

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 3pm in the Eleth and Eilian Rooms (Learning and Development Centre, Wylfa)****Present**

AM Jones (Chair)	Chairman Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
DS Law	Deputy Site Director, Magnox Ltd, Wylfa
P Harrop	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Representative	HSE / NII
M Pigott	HSE / NII
L Davies	HSE / NII
J Milburn	Magnox Ltd
M Thornton	Magnox Ltd
K White	Magnox Ltd
M Humphreys	Magnox Ltd
T Roberts	Magnox Ltd
K Hughes	Capita
A Hughes	Capita
Cllr K Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Llanfaethlu Ward
Cllr WT Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Llanbadrig Ward
Cllr JV Owen	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Parc a'r Mynydd
Cllr T Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Mechell
Cllr D Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Amlwch Port Ward
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
T Hughes	Llanbadrig Community Council
GM Roberts	Mechell Community Council
JH Jones	Vice Chair Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group/Mechell Community Council
WE Rowley	Cylch y Garn Community Council
M Wymer	Bodorgan Trust Co Ltd
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
LW Jones	Energy Island Project – Isle of Anglesey County Council
G Hughes	Cronfa Padrig
A Hall	Welsh Water
T Poole	Council for the Protection of Rural Wales
JC Jones	National Farmers Union
K Williams	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board/ Welsh Ambulance Service
L Jones	University of Bangor
M O'Hara	Retired Magnox Ltd Staff Member/Local Resident
E Mason	Retired Magnox Ltd Staff Member/Local Resident
<b>In Attendance</b>	
C Evans-Thau	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
Cymen	Simultaneous Translation

**1 WELCOME AND RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2630 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. AM Jones extended a warm welcome to Karin White on her return as she has been off work though illness. AM Jones also expressed his gratitude on behalf of the group to Karen Hughes and Arwel Hughes, both of whom will be leaving their roles with the communications team at the end of March 2011.

2631 Apologies were received from N Gore (Wylfa Site Director), JI Jones (Head of Magnox Socio-Economic Development North Wales), IW Jones (Assembly Member – Anglesey), SW Davies (Energy Island Project Director, IACC), J Honey (County Operations Manager, North Wales Fire and Rescue), Lady Anglesey, H Parry (Bodorgan Estates Trust), J Jones (Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch), Dr D Gadson (FIACP), S Andrews (Public Health Wales), L Jones (Magnox

Communications, Wylfa), Cllr GW Roberts OBE (IACC).

**2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

2632 Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by M O'Hara, seconded by Cllr K Hughes.

**3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2633 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting to discuss.

**4 TO RECEIVE THE SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2634 A copy of the Site Director's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. In the absence of N Gore, DS Law (Deputy Site Director) gave an overview of the report.

2635 DS Law informed the group that the five groups from Wylfa have visited power stations in the USA. Those visits were worthwhile and an action plan is to be developed to embed best practices at Wylfa.

2636 Although there was concern regarding three incidents of slips, trips and falls, DS Law stated that work was actually in progress to level out the trench covers on the basement floor when one of the incidents occurred. The individual in question tripped over an 11mm ledge that was yet to be replaced. As per the Site Director's report, slips trips and falls will be an area of focus for 2011.

2637 DS Law explained to those present that the harsh weather in December had proven to be a challenge, and that by working with the county council to keep the A5025 open, and a 4x4 vehicle scheme, employees were still able to get to the site and operations were not affected. A review of the management of the event was carried out in January 2011 and a number of actions were placed to enable the site to cope better on any future occasions.

2638 Also linked to the harsh weather was an interruption to the Station Mains Water supply at 5am on Christmas Eve due to burst pipes by Llyn Alaw. The site was notified and measures put in place to ensure that enough water was available throughout the Christmas period by means of tankers bringing water onsite. DS Law explained that water levels were monitored within the million gallon reservoir on site, should the water level have reached a specific level within the tank then measures were in place to shut down parts of the site for safety reasons.

2639 During the reporting period, a site visit from Mr Tony Fountain (NDA's CEO) also took place, he was very positive and impressed with what he saw and the welcome he received on site.

**5 TO RECEIVE THE SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

2640 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, and reminded those present that the Civil Nuclear Police Authority (CNPA) will be holding its annual public meeting at the Wylfa Sports and Social Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. AM Jones explained that the CNPA hold their annual meeting at various locations around the UK and that it is important for us to attend this one as it will no doubt be discussing local matters.

2641 It was confirmed that the Civil Nuclear Constabulary only have a presence on sites when stations are generating or while there is fuel on a site, or during a new build therefore there could be period of no CNC presence at Wylfa between the period when the current station ends generation and the commencement of a possible new build.

2642 There were no questions with regard to the Chair's report.

**6 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

2643 Before giving an update from the NDA, P Harrop wished to congratulate the site team at Wylfa past and present for 40 years of safe generation. Wylfa first started generating electricity on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1971.

2644 P Harrop stated that the NDA February 2011 update report had been circulated to all members prior

to the meeting and that he would only highlight new developments since the report had been published.

- 2645 Generic Disposal System Safety Case. A suite of scientific and technical reports have been published by NDA's Radioactive Waste Management Directorate of scientists and engineers.
- 2646 Plutonium Options Paper. The NDA has published an updated version of the Plutonium Credible Options Analysis. Which takes into account a number of new developments since the original paper was published in January 2009. This updated report has been forwarded to Government and a public consultation has been launched with 73 sets of comments being received..
- 2647 NDA Strategy – a publication date of 21/3//11 has been set to avoid clashing with the pre-election period in Wales and Scotland. Comments were received during the public consultation period, which were broadly positive and where possible taken into account in the final document.
- 2648 NDA Business Plan – Consultation has now closed on the NDA's Draft Business Plan, 15 sets of broadly supportive comments have been received, and publication of the final report is due in late March following Ministerial approval.
- 2649 Socio-Economic – the NDA has recently approved £170k for the 'Reach for Tomorrow' project, part of the Rural Development Plan for Anglesey 2011-14. The project supports the Energy Island Programme and aims to support enterprise, innovation and new product development in Anglesey.
- 2650 The NDA Socio-Economic Panel and Committee have been formally wound down. From now on applications with a value of less than £500k will be approved by the Director of Communications and Stakeholder Relations (John Phillips) and applications exceeding £500k will go to the NDA Executive Sanctioning Committee. The NDA is in discussions with Shareholder Executive to remove the £500k threshold for Government approval (not yet agreed).
- 2651 The new governance arrangements should significantly improve the efficiency of the socio economic applications process. Work continues to give Magnox greater responsibility for delivering socio-economic support across the estate, including increasing Magnox's funding limit for socio-economic spend.
- 2652 There were no questions from the floor.

## **7 HM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

- 2653 L Davies stated that the report circulated prior to the meeting covered the period from October to December 2010. He went on to inform the group that although not mentioned at the last SSG meeting, a Level 1 exercise had taken place at Wylfa in November 2010, demonstrating emergency arrangements at Wylfa during out of hours. The exercise took place early evening.
- 2654 The NII are actively involved in the re-amalgamation of Magnox North and Magnox South. At present different divisions are working side by side (North/South) with a view to integrate further with time.
- The Wylfa NII Annual Safety Review was held on site this week, the NII reported that it had been an acceptable review
- 2655 The group were informed of future changes within the NII. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, the NII will no longer be part of the HSE, but a more independent agency – the Office for Nuclear Regulation.
- 2656 AM Jones asked why the NII would wish to move away from the HSE, L Davies explained that this was mainly due to the flexibility and independence offered by being separate to the HSE.
- 2657 T Conway asked whether the new organisation would be staffed in the same way i.e. would the same civil servants and contractors be involved? L Davies explained that the staff and contractors will simply move with the organisation and that employment contracts will continue.
- 2658 T Conway asked L Davies whether or not the NII were contacted with regard to the water shortage

issue over the festive period, and whether they would be specifying any needs to deal with such issues again e.g. additional storage tanks. L Davies replied that the NII would not be specifying any such needs, and that he was happy that the water levels were being monitored sufficiently and that he had been kept informed of the situation as it unfolded. Should the water levels have reached a critical state, then the site would have shut down the Reactors for safety reasons.

2659 There were no further questions.

## **8 UPDATE FROM WYLFA SSG SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP**

2660 J Jones informed the group that a meeting had been held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to discuss four applications that had been received requesting NDA funding, a recommendation had been put forward to the NDA to approve all four bids. He went on to state that as there had not been a newsletter publication of late, socio economic information would now be included in the Wylfa quarterly magazine 'Wylpower'. He concluded that the majority of the budget for this financial year had been spent and that the group hope to meet early in the next financial year to discuss any new applications received.

2661 There were no questions asked.

## **9 UPDATE FROM WYLFA SSG WASTE SUB-GROUP**

2662 AM Jones stated that the group had met on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 following which the Terms of Reference for the group had been published copies of which are now available. The ToR will be discussed in more detail at the next SSG meeting in June.

2663 J Jones reminded members that the Terms of Reference laid down the sub group's responsibility to scrutinise waste management on site on behalf of the SSG and report back to members via this meeting.

2664 M Thornton gave an overview of some of the main points discussed at the sub group meeting relating to the Wylfa site. These were as follows:

2665 A visit and joint inspection by the NII and Environment Agency (EA) was held in May 2010 on control and clearance of materials which identified some recommendations for best practice which have now been adopted.

2666 The site is seeking approval to changes to the Site Authorisation/Permit to allow off site processing of Radioactive Asbestos, Oily Solid Waste, Low Level waste metals for recycling is proceeding now that Environment Agency approval has been granted.

2667 All damaged elements from Dry Store Cell 4 have now been removed although some debris remains. The site is currently in the planning stages to address the removal of the debris and the Waste Sub Group will be involved throughout and will report back to the SSG.

2668 In January 2011 the Wylfa incinerator breached Environment Agency limits for non radio-active heavy metals. Investigations have so far been inconclusive, but are continuing.

2669 'Smart' inventory has resulted in a reduction in the volume of low level waste arising during Care and Maintenance preparations by over 50%.

2670 Wylfa site has been working with Cogent SSC to develop a national standard of job roles for the waste management skills needed on nuclear sites, Job Contexts as they will be known will be out sometime this year.

2671 There were no questions from the floor.

## **10 OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

2672 There were no questions asked.

## **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

2673 AM Jones reminded those present that the Horizon Public Liaison Group meeting will take place in the Eleth and Eilian Rooms at 5.30pm this evening

**12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

2674 The next meeting will take place on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 commencing at 15:00hrs.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.40pm.