

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on Thursday 14 March 2013
in Eleth and Eilian Rooms**

Present:

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| Cllr A M Jones | Site Stakeholder Group Chair |
| Mr Stuart Law | Site Director – Wylfa |
| Mr Mark Chevis | Magnox Communications Officer – Wylfa/Trawsfynydd |
| Ms A Kentish | Magnox Communications Manager – Wylfa/Maentwrog/Traws |
| Mr Mark Thornton | Magnox Waste Manager, Wylfa Site |
| Michelle Humphreys | Magnox Wylfa Site |
| Mrs Karin White | Magnox Wylfa Site |
| Mr Tom Conway | Wylfa Retirees Association |
| Mr Peter Harrup | NDA |
| Dr T Davenport | Site Inspectorate (ONR), Health & Safety Executive |
| Mr M O’Hara | Member of the SSG Waste Sub Group |
| Miss L Jones | Energy Island Project |
| Cllr William T Hughes | Llanbadrig Ward – Anglesey County Council |
| Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts | SSG Vice Chair (Amlwch Rural – Anglesey County Council) |
| Cllr Dylan Jones | Amlwch Port Ward – Anglesey County Council |
| Cllr Elfed Jones | Llanbadrig Community Council |
| Mr Derek Owen | Bodffordd Community Council |
| Cllr J H Jones | Mechell Community Council |
| Cllr Glyn Roberts | Mechell Community Council |
| Mr A Hall | Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water |
| Gemma Roberts | Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water |
| Mr Steve Owen | North Wales Police |
| PC Louise Evans | North Wales Police |
| S Speakman | Amec |
| Lisa Williams | Babcock International |
| T Hurford | Horizon Nuclear Power (part time) |
| J Dobson | Member of the Public |
| G Warren | Bull Bay Residents Association |

Apologies

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| Dr John Idris Jones | Magnox Wylfa/Anglesey Energy Island |
| Mr R Foxhall | Horizon Nuclear Power |
| Mr Dylan Williams | Head of Economic Development, Anglesey County Council |
| Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones AM | Assembly Member for Anglesey |
| Mr Paul Kennedy | Radiation Team, Chemical Safety Division, FSA |
| Mr Dave Clarke | Senior Site Inspector, ONR – Civil Nuclear Security |

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| Ms Melanie Wymer | Bodorgan Trust Company Ltd |
| Mr Tim Poole | Campaign for Rural Wales |
| Mr Steve Roberts | Member of the Public |
| Mrs G Jones | Merched y Wawr |
| Cllr Thomas Jones | Llanfechell Ward – Anglesey County Council |
| Cllr J V Owen | Parc and Mynydd Ward – Anglesey County Council |
| Cllr K Hughes | Llanfaethlu Ward – Anglesey County Council |
| Mr Richard Parry Jones | Anglesey County Council |
| Mr Gordon Malcolm | Deputy Site Director/Wylfa Plant Manager |
| Mr Alan Smith | Horizon Nuclear Power |

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended a warm welcome to Dr T Davenport, the new ONR Site Inspector for Wylfa; the representatives from RSRL Bid companies (Amec/Atkins, The Babcock Fluor Partnership and the CAS Restoration Partnership – ch2M Hill, Areva, Serco); Aimee Kentish, Magnox Communications Manager for Wylfa/Maentwrog and Trawsfynydd; Gemma Roberts from Welsh Water; members of North Wales Police; and Aled Roberts, the Regional Assembly Member for North Wales.

He was also glad to welcome members of the public to the meeting, and hoped they would remain interested.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2012

There were no amendments to the previous minutes. The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts and seconded by Cllr William Hughes.

3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Site Director's Report

The most significant incident was that an individual had fallen on 28 December 2012 while descending the ladder from the transporter onto the pile cap. An ambulance was called and the individual was taken to hospital where he was found to have fractured his pelvis and wrist, having fallen to the side to protect himself. The individual was now recovering at home. The analysis undertaken seems to show that incidents tend to happen to individuals while they are doing day to day jobs. This incident had led to an

improvement plan across the site, having been a stark reminder that health and safety has to be taken very seriously.

Since implementing the inter reactor transfer (IRX) programme in August 2012, Wylfa had managed to generate 1.2TWh of electricity – enough electricity to make 50 billion cups of tea. This had resulted in additional revenue for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, in the region of £50 million. An IRX phase change had been implemented, which means harvesting fuel from reactor two to be used in reactor one. IRX had gone extremely well, with reactor one ending the calendar year at full power, and the site was very happy with this.

With regards to the January weather and the heavy snowfall, the site's preparations for severe weather ensured that operations went ahead. The site had 4X4 vehicles at its disposal which had been very useful, and S Law noted that he had actually received a letter by a member of staff thanking the site for looking after them during that period, which had been warmly accepted.

During the period of cold weather, a waxy deposit had been identified in the in-line filters of the tank for auxiliary boiler four. On one evening, it was found that the fuel oil pressure had dropped, and after investigating it was found that the fuel oil had a high cold filter plugging point (even though the specification was correct, the grade of the oil was wrong). However steps had been taken and the equipment was tested on the site during the evening to make sure everything was working.

An environmental incident had occurred when an oil tanker struck the weighbridge platform. No assessment had been undertaken and there had been a small leak. The leak was very minor (around 200ml), but the site realised that this was a near miss and that it could have been a significant incident.

With regards to Maentwrog, the site has exceeded its target, generating nearly 61GWh, compared with the normal target of 50GWh. The site has been busy felling trees along the pipeline as they posed a risk to the safety of the local community and the integrity of the pipeline. The team are now extracting the timber, which is being taken away by lorries. This has been a very successful operation.

With regards to visits, there had been quite a few visits following the fall from the transporter. Three companies bidding for Magnox/Research Sites Restoration Ltd (Harwell and Winfirth) contract had visited the site. The NDA had visited the site on 6 February 2013 in order to review Wylfa's defueling capability. The Chief Executive of the NDA had visited the site on 11 March 2013 following an invitation from the Chairman of the Site Stakeholder Group.

Following the report, the Chairman extended his congratulations to Stuart Law, explaining that the reason he was absent from the last SSG meeting was that he was getting married. He opened the floor to questions.

Tom Conway had an important question which was aimed mainly at the NDA, in the hope that the NDA representative would be able to answer it later on. He enquired, as the inter reactor transfer programme has resulted in around £50 million additional revenue for the Nuclear Decommissioning

Authority, what would happen to these funds – would this additional revenue go towards decommissioning or would it go to the government.

Cllr Jac Jones enquired, with regards to extending generation, how was it planned to determine the actual generation period, and what was the strategy to determine that.

Stuart Law explained that ONR gave him permission to operate up to a certain point, but subject to a periodic safety review. With ONR satisfied, it would be possible to operate for longer. Fully utilising the fuel, he felt it would probably be possible to operate into 2015, with some assumptions made. He added that 1.76 TW was the target for this year with NDA but emphasised that this figure has come from a business case, and the ability is there to produce much more. He explained that his figures represented a 50% confidence level of generation.

Cllr Jac Jones enquired, with regards to weather extremes, how is it ensured that support systems are available – we are always mindful of extreme events, but what levels are prepared for? Stuart Law explained, in terms of that particular event, it should have met with the BS. Following the event, the team had to consider whether plans are assessed properly and whether further checks need to be undertaken. Additional work has taken place following this event.

5. SSG Chairman's Report

The Chair presented his written report. He expressed that good discussions had taken place and he realised that everyone was working hard towards a new Wylfa.

He mentioned that the FSA consultation document had come to an end on 6th March.

On 18 April, an event would be held at Venue Cymru regarding bidding contracts, where there would be a presentation for SSGs. The Chairman and Vice Chair had received an invitation.

6. Proposal to amend the SSG Terms of Reference

The Chairman asked if anyone had any suggestions with regards to the proposal to change voting members.

Cllr Jac Jones thanked the Chair for bringing this matter to the attention of the group, in view of the elections in May. However he asked if it was a matter for this body to change the Terms of Reference.

The Chairman stated that he had made the proposal in order to take the matter out of the hands of the Council. He explained the situation, stating that out of 7 representatives, there would be one representative from Anglesey County Council nominated by the Council, and three from the Twrcelyn and Talybolion wards, which are nearest to the Wylfa site. He felt that this was fair, and no one else had raised any proposals.

Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts asked if the County Council had given any consideration to the matter, to which the Chairman replied that this is the 'sovereign body' that is responsible for making the decisions.

It was noted that it is important for the individuals who live in the area to have the opportunity to contribute.

Everyone was in agreement, and the proposal was accepted. The amendments to the terms of reference were proposed by Cllr Dylan Jones and seconded by Cllr Will Hughes.

7. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority update

Mr Peter Harrup gave an update on behalf of the NDA. He started by answering Tom Conway's earlier question, and noted that the NDA are always grateful to Stuart Law and his team for their efforts in maximising revenue. He maintained that everything goes back into decommissioning.

He stated that Allerdale and Copeland Borough Councils in Cumbria had voted in favour of remaining in the Managing Radioactive Waste Safety programme in order to find a long term solution for the UK's higher activity radioactive wastes, however Cumbria County Council had voted to withdraw.

With regards to the RSRL competition process, bidders have begun to visit individual sites to gather information that will assist them to produce their final tenders. Meanwhile, the NDA has also organised a series of events for local representatives to meet bidders.

The NDA has appointed Morgan Sindall, a leading construction and infrastructure company in the UK, to deliver a new £18 million office scheme in Whitehaven, Cumbria.

The NDA has published a three year plan to support greater opportunities for small businesses seeking to work in the UK's decommissioning market.

A new Non-Executive Director has been appointed to the NDA's Board following Alistair Wivell's completion of his four-year term in office. Tom Smith, an Oxford chemistry graduate, is a former diplomat and senior executive with many years' experience of working on major infrastructure projects.

In February, the last consignment of spent fuel left Chapelcross site for reprocessing at Sellafield. This marks the completion of a four year programme to deal with more than 38,000 individual fuel elements, which has been completed four months ahead of schedule.

A fifth of the Harwell site has now been formally released from the last remaining nuclear regulations, and is available for new development.

The first movement of breeder material from Dounreay to Sellafield has taken place.

The NDA has announced a decision to proceed with the next phase of the National Nuclear Archive project, which will see a new purpose built facility constructed at Wick, in Caithness, Scotland, for long term storage of records and other archive material from UK civil nuclear sites. The archive is expected to bring more than 20 sustainable jobs to the town and the building will be constructed on land

currently owned by Highland Council near Wick airport. The project could be operational by early 2016.

Tom Conway asked if Peter Harrup felt Caithness was an accessible site for looking at records. Peter Harrup replied that even though the location is in one specific part of the country, it is possible to get there with transport links. Tom Conway felt that the location was guaranteed to deter attendance; however the Chairman suggested perhaps it would be possible to access the project electronically.

Cllr Gareth Winston noted that he was glad to hear about the support for small companies as this is an important issue for Anglesey and indeed for North Wales. He enquired what the NDA was planning to do. The policies are in place, but how is the NDA planning to deliver ? He suggested that it would be a good idea to hold seminars with people and companies, stating that the NDA has a responsibility to explain procedures to people as they aren't familiar with them. He strongly felt that the people had given their support, and that it was important now for them to be supported. Stuart Law mentioned that this had been discussed in an Energy Island meeting he had recently attended. Tom Conway reiterated that these businesses need help to get the certification they need as the costs are enormous – small companies aren't used to it and it is beyond their capacity. The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and stated that it is important to maximise local benefits.

8. Office for Nuclear Regulation Update

Tom Davenport stated that he personally hadn't produced the report, but welcomed any questions.

9. Update from the Wylfa SSG Waste Sub-group

M Thornton explained that the group had met four weeks ago in order to discuss waste matters.

With regards to corrosion debris in dry store cell four, discussions had been held with the regulator and the group had been asked to optioneer to see what could be done with this waste. There were six options for optioneering and they had narrowed these down to four. The main options will now be discussed with the director as all four of the options are credible.

He invited Cllr Jac Jones to say a word or two as the SSG representative who came to inspect the process. Cllr Jac Jones was thankful for the opportunity to be able to inspect the process. He was astounded at how thorough the process was, and this of course means that people can have confidence in the process. He felt that the team were working very hard and he had been very impressed.

M Thornton stated that the Land Quality Strategy is now complete.

With regards to the Low Level Waste Action Plan, a lot of work was being done to divert as much waste as possible from the repository, with more effort going into recycling. He noted that they were using the supply chain to use incineration off-site. A new incinerator had been put in and 55 drums of low level waste had been incinerated. There were 82 drums remaining to incinerate on site the following week.

10. Socio Economic Scheme Update

Michelle Humphreys gave an update. The following have received funding:

- Llanfawr Primary School in Holyhead had received funds for an educational visit to Cardiff
- The Carers Outreach Service had received £1,000 in order to produce a service user survey for their 3,000 carers.
- £500 had been given to set up the first Cemaes Bay Rainbows, to buy crafts and materials
- £350 had gone towards purchasing trophies and medals for Amlwch Carnival
- £4,000 had been provided to establish a new pottery enterprise at Tyddyn Môn.
- £1000 had been provided for Clwb Rhosyr in Dwyran to purchase sport and cookery equipment for children.

She indicated that a detailed report would be prepared for the June SSG meeting to highlight how the local area had been supported during the year but that the total for this financial year was £44,260.

11. Open Forum and Question and Answer Session

The Chairman welcomed Aled Roberts, Assembly Member for North Wales, to the meeting and asked whether he would like to say a few words.

He thanked the group for the welcome. Having visited the site last year, he had been struck by the size of it. He acknowledged the importance of the site to Anglesey and Gwynedd and emphasised that we have to make the most of opportunities. Developments such as Gwynt y Môr , the water scheme in South Meirionnydd, and the National Grid's project to make sure energy reaches the people are all important.

12. Any Other Business

The Chairman noted that two Councillors would be stepping down in the May elections – Cllr J V Owen and Cllr G Winston Roberts. He thanked them for their contribution.

13. Future Meetings in 2013

The Chairman noted the dates of the next meetings –

- 6th June
- 5th September
- 12th December

The meeting came to an end at 16.20hrs.