

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting  
Held at the Eleth/Eilian Rooms on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 3pm.**

**Present:**

A Morris Jones	Chair Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
N Gore	Site Director Magnox North
G Vaughan	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
P Woolmer	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
D Simister	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
L Jones	Magnox North
J Milburn	Magnox North
K Hughes	Magnox North
A Hughes	Magnox North
M Thornton	Magnox North
T Roberts	Magnox North
J I Jones	Magnox North
A Smith	Horizon Nuclear Power
Cllr W T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr J V Owen	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr K P Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council
J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Society
L W Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
J Honey	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
S Roberts	BCUHB – Anglesey Office
S Andrews	Public Health Wales
A Hall	Welsh Water
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
M O'Hara	Retired Wylfa Employee
J Dobson	Local Resident
H V Williams	FUW / UAC
R A Jones	UAC
T Poole	CPRW
Lady Anglesey	
G Reynolds	

**In Attendance:**

H M Hughes	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
C Evans Thau Cymen	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary) Simultaneous Translation

## **1 WELCOME AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2431 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2432 Apologies were received from G M Jones (Mechell Community Council); Ieuan Wyn Jones (AM); J Roberts (previous SSG Chairman); Cllr G W Roberts OBE (Isle of Anglesey Council Amlwch Ward); Cllr W E Rolley and K White (SSG Secretariat). The Chair wanted to send a letter to wish K White well as she has not been very well.

## **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

2433 M Thornton stated that he was not on the list of attendance in the last meeting and asked if he could be included.

## **3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2434 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr K P Hughes; seconded M Thornton.

## **4 TO RECEIVE SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2435 The Site Director's report was sent out with the agenda prior to the meeting.

2436 N Gore informed the group that Wylfa had had a successful period of operation. He also reported that Wylfa had an annual review with the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and concluded that it was a good meeting with only a few minor issues.

2437 N Gore explained that final approval was granted by the NII to commence damaged fuel recovery from Dry Store Cell 4 (DSC4) on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and as of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 12 out of the 19 elements have been safely removed. The remaining 7 elements require additional tooling as they are more difficult to remove, and once the design of the tool has been finalised a safety case will be submitted to the NII.

2438 N Gore briefly explained to the group the contents of the Site Director's Report which included the completion and improving of the Active Effluent Treatment Plant; the 143 organisations that attended the successful North Wales Supply Chain 'Meet the Buyer' Event at the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon; and also the key site activities over the next 3 months.

2439 N Gore added that Wylfa maintained an excellent safety performance throughout the period with no regulatory, non-compliances or reportable events. Wylfa were significantly ahead of target with 5.48TWh generated as of 31.01.10 against a target of 4.59TWh. He also wanted to thank G Vaughan and the NDA for funding towards new projects.

- 2440 N Gore informed the group that Mark Owen Jones was awarded the Nuclear Apprentice of the year.  
He added that due to recent retirement there would be 19 new shift employees.
- 2441 N Gore mentioned that both ITV Wales and the BBC Politics Show recently filmed on site.
- 2442 N Gore stated that the Department of Energy and Climate Change conducted a draft nomination for new build sites which concluded on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. The final 6 nominations will be communicated later in 2010.
- 2443 N Gore listed the funding given by NDA for socio-economic projects, that is, 1.2m - European funding, 2.5m - 'Shaping the Future' and 1.5m - Energy & Fabrication Centre at Llangefni.
- 2444 T Conway asked if there was any fire risk in DSC4. N Gore explained that fire risks were being addressed with a safety case agreed by the NII.
- 2445 R A Jones asked if Wylfa had found a problem with the initial assessment of the elements. N Gore explained that the elements were corroding as water had leaked into the dry store cell, where they were kept, and they needed to recover these corroded elements in a safe way. He added that the work was now completed apart from the removal of the last 7 elements out of the 19. R A Jones asked how long would it take for the last 7 elements to be removed. N Gore replied that he did not want to give a definitive date but it could maybe take months.
- 2446 R A Jones asked if December 2012 is the absolute final date for the closure of Wylfa if safety case is successful in 2010. N Gore stated that the planning assumption has changed from 2010 to 2012. He explained that if Wylfa were to close it would depend on the performance of the MOP (Magnox Operating Plan); it could potentially be longer than 2012 if there are no problems with the MOP. However, if problems were to occur with the MOP, Wylfa could be shut before 2012. He added that there are 3 different Site Licence Companies (SLC) covered within MOP.
- 2447 Lady Anglesey enquired how Wylfa would know if a part of the process within the MOP went wrong. N Gore replied that all involved with the MOP know their significance in the process and what they needed to do if any problem occurred.
- 2448 Cllr K P Hughes asked what the effect would be on the area regarding the work that will take place and are there any plans regarding the transport that will be passing several local areas. J Milburn explained that there was an Environmental Management Plan in place that looked at the movements of traffic. Proposed measures will be in place i.e. what will be the best route, washing of the lorry wheels and so on.
- 2449 J H Jones wanted to thank the NDA for the money that had been allocated.
- 2450 A Smith informed the group that Horizon were working closely with Magnox and that they had conducted studies with regard to traffic and had carried out another study with

heavy load prior to the meeting. They had identified Llanfachraeth as a place that needs addressing and wanted to thank the members and acknowledged their concerns.

## **5 TO RECEIVE THE SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

2451 A M Jones gave a brief overview of the SSG Chairman's Report.

2452 A M Jones emphasised the importance of the Valley to Cardiff air link with regard to the new build. He also wanted to show his appreciation to the NDA regarding the money allocated to the Energy and Fabrication Centre in Coleg Menai, Llangefni.

## **6 UPDATE FROM WYLFA SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP**

2453 A copy of the newsletter had been distributed in the meeting. J Jones explained that the guidelines for funding have been developed and that figures were stated in the newsletter and what grants are available.

## **7 UPDATE FROM WYLFA WASTE SUB GROUP**

2454 A M Jones explained that M Thornton had a presentation on Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) in the meeting.

## **8 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

2455 G Vaughan gave a brief overview of the NDA update.

2456 G Vaughan informed the group that the first of two Dounreay industry events has been held in Caithness as part of the competition process to secure a new Parent Body Organisation for the site. He added that the safety record at Wylfa has been excellent and wanted to congratulate Wylfa on receiving the British Safety Council 5 Star Award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, which recognises a keen focus on safety.

2457 R A Jones asked about the effect of accelerating decommissioning at Trawsfynydd. G Vaughan explained that it is a challenging programme and currently the date for decommissioning is set to 2014. With a 7 year acceleration and to fulfil all requirements such as care and maintenance, the height reduction programme would be delayed for 3 years and the hazard reduction programme would be sooner.

## **9 HM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

2458 A copy of the report was sent out prior to the meeting. D Simister gave a brief overview of the report that was written for Quarter 4 of 2009.

2459 D Simister explained that there were 3 components to extending generation. These were; the re-evaluation of safety cases where there was an assumption that the extension will go on for another 4 years; the NII needed to be confident about the MOP and that Wylfa can

deliver and looking at the safety issues with extended generation i.e. are there enough employees to carry out the work and so on.

2460 D Simister informed the group that changes had been proposed with regard to the regulatory agency/organisation to make it more user/business friendly.

2461 J H Jones expressed concern with the reform process and the ability of the NII to regulate within bigger schemes. D Simister stated that operational safety is the key issue for NII and that they are being more proactive with technical support agencies regarding regulatory affairs. The NII are also looking at options for support.

2462 T Conway asked if the NII employed consultants and asked how much it cost. D Simister explained that they do employ and consultants and that the costs are allocated to the regulatory charges. He emphasised that the NII were more concerned with looking at individuals' expertise within the field. G Vaughan added that that there is strict tendering and procurement process.

## **10 WYLFA AND THE UK INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE (ILW) STRATEGY**

2463 M Thornton gave a presentation on Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) Strategy and where Wylfa is situated within the National Nuclear Strategy.

2464 J A Jones asked why discuss the ILW now if it has been generating for so many years. M Thornton explained that the desiccant is used to dry the moisture from the reactor and is stored on site in a safe location. Wylfa would like to use the alternative strategy instead of the current one.

2465 Lady Anglesey asked if the information was in a document and would like to have the document for reference for future meetings. Lady Anglesey also asked if this was the best option. M Thornton explained that it was still going through the permission process with the NII. G Vaughan also added that Trawsfynydd have been recovering ILW for many years and that technology is changing. M Thornton also explained that Germany believe that this is the best option and that the containers have been manufactured in Germany.

2466 A M Jones reassured Lady Anglesey that the presentation will be attached to the minutes.

2467 J Jones also explained that there is a Waste Sub Group within the SSG looking at these issues. A M Jones thanked M Thornton for the presentation.

## **11 OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

2468 T Conway asked regarding the new build if someone could report back with the EDF design and Westing House design. A M Jones explained that this was not in the remit of the SSG and could not answer questions on those type of issues. A Smith added that there was a process and forum that deals with those kind of issues with G Vaughan further adding that there was also a website.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

2469 No other business to be discussed.

**13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

2470 The next meeting will be in June 2010 with the date to be confirmed in due course.

2471 The meeting closed at 4:30pm.