could be from reducing the number of new facilities constructed.

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Bradwell has already constructed an interim storage facility for its waste. Within the last year, the site has started to retrieve, sort, segregate and package that waste. It is also using equipment to dry the waste and reduce volume. This means that there will now be spare capacity in the store compared to the assumed volumes with the building design was agreed

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The NDA has, with the input of some stakeholders, developed a wide list of credible options which have now been published for comment. Some of those options include using the spare capacity in the store at Bradwell to house waste packages from either Dungeness A and/or Sizewell A sites.

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Some LCLC members highlighted that they had been told over the years that Bradwell would not be used to house waste from other sites and also raised concerns over the impact on local roads and transport.

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Brian Main stated that he and Cllr John White had been invited to and attended a two day workshop to develop the credible options. The presentation was very detailed and he was grateful to be involved. His only criticism being, it may have benefitted to have held an LCLC meeting before the conference to gather people's views.

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Ben Bridgewater stated that no decisions had been taken and no preferred options identified. The full list of credible options have been published on the NDA website and at this point, feedback is welcomed to ensure the list is exhaustive before work begins to narrow the list to preferred options.

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Cllr Brian Beale stated the LCLC has worked with the NDA for many years and had always been told once the site was decommissioned Bradwell would not be taking waste from elsewhere. He expressed upset that the NDA had not taken into account the LCLC's views.

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David Edwards assured Cllr Brian Beale this was the first stage of the process and they would be taking everyone's views into account but the NDA do have to also consider all the options and make a balanced decision including factors such as safety, the environment and providing a cost effective solution for the taxpayer. He also assured members that the number of waste packages being considered was in the region of 100 and that this would have no visual impact at the site as they would be housed within a facility that is already there – if that option is taken forward.

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It was questioned why Bradwell was sending waste off-site but it was now being considered for Bradwell to accept waste from other sites? It appears to just be sending waste back and forth.

David Edwards responded that some of Bradwell's fuel element debris has been sent to Dungeness for treatment in an existing facility that was available for use.

Bradwell's own treatment plant is almost built and it will then treat its own waste. This is separate from the interim storage of ILW.

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Brian Main stated at the conference the level of analysis was impressive and highly detailed. It is highly advised to go on the website and read the detail.

Brian Main suggested the LCLC should have a separate meeting arranged to discuss this further.

The LCLC agreed to this.

9. NDA UPDATE

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Public accounts committee carried an update of the NDA.

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The NDA is involved in the ILW review previously covered and also a separate review to consider options for fuel element debris treatment.

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It was questioned if fuel element debris was likely to come to Bradwell?

It was stated Bradwell does not form part of that review.

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The report has been published to the NDA website and can be found on there for people to view.

10. LUNCH

11. ONR REPORT

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No representative from ONR but Brian Main read out highlights from the report and stated that it was available for everyone to view.

12. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA) SITE INSPECTORS REPORT

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The report was given by Karl Littlewood.

He stated Bradwell's permit had been renewed.

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It was stated the EA is an independent regulator and the issues with ILW is dealt with by the NDA. The NDA has discharged Magnox to deliver the programme of ILW. It's

the EA's expectation that Magnox's plans are demonstrated to be acceptable and incorporate the appropriate regulations and environmental benefits.

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Cllr Ian Milligan questioned what the end state of contaminated land at the site would be?

Mike Gull responded by stating plans are currently under development, the team has been looking at a range of options. Once the options had been narrowed down an update of this would be presented.

13. CHAIRMAN'S FEEDBACK

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Brian Main stated he had attended a meeting for the teams bidding to run Magnox. It was stated at the bidders meeting that whoever won would have to hit the ground running to deliver the decommissioning programme across the sites including Bradwell. In particular, Bradwell will be very close to care and maintenance when the new company takes over the running of Magnox.

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Brian Main thanked the NDA for letting himself and Cllr John White speak to the bidders very early on in the process.

14. SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCHEME

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Haf Morris stated the team had been looking at what can be done to support the area and looking closely at bigger projects to help mitigate the effect of the site entering care and maintenance. Currently at the early stages but hopeful the socio-economic scheme can help get them moving forward.

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Nationally, there had been 2,000 applicants this year. You can apply online but you have to meet the criteria.

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Brian Main stated Maldon have a small budget but any help from employers is much appreciated.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Brian Main suggested a meeting could be convened regarding the new build. Cllr Brian Beale stated there had been a loss of interest from the government of building again at Bradwell.

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It was questioned how many people working at Bradwell site were local residents? Mike Gull replied there are currently 800 people working at Bradwell site and around a third of them are local residents.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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It was suggested that the date for the next meeting be set over the coming weeks to fit around the proposed dates for the next stage of engagement on the ILW interim storage review.

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Brian Beale stated he hoped the LCLC would still have another meeting in December to discuss the outcome of the consultation.

The Bradwell Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC) is an independent, local community body acting as a link between Bradwell Site and its neighbours.

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