

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on Thursday 5 September 2013  
in Eleth and Eilian Rooms**

**Present:**

Mr Stuart Law	Site Director Magnox Wylfa
Ms A Kentish	Magnox Communications Manager – Wylfa/Maentwrog/Traws
Mrs Karin White	Magnox Wylfa
M W Elsworth	HP&C Magnox
Mr Mark Thornton	Waste Manager, Wylfa Site
Mrs C Williams	SJC Representative, Wylfa Site
Mr M Saunderson	SJC Representative, Wylfa Site
Dr T Davenport	Site Inspectorate (ONR), Health & Safety Executive
V Malachanne	ONR
C MacLean	ONR – EIADR
Mr M O’Hara	Member of the SSG Waste Sub Group
Mr Glenn Vaughan	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr R Foxhall	Horizon Nuclear Power
Cllr J Griffith	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr K P Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr Aled M Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward – SSG Chair
Cllr Richard Owain Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr William T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr A Rowlands	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Seiriol Ward
T G Jones	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Val Roberts	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr W E Rowley	Cylch-y-Garn Community Council
Cllr E Davies	Cylch-y-Garn Community Council
Cllr Elfed Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr J Dobson	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr R Hughes	Mechell Community Council
Cllr J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
Mr Rhun ap Iorwerth	Assembly Member for Anglesey
Mr R A Jones	Farmers Union of Wales
Mr Dewi Lloyd	Economic Development Unit – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mr H Jordan	Federation of Small Businesses, Glan Rhos Garage
Ms Gemma Roberts	Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water
N Parton	UK Nuclear Restoration
Mrs Ann Llwyd	Cymen – Simultaneous Translation
Miss Elen Williams	Cymen – Minute Taking

## Apologies:

Mr D Clarke	ONR Civil Nuclear Security
Mr T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
PC Louise Evans	North Wales Police
Mr A Hall	Welsh Water
Mr Peter Harrup	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mrs Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Miss L Jones	Energy Island Project
Mr Richard Parry Jones	Interim Chief Executive – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mr Dylan Williams	Economic Development Unit – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mr P Kennedy	Food Standards Agency
Mr T Poole	CPRW
Mr Gordon Malcolm	Magnox Ltd
Ms Michelle Humphreys	Magnox Ltd
Dr J I Jones	Magnox Ltd
Mrs J Milburn	Magnox Ltd
Mr N Monckton	Magnox Ltd
Mrs S Postans	Magnox Ltd
Ms M Wymer	Bodorgan Trust Company Ltd
Mr S Roberts	Local Resident
Mr G Warren	Bull Bay Resident
Mr J C Jones	National Farmers Union
Cllr LI M Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr G W Roberts	Amlwch Town Council – SSG Vice Chair
Mrs G Jones	Merched y Wawr
Mr Alan Smith	Horizon Nuclear Power

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and received the apologies above. He extended a special welcome to Dewi Lloyd (Economic Development Unit – Isle of Anglesey County Council), Neil Parton (UK Nuclear Restoration), Glenn Vaughan (NDA), the newly elected Cllr Alwyn Rowlands (Isle of Anglesey County Council), and Rhun ap Iorwerth, the new Assembly Member for Anglesey.

The Chairman went on to inform the meeting that he would be handing the reins over to the Site Director, Stuart Law, to carry out the elections for Chair and Vice Chair, before proceeding with the rest of the agenda.

S Law confirmed details regarding who was allowed to vote and who the nominees were. The nominations for Chair were Aled Morris Jones and Jac H Jones, and following the voting procedure, by means of a show of hands, Aled Morris Jones was re-elected as Chair

S Law proceeded to elect a Vice Chair. There were three nominations – Gareth Winston Roberts, John Griffith and Julia Dobson.

After a process of protracted ballots Gareth Winston Roberts was re-elected as Vice chair by the Chairs' casting vote.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2013**

The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr William Hughes and seconded by Cllr Jac Jones.

## **3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. To Elect a Chair and Vice Chair**

(Item moved to the beginning of the agenda).

## **5. Site Director's Report**

Generation had been excellent to date, and Wylfa was at present exceeding its targets. S Law stated that he had been happy with the fuel movements, as the Inter Reactor Transfer of fuel continues as planned. There had been no notable incidents.

Work was currently taking place on the pile cap roof replacement project, which was very weather dependent.

Verification of Dry Store Cell 4 had been completed at the end of July, and there were six remaining irradiated fuel elements in the cell. A strategy was now being developed to recover this fuel, which is likely to have been missed at the start a good many years ago.

The Facilities Management Company had changed, and since 1 July 2013 Interserve had been providing site support services such as domestic and industrial cleaning services, distribution and cleaning of active and non-active workwear and maintenance of all external ground areas.

With regards to site operations, up to 27 July 2013, Wylfa had generated 1.217TWhrs this financial year

Fifteen spent fuel flasks had been sent from Wylfa to Sellafield for reprocessing so far during the financial year.

Proposals for proceeding with site generation to the end of 2015 had been presented and had received support.

One individual had injured himself on site, having crushed the bottom end of his finger when it became trapped between flooring gratings in the carbon dioxide plant. He had been taken to hospital and following treatment he had returned to work on his next scheduled day.

S Law reminded the group about an incident last December, in which an individual had fallen from a transporter. He wished to inform everyone that the individual had made a full recovery and was back at work. Since then work had been undertaken to modify the transporters, and the ladders have been replaced with steps. As well as this, ladders had been inspected across the site.

In Maentwrog, major turbine and generator work had been undertaken on turbine one. The second turbine will be inspected next year.

A number of events had been held to raise money for charity, including the Great Strait Raft Run, in which a total of £1,800 had been raised for Hope House and Moelfre RNLI.

S Law wished to mention a maintenance schedule breach that had occurred. He explained that they had a schedule which had to be met. Somebody had included an item on the schedule that was not meant to be there. The item hadn't been addressed – but because it was on the schedule, it was considered something that had to be done. This had been noted.

## **Questions**

Mr R A Jones enquired, with regards to the fuel elements in Dry Store Cell 4, how long had they been there without anyone knowing. S Law estimated about eight to ten years. Mr R A Jones enquired further where these fuel elements should have been, and hadn't their loss been noticed. S Law replied that they should have been placed in a flask to go to Sellafield. Mr R A Jones enquired whether Sellafield undertakes checks. S Law explained that once in the transport flask, counting is difficult as the elements are stacked in a skip. At Sellafield, when they are removed from the flask, it is the entire skip that is placed in the storage pond. The inventory of fuel is only checked when it is subsequently prepared for reprocessing. Mr R A Jones felt that this showed a lack of care with regards to handling nuclear waste. Mr R A Jones enquired what was the latest situation with regards to the damaged fuel. S Law explained none of them were damaged – there were 19 damaged fuel elements in cell 4, which had been removed. There was one small part, but this was regarded as intermediate level waste. Mr R A Jones enquired when the six elements would be moved, to which S Law replied that a plan would be put in place and the control system would have to be replaced, so it could be around two years. Mr R A Jones enquired further about Dry Store Cell 5. S Law replied that this was completely empty and had no fuel elements in it. They were proposing to bring it back into service in the future during the de-fuelling process, but they weren't going to put any fuel into it until then, and that would be subject to the regulator's approval as well.

## **6. SSG Chairman's Report**

The Chair referred the group to his written report which outlined the duties and activities he had undertaken since the previous meeting.

He had attended a meeting in Manchester on Tuesday, where the bidding companies – Reactor Site Solutions (Bechtel, EnergySolutions); Babcock Fluor; CAS Restoration Partnership (CH2M Hill, Areva, Serco); and UK Nuclear Restoration Ltd (AMEC/Atkins) – had

given a presentation. The winner would be declared next March, and there would be further engagement after that.

He also thanked the Group for re-electing him as Chair, and maintained how important it is to lobby the NDA's fund, for the benefit of the local area.

## **7. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority update**

Mr Glen Vaughan gave the report on behalf of Peter Harrup.

The NDA had shared with the Department of Energy and Climate Change the conclusions of the work they had done recently regarding the management of the UK's separated plutonium stocks. DECC is currently considering the conclusions and it is expected that further information can be provided in the autumn.

The Annual Report and Accounts had been published, revealing that crucial milestones had been achieved in the clean-up of the UK's nuclear legacy last year.

The NDA had updated plans giving details of the opportunities for stakeholders to express views on strategic issues. Stakeholders can comment on credible and preferred options papers or have input via strategic consultations.

Sizewell are half way towards a defuelling milestone. More than half of the 52,945 fuel elements have now been removed from Sizewell A's twin reactors, with complete defuelling expected by September 2014.

The Government has issued a "Call for Evidence" to gather views on the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely site selection process – the responses will inform a consultation planned for the autumn.

The NDA had completed its study of options for the storage of Intermediate Level Waste in central and southern Scotland, concluding that there would be benefits in storing Hunterston B waste at Hunterston A's store.

Site visits and information gathering work were continuing for bidding consortia taking part in the £7 billion competition for ownership of the Magnox RSRL SLCs. The preferred bidder would be announced in 2014.

### **Questions**

Mr R A Jones enquired where the fuel from Sizewell goes to, and does that take priority over fuel from Wylfa. Mr Glen Vaughan explained that it goes to Sellafield, to the reprocessing plant, and that Sizewell was being prioritized to a greater extent at the moment. However he added that the defuelling work in Sizewell was due to be completed in September 2015 S Law added, in terms of the actual management, there is a milestone for the remaining fuel from Sizewell. However, if it became apparent that this would affect Wylfa's generation, things would be re-prioritised. Mr R A Jones enquired would Dry Store Cell 5 be re-used, and S Law replied not during the operational phase, only when defuelling.

## **8. Office for Nuclear Regulation Update**

For the benefit of new members and as a reminder for everyone, Dr Tom Davenport explained that the ONR's role in this group was to respond to questions. He wished to clarify that the ONR is described as an observer, not a member, in the group's Terms of Reference.

He informed the group that he would be happy to take any questions regarding the prepared report.

Mr R A Jones enquired whether they were observers on the site, and whether they were able to enforce things on site. Dr Tom Davenport replied that, when on site, he is a regulator, even though that work does involve observing as well. He explained that ONR is a complex organisation, and that he carries out inspections to make sure everything is done safely.

Mr R A Jones mentioned that it appeared the Inspector wasn't happy with standards in the October 2012 report. Dr Tom Davenport replied that he wasn't the site inspector at that time, and therefore he wasn't able to comment. However, he was more than happy to look into the matter. Mr R A Jones felt that people were moving around all the time, and different people may have a different outlook on different things. Dr Tom Davenport explained that it's important to remember that all inspectors receive the same training, and that it is actually routine to move inspectors around every three years or so, as this ensures they don't get too familiar with a particular site.

Cllr Jac Jones stated that he had expressed concern in the previous meeting that there was no representative from ONR present, as noted in the minutes. He was very glad to see a representative present and to confirm the minutes. The Chairman wished for it to be noted that, to be fair, an ONR representative is usually present at these meetings.

## **9. Update from the Wylfa SSG Waste Sub-group**

Mr M Thornton gave an update on behalf of the Waste Sub-group. He had one important update concerning a threat to the on-site incinerator due to a change in policy by the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency was proposing to reduce the emissions limits for the incinerator in line with the European Industrial Emissions directive. The options available as a result were either to upgrade the incinerator or use the supply chain.

Following a Value Management Workshop, it was decided if the Environment Agency was to go ahead with their plans, then the supply chain would be used, as the business risks associated with upgrading the incinerator would be too great.

In all probability the Environment Agency will go ahead with these changes, and they will probably come into force January 2014 at the earliest, up to mid 2015.

## **Questions**

Mr R A Jones enquired how reliable outside contractors were. Mr M Thornton replied that they were getting more reliable, and this was becoming more apparent the more they worked

with them. He felt the capability of the supply chain was getting much better, and indicated that a new incinerator for this purpose would become available in the Ellesmere Port area, in the future.

## **10. Socio Economic Scheme Update**

A socio economic update had been issued with the pre-meeting pack. The Chair noted that Michelle Humphreys was on annual leave, and she would be able to answer any questions after returning. In the meantime, he reminded the meeting about the portal on the web that is used to access these grants. He encouraged communities and societies to take advantage of the available funds.

## **11. Open Forum and Question and Answer Session**

Claire MacLean from the ONR EIADR team gave a short presentation. She explained that when a power station wants to decommission, it has to have consent to do so by the ONR. To obtain consent, the power station has to submit an environmental statement, which is considered by ONR during an extensive public consultation.

ONR's consultation came to an end in August, and they were at present forming an opinion. However she wished to inform the meeting that the majority of comments received were concerned with ecology, traffic and transport, tourism, language etc, but nothing major had been noted.

They hoped to provide consent to decommission very soon, and the documents would be available for people to see at that time.

## **12. Any Other Business**

The Chair invited Rhun ap Iorwerth, the Assembly Member for Anglesey to say a word or two.

Rhun ap Iorwerth thanked everyone for the welcome. During the electoral campaign, Wylfa was certainly a popular talking point – Wylfa B in particular, and he wanted to make it perfectly clear that he was supportive of economic opportunities in Anglesey. He stated that the SSG has played an important part in the relationship between Wylfa and the people, and it is important that this body remains strong. He thanked S Law for the welcome, and hoped they would be able to work very closely to make sure Wylfa carries on doing its work for the future.

## **13. Future Meetings in 2013**

The Chairman noted the date of the next meeting – ~~12th December 2013~~. \* 23 January 2014  
The meeting came to an end at 4.10pm.

**\* Post Meeting Note: the SSG chair will be meeting up with the Magnox Executive Team on the 12 December 2013 - the next SSG meeting will be on Thursday 23 January 2014 (15:00hrs start in the Eleth/Eilian Rooms)**