

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on Thursday 1st December 2011 at 3pm in the Eleth/Eilian Rooms – Learning & Development Centre Wylfa**

**Present:**

A M Jones (Chair)	Chairman Site Stakeholder Group
S Law	Deputy Site Director
K White	Magnox Ltd
M Humphreys	Magnox Ltd
R Cowell	Magnox Ltd
M Thornton	Magnox Ltd
P Walsh	Magnox Ltd
P Farrell	Magnox Ltd
T Roberts	Magnox Ltd
L Jones	Magnox Ltd
F Brookes	Magnox Ltd
D Hodges	Horizon Nuclear Power
Dr L Davies	Office of Nuclear Regulation
J Craske	Menter Môn
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
J Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Councillor J V Owen	Anglesey County Council – Parc a Mynydd
T Jones	Anglesey County Council - Mechell
Councillor K P Hughes	Anglesey County Council - Llanfaethlu
W T Hughes	Anglesey County Council - Llanbadrig
A W Hughes	Menter Môn
S Andrews	Public Health Wales
Lady Anglesey	
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
P Bull	Renovate Services Company
Dr D Gadson	FIACP
A Hall	Welsh Water
T Poole	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
A Hughes	Seibiant
L Haliburton	Seibiant
M O'Hara	Retired Wylfa Staff

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Before going on to the agenda, he informed everyone about the sad loss of Mrs Annie Williams from Merched y Wawr, who regularly attended the Group meetings prior to ill health. Everybody stood up as a mark of respect. The Chair would write a letter of sympathy to her family.

Apologies were received from Nick Gore (Magnox Wylfa Site Director); Derek Jones (Magnox Wylfa Emergency Preparedness Officer); Dr John Idris Jones (Socio Economic Manager Magnox); Jan Milburn (Head of Decommissioning Magnox Wylfa); Ieuan Wyn Jones (Assembly Member); Jac Jones (Mechell Community Council); Dave Clarke (ONR – Senior Site Inspector); Dylan Williams (Acting Head of Service, Economic Development Anglesey County Council); Linda Wyn Jones (Energy Island Programme Co-ordinator, Isle of Anglesey County Council); Sasha Wynn Davies (Anglesey Energy Island Programme Director, Isle of Anglesey County Council); Mr Richard Parry Jones (Chief Executive,

Anglesey County Council); Mr Steve Howards (Environment Agency); Councillor Glyn Roberts (Mechell Community Council); Councillor Val Roberts (Amlwch Town Council); Councillor Dylan Jones (Anglesey County Council/Isle of Anglesey County Council); A Hughes (Llanbadrig Community Council), G W Roberts (Anglesey County Council), Alan Smith (Horizon), J.C. Jones FUW,

## **2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record. They were proposed by Councillor W T Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Hughes.

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

In regards to meetings arranged following the publication of the Weightman Report relating to the Fukushima incident, ONR are organising meetings on a regional basis and we are awaiting confirmation about the location for the meeting in this area, which is likely to be held in 2012. It was asked if it was known where the meeting would be held. It was noted that Bangor had been mentioned, but that there had been no confirmation, and the Chair asked Les Davies to convey that the meeting would be welcomed in this area.

## **4. SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Unfortunately, Nick Gore was unable to attend the meeting to give his report as he was attending the Fuelled Sites Management Meeting in London. Therefore, the Site Director's Report was given by Stuart Law, Plant Manager and Deputy Site Director.

Following the WANO (World Association of Nuclear Operators) peer review, where 12 people came to review the site for a period of 2 weeks and identified areas for improvement on the site, S Law and a colleague were going to look at ways to address issues and present their action plan to the WANO head office in Paris. A positive outcome is that a 'strength' was identified. Very few 'strengths' have been awarded by WANO (three in the last five years), and they only award a strength if it is unique and has not been seen elsewhere. WANO could see the site's continuous improvement, especially in reference to housekeeping and the quality of staff. There were 13 areas in need of further improvement, reduced from 15, which is another achievement.

The EnergySolutions Board had recently visited Wylfa for a Safety Review, and Wylfa has also been awarded the Sword of Honour for the third time.

In relation to site operations, Wylfa is ahead of target, with 28 flasks transported to Sellafield. On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Reactor 2 was shut down. Having inadvertently lost supplies to Reactor 2 while working on Reactor 1, the engineers took the correct action and manually shut it down. Towards the end of October, a misaligned valve had allowed some oil to be put into Reactor 1, but this had been cleared.

Following the Fukushima incident, and the publication of the final Weightman report in September, Wylfa has been looking at equipment that will be available and ready to use if the need arises.

Following approval by the Nuclear Safety Committee, hopefully Wylfa will be able to generate beyond 2012, up to September 2014. Tests have been completed one or two years ago, looking at taking fuel from Reactor 2 into Reactor 1 – Oldbury has been doing this and it is known that this site would be able to do it.

In reference to new build developments, Wylfa has been supporting Horizon by providing opportunities for one of their individuals to gain insight and knowledge of nuclear culture.

Horizon Nuclear Power have recently signed a Planning Performance Agreement with Anglesey County Council.

The Communications Team were named on the shortlist for the PRide awards for a plan they had completed. Wylfa had been supporting projects, having received 17 applications for sponsorship and socio-economic support.

Having thanked S Law for giving the report and congratulating Wylfa on its recent successes, especially in reference to the Sword of Honour award, the Chairman asked if there were any questions.

Cllr K P Hughes asked if we should be concerned about the 13 improvements required following the WANO review. S Law explained that in terms of safety, if an incident occurred where supplies would be lost or similar, Wylfa would want to be able to do everything possible to ensure safety and that they do consider the types of events that could occur. However there were no significant issues, and the location and actual position of the site was considered fortunate.

T Conway asked if there is an overlap between the improvements and the Weightman Report. S Law described how Fukushima is being dealt with, and that there was a joint initiative between Wylfa, EDF and a central board looking at issues and answering questions from ONR, the European Community and WANO. A significant Operating Report goes to each company and people are identified to deal with issues in each site. From those, recommendations are identified and addressed, therefore there is some duplication, but there is also a structured approach.

It was asked by Lady Anglesey if a response to the Weightman report was readily available, and S Law replied that it is available on the internet.

## **5. SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The report had already been circulated. A Jones noted that he had attended the National Site Stakeholder Group meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November in Manchester, and that it was reassuring that NDA is taking decommissioning seriously and that many things can be learned from Trawsfynydd. He mentioned that the NDA was looking for a new Chief Executive as Tony Fountain would be leaving his post. He noted that his departure would certainly be a loss considering that he has been such a positive champion, and that he has written to him to wish him well. The Chairman had attended the official opening of the Energy and Fabrication Centre at Coleg Menai, Llangefni on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, a development that received £1.5 million by the NDA, emphasising its socio-economic responsibility. He noted that this committee and councillors had lobbied for this and extended his thanks to the NDA.

## **6. UPDATE FROM THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY**

Jonathan Jenkin outlined key points from the update. He mentioned that Tony Fountain would be in his post until Christmas before stepping down. He noted that he had made a real impact, and this view was widely shared by stakeholders.

It has been announced that Oldbury will stop generating in February next year after 44 years. He commented that Magnox has been fantastic and that from February, Wylfa will be the sole generating station in the Magnox fleet.

The national event was a success – it was a very good day and an opportunity to open up discussions and look at the key challenges. Matters such as site restoration and geological disposal were discussed. In reference to that, Cumbria is the only community to show an interest, and no volunteer community has been found yet.

A Performance Management System has been implemented on the website to monitor performance and see how well the NDA is doing.

The National Engagement Plan is now published and will be updated regularly, so that stakeholders will be able to inform the development of the NDA's Strategy. On 5<sup>th</sup> December, the draft business plan was published, and the consultation process will last until the end of January. It looks in detail on the year ahead and targets for 2012, and gives a flavour of things to come over the next three years as well.

The NDA has been looking afresh at the socio-economic strategy, and things are very much the same fundamentally. In particular, the Magnox Opportunities Programme, looking at the 10 sites with certainty of funding for a period of 4 years. In April 2012 there will be more funding available for small to medium sized socio-economic projects, as well as the central budgets for larger projects. The involvement in partnerships in North Wales remains, as Jonathan stated he had been in a Môn Menai meeting before attending the Wylfa SSG meeting.

T Conway was eager to ask about the Sellafield MOX Plant, and the fact that it has been closed due to 'commercial risk' after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. J Jenkin replied that Japan is a major customer for fuel, but there is so much uncertainty regarding MOX fuel from Japan, by now, it's no longer viable, and the only way forward is to minimise. It is better for the UK taxpayer if it closes. The Government has been looking at options for managing Plutonium, and as part of that work, there may be a new market for MOX fuel. Meanwhile the Government has been looking at means of dealing with the UK's Plutonium stockpile, including re-using it as MOX fuel.

It was asked if there was any time element in respect of minimising Plutonium. At the moment, Plutonium is stored in Sellafield in accordance with regulatory controls, but will not change over night. T Conway said he was surprised by the lack of enterprise and that oil and gas companies would be rubbing their hands with joy due to the lack of competition.

The £450,000 bid for Energy Island was noted as part of socio-economic developments, and that a response was being awaited.

## **7. UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR REGULATION**

This report was given by L Davies. He noted that a lot of time had been spent controlling inspections, and that the site needed the approval of the ONR before moving forward. He referred to the diesel generator event a while back, where the site and the ONR had undertaken investigations. Improvements were identified, and the ONR had formally written to the site with responses about improvements.

## **8. UPDATE FROM THE WYLFA SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB GROUP**

A short meeting had been held last week. Two small grants had been approved. Support had been given to BTCV Cymru, a project that provides skills to young people, as well as Always Aim High, a not for profit organisation which was established last year, and that the site was looking at supporting a triathlon and cross country event for 2012, as well as the Anglesey Half Marathon, with an emphasis on equipment and safety in the events.

## **9. SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011- 2015**

M Humphreys gave a short presentation about the report, which has been produced jointly by the NDA, Magnox and EnergySolutions with regards to economic impact. There would be changes mainly in the way organisations apply for funding. At the moment, a form has to be requested, but from April 2012 it will be possible to go on the internet and apply via a portal.

The Sub-group would be disbanding, but M Humphreys extended her thanks to everyone involved with it.

The Chairman thanked M Humphreys and congratulated her for being appointed as the Wales representative for socio-economic funding. M Humphreys was asked how many applications they tend to receive, to which she replied around 12, and it was thought perhaps that figure was not all that high. She said that it is publicised and that people are more than welcome to get in touch to find out about the criteria. The funding guidelines are available on-line, but it is still possible to contact the site for information. It was asked how long the process usually takes, and M Humphreys replied that it usually takes up to three months, but longer for larger projects. J Jenkin mentioned that the new funding policies will be in line with the NDA's social-economic policy that was published in 2008.

#### **10 UPDATE FROM WYLFAWASTE SUB GROUP**

Due to holidays and a short timescale, the Wylfa Waste Sub Group had not been able to meet, and therefore there was nothing new to report.

#### **11 RECEIVE THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There had been two meetings, one held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the other on 21<sup>st</sup> September. External agencies, local authorities, and organisations interested in emergency planning had been involved. They had been looking at everything and at all possibilities. They were keen to encourage more participation from off-site agencies and had therefore changed the agenda slightly to encourage this, and would continue to do this.

Two significant exercises had been held. On 19th January, a Level 3 emergency exercise was held, where national arrangements were tested. Wylfa was chosen for the scenario in order to test responses across the UK, at all levels. The exercise had been a success.

A demonstration exercise was held last week for nuclear regulators to show ability to react to an emergency. The regulator had asked to see how the site would respond to different types of incidents, which was quite a challenge, as there can be a conflict of interest depending on the situation and the circumstances. It took 6 months to develop the arrangements, and the demonstration was deemed adequate, reflecting everyone's hard work. There were no areas for improvement, only suggestions.

#### **12. UPDATE ON THE 'SHAPING THE FUTURE' PROJECT**

R Cowell gave a presentation on this £4.2 million project. The presentation looked at the need to think about the transition of Wylfa and Trawsfynydd employees, and making sure they have skills for the future. It was noted that North Wales offers very unique skills and is therefore a great place for businesses to invest, and that putting human development at the heart of economic success should be the aim.

It was asked if the information was being made available and how the news is being spread, and it was noted that the first stage will be kicking off in the two sites in January. J Craske said that the aim was for staff to get free advice and see how they could position and develop their careers and build a CV. The website would be launched after Christmas. The focus was to put Wylfa and Traws on the map and make a big success story.

It was asked what the local schools think of the project and Jean Jones of Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones spoke about the need to keep young people in Anglesey as the population is ageing. It was clarified that contractors would also be part of the project, not only members of staff and agency staff. The issue of politics and funding was raised, with mention of the work of people such as Lord Cledwyn in the past, but that the aim of attracting people to the area should not be seen as something political. Speaking from the viewpoint of a local resident Mark Thornton said that North Wales in general has been reliant on very few industries,

which will now be going down to one, and that this project is encouraging. There are people who must have extra skills, and ultimately, we need an economy that is vibrant and not dependent on external help – expanding the economy, learning and development, can keep that going.

Councillor Tom Jones expressed the need to skill people and create entrepreneurs, and that we need 'homegrown' talents and enterprise – that is the real challenge. The Chairman thanked everyone and was glad to say that this is an opportunity of hope in this period of economic gloom. It's the 'Marshall Plan' of North Wales, and Anglesey specifically, and it's good to see the building blocks being put into place.

### **13. OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Mr D Hodges from Horizon mentioned a couple of points. He wanted to make the group aware that quite a few houses on the new build development site were being knocked down due to extreme disrepair. Also, geophysical studies were taking place, looking at implications of the new build, conducting an environmental impact study etc. As for the first stage of consultation, 3D models and so forth should be available in the new year. T Conway asked if Horizon had received planning permission, to which the Chairman replied that we should leave that in their hands, but for them to make sure that local firms were used whenever possible for work like this.

### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **15. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2012**

The dates of the next meetings were noted as follows:

8th March 2012

7th June 2012

13th September 2012

6th December 2012

A M Jones thanked everyone for their presence, and wished them all his compliments of the season.