

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP HELD AT THE CONFERENCE AND INDUCTION CENTRE ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014 AT 11:00 AM

Present

Cllr J. Isgoed Williams

Chairman

Magnox

Mr Peter Burns

Trawsfynydd Site Director

Mr Allan Thomas

Magnox

Mr Kevin Titley

Magnox

Mr Ian Edwards

Magnox

Mrs Zoe Young

Magnox

Mr Richard Cowell

Magnox

Mrs Lowri Joyce

Magnox

Mr Mel Jones

Magnox

Maentwrog Site

Mr Eifion Lewis

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

Mr Peter Woolmer

Mr David Edwards

Office for Nuclear Regulation

Mr Daniel Gregory

Unions

Mr Paul Richardson

Prospect

Mr Raymond Parry

Unite

Member of Parliament

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Horizon Nuclear Power

Mr Richard Foxhall

Natural Resources Wales

Mr Paul Wright

Gwynedd Council

Cllr Tom Ellis

Town and Community Councils

Cllr John Llewelyn Richards

Talsarnau Community Council

Cllr Paul Thomas

Ffestiniog Town Council

Cllr Meredydd Williams

Maentwrog Community Council

Snowdonia National Park Authority

Mr Keith O'Brien

Community Groups and Organisations

Mr Gwyn Lewis

Prysor Angling

Ms Gwen Pettifor

Womens Institute

Mr Idwal Williams

Traws Newid

Cavendish-Fluor Partnership

Mr Martin Moore

Translation

Mr Gwynfor Owen Cymen

Minutes Clerk

Mr Glyn E. Roberts Cymen

Apologies for absence

Ms Michelle Humphreys	Magnox
Ms Amanda Tucker	Emergency Preparedness Engineer Trawsfynydd
Ms Shirley Hughes	Gwynedd Council
Ms Jennie Morris	
Ms Sonia Thompson	Ambulance Service
Ms Jean Powell Jones	
Cllr Caerwyn Roberts	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Dr Iolo ap Gwyn	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Mr Jonathan Cawley	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Mr David Jarrett	Farmers Union Wales

On arrival, everyone was asked to fill in the attendance sheet and take an Information Pack containing the reports listed below. On the whole the speakers followed the principle that they would not read through and refer to all the points contained in their reports but would focus on specific issues within them to highlight points of specific importance and interest. The following minutes therefore are a record of those points.

The Chairman responded to a request by Cllr. Meredydd Williams at the beginning of the meeting by asking everyone to state their name before speaking so that the minutes clerk could record the names. Where the name was not given by the speaker the minutes record NNB (Name Not Given)

List of the enclosures in the information pack:-

- Minutes of the Site Stakeholder Group meeting held on 2 December 2013
- Site Director's Report – June 2014
- Report by the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee on agenda items held on 18 March 2014
- Quarterly Site Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation for the period 1 January to 31 March 2014
- Monthly Update May 2014 by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
- Magnox Socio-economic Scheme update 2014/15
- Horizon Nuclear Power update on Wylfa Newydd Project June 2014

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

The Chairman opened the meeting promptly at 11:00 extending a warm welcome to all, and a special welcome to Zoe Young, Lowri Joyce, and Martin Moore

2. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2013

2.1 *Meredydd Williams re point 3 - 12.6(d)*

Asked why this matter was entered under item 3 of the minutes when it should have been entered in the question and answer section.

2.2 The Chairman stated that he did not have an explanation

2.3 *Richard Foxhall re point 11.8*

The reference to Wylfa in 11.8 should read 'Wylfa Newydd'

2.4 *Ellyn Llwyd MP*

Proposed that the minutes were accurate

2.5 After agreeing to the above alterations the minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2013

3.1 Cllr. Tom Ellis re 3.1 – 5.21

He commented that it is unreasonable for the work to end temporarily in 2016, it should continue with more being done to reduce the height of the reactor roof.

3.2 Chairman

A great deal of work has been undertaken to emphasise the point of work continuing beyond 2016 because of the great concern locally and further afield in respect of the loss of staff and workers. He believed that that voice of unrest was being heard. He referred to the promise made at a Public Meeting in 2002 that safety was foremost. He referred to the promise that the reactor buildings would be sealed and secured until 2086.

3.3 Iwan Williams re 6. – Environmental Report monitoring activity in streams

Streams were being continuously monitored and no radioactivity had been found

3.4 Cllr. Meredydd Williams re 3.2 12.6 (d)

He stated that a statement from the Minister for the Economy about the Enterprise Zone was expected last Autumn. Local residents want to know what is going to happen in the area with regards to the enterprise zone and despite calls for answers nothing has happened. He called on Elfyn Llwyd MP to press for the release of the statement. Elfyn Llwyd agreed to the request.

3.5 The Chairman

Explained that no one was present to provide a report on the enterprise zone and patience was called for as the matter included both Llanbedr and Trawsfynydd.

4. Chairman's Address

4.1 Today's meeting was the 21st since the NDA's inception. He referred to meetings held in London, Manchester, and at the Welsh Assembly Government offices in Llandudno.

4.2 He referred to Magnox and NDA Socio Economic Scheme grants presented to various groups and bodies since the last SSG meeting including the Urdd National Eisteddfod 2014 held in Bala.

4.3 The recent Parent Body Organisation competition for the Magnox contract was discussed and the winning bidder was announced as the Cavendish -Fluor partnership who won the contract by the NDA.

4.4 All Community and Town Councils (100 in total) supported the call for the work on site to continue, and this has been passed on to the NDA. A response is expected from the PBO in September 2014

5. Site Director's Report

5.1 Peter Burns explained that this was his last meeting, as the new PBO comes along in September 2014. His presentation was based on three specific issues in his written report:-

5.2 Our high level schedule and the plan to decommission the site into a care and maintenance condition by December 2016

Whilst trying to maintain the December 2016 goal we realise that under-estimating the nature of work was slowing us down. The FED programme put us under a lot of pressure and it is a challenge to finish by December 2016. We are trying to deal with the slippage in the overall progress and would like to sort out issues by 31 August prior to handing over to new PBO. Dialogue with the regulators as to what December 2016 will look like for the site was ongoing.

- 5.3 Update and introduction to new parent body organisation the Cavendish-Fluor Partnership
The NDA announced in March that the Cavendish-Fluor Partnership was the preferred bidder and will be taking over as the new PBO on 1 September 2014
- 5.4 Transitional agreements and how we are looking after our workforce.
Everyone on site had a letter in April 2013 and a review is now due. Within 12 months of the release 'window' help is given to find work, preparing CVs, identify work / employers and any development needed. £3/4 million is still left in the Shaping the Future fund to spend on training. Links between training and available positions / potential employment are being looked at. Working closely with Bradwell is very much a shared learning exercise to research how both sites are preparing their workforces for transition and the principle of looking after every individual and supporting them for life after Magnox remains the same.
- 5.5 Other information contained in the report for reference
- 5.5.1 Safety record at Trawsfynydd remains excellent with no lost time accidents or other incidents recorded since December 2013.
- 5.5.2 List of significant progress on a number of decommissioning projects.
- 5.5.3 Welsh Nuclear Apprentice of the Year was awarded to Dafydd Foxhall at Trawsfynydd.
- 5.5.4 Magnox Ltd was awarded RoSPA's Sir George Earle Trophy including an Order of Distinction for 15 Consecutive Golds for Trawsfynydd.
- 5.5.5 Statistics regarding 'People and socio economics', total employment, and the Shaping the Future programme of support.
- 5.6 Questions**
- 5.6.1 *Cllr Meredydd Williams*
Thanked Peter Burns for being open and frank.
- 5.6.2 *Idwal Williams*
- a) Commented that the NDA new business plan refers to 2017 and the problems with FED at Trawsfynydd aren't mentioned. Surely the Care and Maintenance state could not be adopted with the ponds still in place?
- b) *Peter Burns*
Responded by explaining that the situation at Trawsfynydd was similar to that at Bradwell i.e. a gradual move through the phase. The safestores must conform with planning requirements
- 5.6.3 *Idwal Williams*
- a) Asked should staff be reduced before 2017
- b) Peter Burns said that staffing would be considered on a cost effective manner scale.

5.6.4 *John Richards*

- a) Referred to the Lifetime Plan where details of work and the timetable had been noted. If the work ended temporarily in 2016 would any money be returned ?
- b) *Peter Burns*
Explained that the plan was an agreed process and essentially four or five issues need to be rectified before September and there was scope to move funding.

5.6.5 *Tom Ellis*

- a) Congratulated Magnox for being awarded RoSPA's Sir George Earle Trophy.
- b) He stated that the asbestos issue is worse than the radiation issues and asked if the asbestos was coming from the walls and if so was this the reason for delaying the height reduction.
- c) *Mel Jones*
Moving bulk asbestos i.e. asbestos from pipes / boilers is in the baseline. The other asbestos is in the safe-store, settled on floors and cable trays. Although areas were being sprayed, asbestos is being carried by air circulation. The focus now is to deal quickly with the issue.
- d) *Tom Ellis*
Requested a report on this issue in all future meetings.

5.6.6 *John Richards*

- a) Asked for information regarding the samples taken from the ponds.
- b) *Mel Jones*
Advised that results were now starting to come through and are currently being verified and we are in the process of identifying the findings and discussing how to respond. Radioactivity has not been found in the streams surrounding the area.

5.6.7 *Chairman*

Thanked Peter Burns and wished him well.

6. Report by the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee

Amanda Tucker was absent and the Chairman referred to her report in the information pack for information.

7. Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation – Daniel Gregory

Mr Gregory referred to the report in the information pack and focused on:-

7.1 Asbestos

Asbestos is highly regulated and the ONR is complimentary about Magnox procedures. Although it is a significant hazard it is well managed at Trawsfynydd

7.2 Ponds Decommissioning

The ONR would not allow the move to Care and Maintenance if the hazard was still present. There had been six visits since the last SSG and no issues required any further regulatory action. Daniel Gregory was complimentary on the self-checking arrangements at the site.

- 7.3 The reports are also available on the ONR's website.

8. Report by Natural Resources Wales

8.1 *Mr Paul Wright*

Introduced himself as an officer responsible for industrial regulation. He had visited twice and found the conditions on site exemplary. He stated that Magnox sites are on a different level and managers work closely with the ONR.

9. Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

9.1 *Peter Woolmer*

Introduced himself as the NDA Project Construction Manager taking over at Trawsfynydd. He congratulated Magnox on its safety record.

9.2 *Paul Richardson*

a) Questioned whether it is acceptable to leave the Ponds building for three years.

b) *Peter Woolmer*

The decision is based on funding as there are other sites with higher hazards that have to be taken into consideration.

10. Magnox Socio-economic Scheme update

10.1 *Lowri Joyce for Michelle Humphreys*

Provided details of the organisations that had benefited recently from the scheme and referred also to the sponsoring of the Gwyddonle Stand at the Urdd National Eisteddfod 2014 held in Bala.

10.2 *Keith O'Brien*

Requested information about the future of the scheme

10.3 *NNB*

The 2004 Act stipulates that socio-economic funding must be made available by the body responsible for the site at the time.

10.4 *Mel Jones*

Asked whether the supply chain is included in the scheme.

10.5 *NNB*

The supply chain will remain, as part of the close relationship with the locality.

11. Any other business

11.1 Introducing the new Site Director

11.2 The Chairman invited Martin Moore to introduce himself as the new site director and said he was looking forward to a good working relationship.

11.3 *Martin Moore*

He was mindful that he will not be site director until 1 September 2014 but was delighted to be taking over. He began his career as an apprentice in the 1970s and had worked in the nuclear industry for 35 years. He noted that the industry has gone through a generational loss of people and now we are positioning ourselves for new build. He aimed to be a strong advocate of the people of Trawsfynydd and Wylfa and see how we can secure the future. He had seen similar issues on several sites. He was familiar with the good work undertaken on site, and working within the constraints of the NDA will ensure value for money for the taxpayer. We will look at where we can better contribute to the work by understanding the issues and work through the transition phase.

11.4 *NNG*

Asked where Martin Moore had worked recently

- 11.5 *Martin Moore*
Gave a detailed account of his background at Sellafield, Windscale, Calderhall and other sites in the UK. He held the position of senior project manager in Eastern Europe. He has worked both in decommissioning projects, and with submarine reactors. He expects his period of secondment at Trawsfynydd to be 2-3 years and will be leading a strong team from the start.
- 11.7 **The 'Wylfa Newydd' Project – Richard Foxhall Stakeholder Communications Manager**
- 11.8 **Work on site**
The £10 million project is underway and currently land inspection work is continuing and likely to last throughout 2014 involving 400 boreholes and trial pits, with 130 working on site at peak times.
Health and Safety work has been undertaken over the winter and spring months to make safe the public footpaths. Firewood from trees blown over during the storms was made available to the local residents. Eventually there will be 8,000 trees on site. Empty and unsafe buildings will be demolished during the Summer / October and a Repairs and Maintenance Contract has been agreed with Dawnus. A civil works contract has also been agreed with four local companies. Purchased land is currently being surveyed to ascertain what use can be made from it in the future. Research along the A5025 is continuing with the aim of distributing plans showing the 'early stages' during the public consultation later in the year.
- 11.9 **Team Building**
Three local project engineers joined the team in May and further appointments will follow shortly.
A new team of twelve security officers recruited locally through G4S commenced their duties in April.
Another local graduate has been employed and following a recruitment programme the number at the central office has grown to 160 as Horizon prepares for the development of Wylfa Newydd. Approximately 15 vacancies are added to the vacancies list weekly and details of all vacancies are available at www.horizonnuclearpower.com/gyrfaoedd
- 11.10 **Building a Local Supply Chain**
Horizon is working jointly with the Welsh Assembly Government, Business Wales and Bangor University to raise awareness, and encourage local businesses to register with us.
- 11.11 **Consultation**
The first stage of the Public Consultation will be held during September 2014 and we are working to develop the information documentation, and supplementary information for the public. Our Statement on Community Consultation (SoCC) initially published in 2011 will be republished later during the summer following a consultation on its contents with ?? Council. The SoCC will outline the way in which we will be dealing with our consultation, and how people can take part.
- 11.12 **Supporting Education**
We have increased our support for primary and secondary education activities and are working jointly with Coleg Llandrillo / Menai. We have sponsored and attended the NSAN, EESW Annual Prize and supported numerous career conventions in Anglesey and Gwynedd. We are continuing to develop our Education and Strategy Programme and interviews for the post of Education Officer will be held next week.
- 11.13 **Technology - GDA**
Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy Ltd. is leading the GDA and is being supported by Horizon. It began in January 2013 and two of the four stages have now been completed. It is targeted to end in 2017.

11.14 **To come in 2014**

Open surgeries, exhibition in the Anglesey Show, Community Newsletters (circulated recently). Work on site and recruitment will continue. Working towards a significant milestone for 2018 in relation to licensing, consents and site planning. Public Consultation in September 2014.

11.15 **Any other matter – continued**

11.16 *Paul Thomas*

Requested information regarding the future of the Trawsfynydd Site rail linkage to Llandudno Junction Station.

11.17 *NNB*

There is no change to the current agreement whereby the 30 year mothballing period does not expire until 2025.

11.18 *Tom Ellis*

Expressed his concern regarding the issue of when the level of the lake is very low active deposits within the peat could be carried by the wind.

11.19 *Eifion Lewis*

Stated that the level would have to fall another 12 inches before reaching the point whereby peat surfaces would be exposed.

12. **Date and time of next meeting**

December 1st 2014

13. **Close**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their participation in the matters discussed. He invited everyone to walk through to the main conference room for a buffet lunch. The meeting ended at 1pm.

Cllr. J. Isgoed Williams

December 1st 2014