



### 1. Apologies for absence

Michael J Willis	Countryside Council for Wales
Elfyn Llwyd	AS/MP Meirion Dwyfor
Paul Kennedy	Food Standards Agency
Jonathan Jenkin	NDA
Dafydd Elis Thomas	AC/AM Meirion Dwyfor
Gwen Pettifor	WI/Sefydliad y Merched
Tom Ellis	Councillor for Gwynedd Council
Andy McAteer	
Dr John Idris Jones	

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained that due to treacherous weather conditions, some reports wouldn't be presented in the meeting. However, all of the reports are provided.

### 2. Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June and 27 September 2010

The Minutes were approved and passed.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that Mr Tom G Ellis is a Councillor for Gwynedd Council, and should be indicated as such in the minutes.

### 4. Chairman's Address

**Mr Glenn Vaughan has left the NDA for greener pastures.** A very warm welcome was extended to Ms Amanda French who will be the future representative for the NDA. The Chairman and Mr Idwal Williams attended a meeting in Manchester on 21-23 September which involved discussions concerning the draft consultation for the strategy in 2013. There was some uncertainty concerning funding for the future. However, the Trawsfynydd site will receive £3 billion for the next 3-4 years. A successful meeting was held on 25 September which was organised by Gwynedd Council. The various councils will receive a brief outline of this meeting in a newsletter. The work at Trawsfynydd is going well and the co-operation between the inspectors and the stakeholders is successful. Various reports on these matters will be presented throughout the morning.

Dr Phil Sprague was then invited to the floor. He is on the verge of moving to the South of England in accordance to his new job. He was thanked profusely for a happy and fruitful period at Trawsfynydd and for his respect towards the Welsh language. The Chairman wished him luck for the future and thanked him for his contributions.

### 5. Site Director's Report

Dr Phil Sprague extended his gratitude for the kind words and expressed his joy for the opportunity to work in such a beautiful valley. He has now set up a weekly course for Welsh learners for the workers and for anyone else who would wish to attend.

#### 5.1 Safety

The report showed that only one accident was reported in the past 12 months when a worker broke his wrist after falling out of a lift. The refurbishment programme is already in motion to ensure that no such accidents will occur on the site. With more workers on site, more people need to be trained which is always a challenge. However, the safety culture is excellent and would wish for it to remain so.

## 5.2 Company changes

Magnox North and South have merged to create Magnox Ltd. The chain of command remains the same and remains under the same ownership, albeit under a different name.

## 5.3 Accelerated Funding

£441 million will be spent over the next 5 years to accelerate the site into an interim Care and Maintenance State. This will result in £126 million to the UK taxpayer and the money will be used to accelerate the next site. The core mission is to remove hazardous waste. The height reduction of the Reactor Buildings will commence around 2020 and the current plan is to finish by 2022/2025 which will mean more employment over the next few years and obvious benefits to the local area.

## 5.4 Project Update

Although there were some difficulties, the teams are doing excellent work. Overall, the work within various areas are going very well.

## 5.5 Socio-economic changes

Several developments have been accomplished due to substantial additional funding, which brings further employment. 399 of the workforce are local and the funding is made to work for the location.

A lot of money is being spent on local resources to support science and engineering. Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor for example have put together a team for a F1 racing car competition and the £1500 donation used on equipment and research. £10,000 is spent on the community which means that the site is on target for small-scale community support. The staff are also working hard within the various communities.

Dave Wilson, the new site director will begin his duties in the first week of January.

## 5.6. Questions

Dr H Madog Jones – Trawsfynydd heritage group is in the process of collecting historical artefacts. The group has been established and a successful meeting was held to discuss what needed to be done. A leaflet was distributed which discussed protecting heritage and there are firm plans in progress to establish an archive. Bodies such as CADW, the National Library of Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government are keen to establish this archive due to Trawsfynydd's role within the industry.

Keith O'Brian supported this statement and indicated that further research should be done to ensure an impressive archive.

Mr Dave Wilson, the new site director sent his apologies for being unable to attend. It was suggested that Mr Wilson should be invited to a meeting as soon as possible to familiarise himself with the role of the group and get to know the stakeholders. February 14 was suggested as a date for the meeting and was accepted.

## 6. Site Health Physicist report

All discharges remain well within the safety limits. The doses to site personnel was slightly higher than 2009, but continuing at low levels.

The liquid discharges to the lake are continuing at a downward trend. The fish levels are very low, however the fish received have been large specimens. The radiation exposure to those who consume large quantities of fish are a small fraction which has not changed over the years. A slight increase has been seen on the radiation doses to staff and contractors due to the fact that there are more workers on site and more taking place. However, the dose is still very low.

### 6.1 Vessel drying

Following research, Reactor 2 vessel had water getting into it which would rust the metal components should it not be dried. Drying will minimise corrosion of the structure and will make the final dismantle easier.

## 6.2 Questions

D. Morris Jones – You stated that the dose was 0.01 which is around 1% of the dose for limit. What is the background radiation?

The background radiation is slightly higher.

David Jarret - You mentioned water in the vessel. Are you confident that no water is going in now and that this occurrence is something of the past?

This was a one-off event on Feb 5th, 2006. The records show change then. We monitor the moisture of the vessel constantly. We are now confident no water going in and the graphite core is protecting it.

## 7. Report for the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee

Nothing has taken place since the last meeting in June.

## 8. Report by the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate

Mr Chris Kemp was welcomed to Trawsfynydd. He began working as an Inspector in October and expressed his desire to develop the work already done and maintaining sufficient health and safety on the site. His aim is to inspect and process maintenance and modifications this week.

## 9. Report by the Environment Agency

Steve Howard was unable to attend the meeting due to the snow.

## 10 Report by the Food Standards Agency

Stuart Conney was also unable to attend due to the snow.

## 11. Report by NDA

Ms Amanda French noted that the annual reports have been published and finance of £3 billion has been maintained over 4 years. Developments have been seen within the site, the staff and within various projects, and additional funding of £86 million has been set for the next 4 years.

## 12. Hyder Report – Gwynedd Council

The aim is to identify and develop the proposals which will ensure financial and social benefits in the long term, and making the most of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's assets and resources. There are several opportunities and strengths to be found at Trawsfynydd which include staff skills, the safety regulations at the site, and the natural beauty at Trawsfynydd. On the other hand, there are shortcomings, namely the state of repair of some of the buildings, and the possible disagreements between various parties of lake-users. Snowdonia National Park also has strict regulations and it would be necessary to work alongside these various policies. The suggestion was to emphasise three basic points, namely energy, leisure and green initiatives and also to establish a Visitor Group to ensure that every opportunity available is undertaken.

Discussions between MAGNOX and WAG were held over the last fortnight and 5 main projects established:

1. Creating a decommissioning site to make the most of the facilities already available. By using Magnox's expertise, a centre of excellence for decommissioning could be established.
2. Develop a tourist centre and establish a partnership with Prysor Fishing Association and establish a management and developing centre for the lake.

3. Offer further training for the staff and reconsider the expertise available with the current workforce.
4. Develop a data centre at Trawsfynydd but bearing in mind that this resource is currently available at Trawsfynydd.
5. Consider enterprise and innovation in the future and recognise environmental opportunities and energy centres.

The aim is to develop these projects during the next six months. In the next meeting, the plans will be discussed in more detail.

#### 12.1 Questions

Cllr. D Meredydd Williams – Who will execute these plans? Will they be developed? What will happen to our assets?

Chairman – Four reports have been given since 1986 and we hope that these plans will be executed. This is the only hope for the future, and if these plans are brushed aside, then things will be bleak indeed. Everyone is eager to contribute to these plans to ensure their existence.

Cllr. D Meredydd Williams – Hopefully, we will have some answers over the next 6 months.

Mr Dafydd Jarrett – When you mention ‘site’, are you referring to the land that is owned already, or are you looking at land beyond the boundaries? What will happen in the future? We have a golden opportunity here to develop and ensure sustainable energy.

Cllr. J Isgoed Williams – This has been discussed in detail. We must use the natural resources and develop without disturbing the lake and the surrounding areas. With modern developments, I’m not convinced that this is plausible. The site has been generating electricity here for 50 years. It would be a great shame if that were to stop.

Mr Llyr Jones – The last thing we need is another idea brushed aside. There are serious issues to be considered here at Trawsfynydd, but we hope to move these individual projects forward. We have clear projects in mind and we, with our partners, will be offering advice to move forward. The emphasis will certainly be on realising the projects.

Mr Dafydd Jarrett – Do these plans include Magnox’s land?

Mr Llyr Jones – Yes it is included, up to the mark bought in 1922.

#### 13. Any other business

There were no further discussions.

#### 14. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6 June 2011. An additional meeting will also be arranged on February 14, 2011.