



Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2011 at 3pm in the Eleth and Eilian Rooms (Learning and Development Centre, Wylfa)

Present:

A M Jones (Chair)	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Llaneilian
N Gore	Site Director, Wylfa
K White	Magnox Ltd
L Jones	Magnox Ltd
T Roberts	Magnox Ltd
M Thornton	Magnox Ltd
C Loveday	Horizon
L Flexman	Horizon
D Ellis	Horizon
A Smith	Horizon
K Anderson	NDA Stakeholder Engagement Manager
R Dutton	Magnox Ltd Decommissioning Programme Manager
Cllr T Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Mechell
Cllr J V Owen	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Parc a'r Mynydd
Cllr W T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Llanbadrig Ward
Cllr K P Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Llanfaethlu Ward
Cllr G W Roberts OBE	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Amlwch Rural
Cllr B Owen	Isle of Anglesey County Council - Leader
G Roberts	Mechell Community Council
J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
V Roberts	Amlwch Town Council
Sgt H Townsend	CNC Police
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
A Hall	Welsh Water
J Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
S Andrews	Public Health Wales

In Attendance:

H M Hughes Cymen	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary) Simultaneous Translation
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1 WELCOME AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2673 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. A M Jones wanted to extend a warm welcome to Cllr Bryan Owen, the new Leader of the Isle of Anglesey County Council who had previously been the Economic Portfolio Holder and also developed the Energy Island concept. A M Jones also welcomed Kelly Anderson, the NDA Stakeholder Engagement Manager.

2674 Apologies were received from Dr L Davies (Office of Nuclear Regulators, formerly the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate); Dr J I Jones (Magnox Ltd); J Milburn (Magnox Ltd); B Williams (Magnox Ltd); L Jones (Isle of Anglesey County Council - Energy Island); M Wymer (Bodorgan Estates Ltd); M Boyce (Welsh Assembly Government Fisheries Unit); P Kennedy (Food Standards Agency); Cdr

Alexander (Country Land and Business Association); H Dean (CNC Police); J C Jones (NFU); R Parry Jones (Isle of Anglesey County Council – Interim Chief Executive); T Poole (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales); T Hughes (Llanbadrig Community Council); Cllr D Jones (Isle of Anglesey County Council – Amlwch Port Ward) H Williams, FUW.

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th MARCH 2011

2675 The minutes of 10th March 2011 were proposed by J H Jones and seconded by Cllr J V Owen.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2676 No matters arising from previous minutes.

4 TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

2677 A M Jones explained the procedure for voting and who the representatives allowed to vote were within the stakeholder group:

Community Councils and Town Council

- Llanbadrig Community Council – 2 votes
- Mechell Community Council – 2 votes
- Cylch y Garn Community Council – 2 votes
- Amlwch Town Council – 1 vote

Anglesey County Councils – Local members

- Amlwch Rural – 1 vote
- Llanbadrig – 1 vote
- Mechell – 1 vote
- Llanfaethlu – 1 vote

Anglesey County Council

- Cllr J V Owen
- Cllr R D Jones
- Cllr A M Jones

Wylfa Trade Union Representatives from the Site Joint Council (SJC)

- T Roberts
- C Williams

2678 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair was done with a show of hands from the voting members of the group:

Chairman – Cllr A M Jones was re-elected as Chairman for the next two years

Vice-Chairman – Cllr G W Roberts OBE was elected to be Vice-Chairman for the next two years.

2679 Cllr A M Jones thanked J H Jones for his hard work during his time as Vice-Chairman for the Wylfa SSG and welcomed Cllr G W Roberts OBE as the new Vice-Chairman. J H Jones thanked the members for their support whilst he was Vice-Chairman. Cllr G W Roberts OBE thanked the members for their support and that he was looking forward to working with the SSG Chairman.

2680 N Gore stated that there was a good working relationship with A M Jones and J H Jones and he was looking forward to working with Cllr A M Jones and Cllr G W Roberts OBE in the future.

5 TO RECEIVE THE SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2681 A copy of the Site Director's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. N Gore gave an overview of the report.

2682 N Gore stated that Wylfa had won a President's 10 Consecutive Golds Award in the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2011 and also a 5 star rating from the British Safety Council. He was pleased that Wylfa had received recognition from two external independent bodies for their safety practices

- 2683 With regard to paragraph 4 in the Site Director's Report under 'key achievements', due to legal significance, N Gore stated that the word '*notification*' should have been '*email received*'.
- 2684 Magnox South and Magnox North have reintegrated into one company called Magnox Ltd.
- 2685 N Gore gave an update on the events in Japan, Germany has closed 7 of its nuclear sites. Due to this event, questions have been asked regarding Wylfa. He stated that Japan sits on a tectonic plate which is why the earthquake had a devastating effect there, however, geologically, should an earthquake or Tsunami occur, the effects would have dissolved before reaching Wylfa. He also added that Wylfa is designed to withstand over and above the safety margin.
- The Magnox Board had visited the site recently to look at minimum safety related plant (the backup safety systems) and they were very happy with the results. The board made a decision that Wylfa and Oldbury power stations would continue to operate as normal.
- 2686 He added that following the publication of the interim report 'Japanese earthquake and Tsunami: Implications for the UK Nuclear Industry' which had been published by the Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr. Mike Weightman, the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) had produced a series of questions to which Wylfa had a timescale for responding. He explained that Wylfa had been given their third set of questions and that up to now, it was going very well.
- Preparations are taking place for the forthcoming Reactor 1 Outage. Following some slips trips and falls on site at the beginning of the year, plant areas have been inspected and improvements made.
- Due to the unavailability of a Diesel Generator an Operating Rule had been breached, with an investigation having taken place
- 2687 A M Jones thanked N Gore for the report and wished him and the staff of Wylfa well for putting the safety case together to extend generation beyond December 2012.
- 2688 T Conway was concerned that the initial Weightman report had not mentioned that the nearest tectonic plate is in Iceland - not the Azores - and that the University of London's Studies Department has researched the fault at Le palma which, in the event of a Tsunami it would affect Wylfa and the Bristol Channel. N Gore explained that Wylfa's position is clear and that safety cases are in place to cover seismic events .
- 2689 T Conway asked if this issue could be directed back to M Weightman. N Gore explained that comments would be fed back to Dr L Davies, ONR.
- 2690 Cllr K Hughes stated that he was reassured that Wylfa were able to cope should a seismic event happen. He asked if Wylfa would be able to cope should something fall from the sky. N Gore explained that for security reasons he could not divulge too much detail; however there was a safety case in place to cover impact from the sky such as a terrorist attack
- 2691 J H Jones stated that the Weightman report was very interesting as it points out events that were more likely to occur, i.e. the event in December when the station's water supply was lost; and resilience of infrastructures i.e. a pylon falling. He expressed disappointment that no representative from the ONR was at the meeting as certain points deserved to be discussed in more detail.
- 2692 A M Jones explained that the final Weightman report will be published in September, therefore the SSG in December can be set as a meeting to discuss the report. He added that following a recent visit to site, it was clearly visible that physical security has been increased at Wylfa.

2693 N Gore stated that J H Jones made some valid points as the Weightman report is about covering a combination of events. He explained that he could develop a presentation regarding safety cases and actions specifically designated to Wylfa should the members agree, to which A M Jones and the members replied that the presentation would be of benefit this is to be arranged for the next meeting on the 8th September 2011.

2694 Cllr T Jones asked whether the Operating Rule breach was due to the Diesel Generator not working or was it not available for some other reason. N Gore explained that there are three Diesel Generators at Wylfa, of which two must be available at all times. There is a window of 72 hours when we are allowed to take one of these out of service but we must declare that we are then in a Reactor Urgent Maintenance State (RUMS) if the work exceeds 72 hours then both Reactors must be shut down. The generator in question was out of service for 8 hours but we did not declare that we were in the state of RUMS.

2695 N Gore went on to update members on the Wylfa Lifetime Plan. Wylfa was due to shut down in December 2010 and a case had been put forward and approved by the ONR (formerly the NII) for extended generation until December 2012. He explained that the December 2012 date had been driven by Sellafield reprocessing the fuel taking up to three years, which would then take Wylfa's defueling phase to 2015. As Sellafield have encountered a delay in reprocessing the fuel and Wylfa has a Safety Case valid until September 2014, there is an opportunity to extended generation until 2014. N Gore explained that there was not enough new fuel to take Wylfa up to September 2014. There is an assumption that Wylfa will go ahead and the plan is to shut Reactor 2 down in March / April 2012 and use a combination of the unused fuel in Reactor 2 and the new fuel will be put into Reactor 1. An advantage of this is that full employment will continue until September 2014. This also means that the time gap between Wylfa and the possible new nuclear build will be less than originally planned. N Gore explained that this plan has not had permission from the regulators but hopefully they can put a case together for the extended generation.

6 TO RECEIVE THE SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2696 A copy of the Chair's report was circulated prior to the meeting. AM Jones gave an overview of the meetings he had attended on behalf of the group. He also explained that part of his role as Chairman of the SSG was to lobby on behalf of the community of Anglesey. He stated that the station has been of benefit to the Island and hopefully the job skills at Wylfa will be transferred successfully to the new nuclear build.

2697 There were no questions with regard to the Chairman's report.

7 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE

2698 A copy of the NDA monthly report was sent out prior to the meeting.

2699 K Anderson explained that the latest NDA Business Plan and the NDA Strategy has been published.

2700 K Anderson gave an update on the socio-economic delivery model:

- The 2011/12 NDA budget for socio-economic / supply chain development / skills is £21 million.
- The NDA will retain a central budget in order to provide match-funding for strategic, transformational socio-economic projects, however the NDA will increasingly hold their SLC contractors to account for the delivery of socio-economic support.
- Magnox Ltd is currently undertaking an assessment of the socio-economic impact of its work programme across the 10 Magnox sites (impact report due at the end of June). This will form the basis of a socio-economic development plan in late September, setting out the SLC's priorities for support across the 10 sites.
- Subject to delivery of an acceptable plan, NDA will give Magnox additional socio-economic funding from the NDA's central budget to allow Magnox to take on a bigger role in the delivery of socio-economic support.

- In the future, applications will be submitted to Magnox in the first instance; larger transformational projects that meet NDA funding criteria will be submitted by Magnox to the NDA for consideration.
- The Socio Economic Panel and Committee have been dissolved. Applications are now approved by Jon Phillips (up to £500k) or by Tony Fountain and Government (over £500k). The NDA are currently in discussions with DECC about potentially removing the need to go to the Government for approval.
- The NDA believe this will deliver significant improvements and a more efficient approvals process, for example by reducing bureaucracy. These developments will not significantly affect the NDA's Socio Economic Policy.

2701 K Anderson explained that the NDA had reviewed their National Engagement Plan in March 2010 and after 5 years; they needed to consider whether or not the arrangements for working with stakeholders remained "fit for purpose". Following the review, the NDA revised their approach to planning and delivering stakeholder engagement. For ease of use the National Engagement Plan has been split into different sections reflecting the strategic themes used in the NDA's Strategy document and on the website. The key events are now in pictorial format rather than word and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

2702 K Anderson explained that she would send a web link of the National Engagement Plan to K White and if anyone has any questions she would be happy to receive them by email as the NDA would welcome stakeholder feedback.

2703 Cllr T Jones asked for an explanation of what research is conducted in the Dalton Cumbria facility and how this location would benefit from the facility. K Anderson explained that the facility was for transformational projects. A M Jones added that he believed Dr J I Jones was looking at this facility as part of the Energy Island project. Cllr T Jones asked if there was a possibility he could receive the web link for this facility. K Anderson will provide this via the secretariat.

8 OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR REGULATION UPDATE

2704 A M Jones explained that Dr L Davies could not attend due to family commitments and sends his apologies. Should any questions arise, A M Jones explained that he would be willing to pass them on to Dr L Davies.

9 UPDATE FROM WYLFA SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUG-GROUP

2705 A M Jones explained that the group had not met since the last SSG meeting as no new applications for socio economic funding had been received.

10 UPDATE FROM WYLFA WASTE SUB-GROUP

2706 A M Jones welcomed R Dutton and M Thornton.

2707 M Thornton explained that the group had met on the 17th May 2011. The key points that were discussed were:

2708 Organisational changes within Waste and Ops Support management Group following the amalgamation of Magnox North and Magnox South into Magnox Ltd and that everyone within waste and Ops Support Management Group had been re-appointed to their current roles and that everything was in place for going forward.

2709 Site Decommissioning Strategy – Richard Dutton the Wylfa Decommissioning Programme Manager gave an update to Waste sub group members on the work being done towards Decommissioning – it was requested that this be cascaded to SSG members (Mr Dutton will brief SSG members directly after this agenda item)

- 2710 Characterisation update – members of the Waste Sub Group will be involved in the Strategic Optioneering Study for Oily Wastes later on in the year
- 2711 Update on the waste incinerator emissions breach and the investigations that were taking place to determine the cause. M Thornton explained that there was no indication of the cause of the event; he stated that work was being undertaken to improve the analysis protocol for materials.
- 2712 Waste sub group members were advised that the NDA Strategy was now available on the NDA website.
- 2713 T Conway asked what the heavy metal was, to which M Thornton replied that it was Lead and Mercury.
- 2714 Alan Smith of Horizon Nuclear Power asked what changes had taken place to the NDA Strategy document during the transition from draft to final version M Thornton explained that the document format had changed slightly, however there were no major changes to the content. K Anderson added that the review comments and a listing of changes are available on the NDA website.
- 2715 R Dutton introduced himself as the Wylfa Decommissioning Programme Manager and briefed SSG members on the work done in the past in preparation for decommissioning .
- 2716 A technical baseline for decommissioning was already in place and uploaded into the lifetime plan (LTP) which had recently been revised following the announcement of extending generation to December 2012. Even though there is an element of float in the plan, he was now looking at how to underpin the LTP should a further extension be given to generate until September 2014.
- 2717 The previous business plan showed incremental progress being made across the whole Magnox fleet on a 'broad front' approach. The new business plan now reflects a new 'optimised' approach with a more efficient use of resources and better optimised plan which has a major benefit in reducing the overall costs of decommissioning. Magnox will be looked upon as a whole fleet and what would be the best way of operating and decommissioning at the same time.
- 2718 During the next 12 months Richard explained that he will be developing the following two documents for Magnox:
- Decommissioning Strategy Document which will look at two areas i.e. Accelerated Decommissioning and Interim Care and Maintenance
 - A Care and Maintenance Entry Point Definition Document

A M Jones thanked Richard Dutton for his update - there were no questions from members

11 OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

2719 No questions were asked.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2720 No other business to be discussed.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

2721 The date for the next meeting will be 8th September 2011.

2722 A M Jones thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 4pm.

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