

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting  
Held at the Eleth and Eilian Rooms – Learning & Development Centre Wylfa on  
Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 3pm**

**Present:**

A Morris Jones	Chair Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
N Gore	Site Director Magnox North
G Vaughan	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
S Johnston	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
R Griffin	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
K Anderson	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
R Mrowicki	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
L P Davies	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
L Jones	Magnox North
M Thornton	Magnox North
J Milburn	Magnox North
F Brookes	Magnox North
T Roberts	Magnox North
A Smith	Horizon Nuclear Power
K Hegarty	HSE Nuclear Director
Cllr W T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr T Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr D Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr K P Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr G W Roberts	Isle of Anglesey County Council
J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
G Roberts	Mechell Community Council
T Hughes	Llanbadrig Community Council
G Jenkins	Cwmni Cemaes Cyf
D Gadsby	
I Williams	Environmental Agency Wales
A Hall	Welsh Water
J Honey	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
T Poole	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
J Tripp	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
R I Williams	FUW
J C Jones	NFU
S Roberts	Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr
K Hughes	Capita
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
S Anglesey	
M O'Hara	Retired Wylfa Employee
D Cartwright	

**In Attendance:**

H M Hughes                      Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)  
Cymen                              Simultaneous Translation

**1            WELCOME AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2527 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. A M Jones informed the members that the agenda included an hour long presentation from the NDA which would be filmed for staff purposes and asked if members would refrain from asking any questions during the presentation until after. A M Jones wanted to welcome the newly appointed NII Inspector L P Davies as the previous Inspector D Simister had taken a new post. A M Jones wanted to wish D Simister well for the future and thanked him for all the work that he has done for Wylfa and also wished L P Davies luck in his new post. A M Jones stated that R Griffin, the Site Stakeholder Relationship Manager is also leaving, but would elaborate later in the meeting.

2528 Apologies were received from J Jones (Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones Amlwch School Governor) and S Howard (Environment Agency)

**2            TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2010**

2529 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr K Hughes; seconded Cllr W T Hughes.

**3            MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2530 No matters arising from previous minutes.

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

2531 The Site Director's report was sent out with the agenda prior to the meeting.

2532 N Gore wanted to inform the members about where Wylfa stands with extended generation. Wylfa are pursuing the case to extend to 2012 and all necessary information and safety cases have been submitted on time or ahead of schedule.

2533 N Gore explained that permission for extended generation needs to be obtained from the NII and the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). He further explained that Wylfa had received a letter of approval from DECC and wanted to thank G Vaughan and Dr Sarah Johnston from the NDA for their support. He stated that the NII have all the information that they now need and are now awaiting a response letter. The outcome looks positive and he noted that this was a tremendous outcome for staff as a conclusion. N Gore explained that Wylfa are not there yet, however he could not officially announce if Wylfa has extended generation as of yet.

- 2534 N Gore stated that Wylfa were working on recovering the 19 damaged fuel elements, which have been in Dry Store Cell 4 since 1992. Since the last SSG meeting in June 2010, a further 2 elements have now been successfully recovered which makes 15 in total and 4 left to be recovered. The process is being done slowly and carefully. When all 19 fuel elements are recovered, they can all be put into a flask and sent to Sellafield for reprocessing.
- 2535 The Outage on Reactor 2 is now completed and has received start-up consent from the NII. Reactor 2 and the 2 turbines will be back in service with works starting over the weekend. There is a possibility to move the start date of the Outage next year to August, however this is unconfirmed.
- 2536 N Gore outlined the key achievements in the report and stated that 'Shaping the Future' questionnaires are being distributed between the Trawsfynydd and Wylfa sites to secure £4.2m socio-economic funding in North Wales.
- 2537 N Gore explained that Wylfa's team building sessions were based more on corporate responsibility which included supporting any community activities. This team building policy has been recognised as effective and Wylfa has won the 'Business in the Community's Cares Team Award'.
- 2538 N Gore stated that the DACR (day away case rate) had increased due to a lost time accident where a member of staff slipped on a wet floor. Due to a fatal accident at Heysham 1, Wylfa discussed this incident and made sure that all the right precautions were in place so that no incidents like this would happen at the Wylfa site. He also explained that security and the NII exercises are being demonstrated on site every week until November.
- 2539 Wylfa generation output was under target and are hoping to get it back on target over the weekend. There were no issues with the Maentwrog hydro power station.
- 2540 The site currently employs 641 full time employees, which includes 7 in Maentwrog; these figures are expected to stay the same if extended generation is permitted. 36 Summer Placements joined the site for work placements of up to 8 weeks. N Gore stated that it was a breath of fresh air to have these young people on board and that they had carried out fantastic work. Magnox North graduates had designed scientific games for the Wylfa stall at the Anglesey Show. Wylfa had learnt a lot from these young people and they equally have gained great experience from Wylfa.

- 2541 Wylfa continues to liaise with Horizon Nuclear Power regarding potential new build developments and a public meeting was held in the Cemaes Village Hall regarding the proposed land sale of Wylfa Head to Horizon Nuclear Power.
- 2542 N Gore stated that 3 energy agencies can provide a significant future for Anglesey. Wylfa, with extended generation, can provide employment for the island; Horizon with the potential of new build and again employment; and the National Grid in getting the electricity from the island.
- 2543 Deputy Site Director S.Law met with Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan, Secretary of State, who expressed her support for nuclear power.
- 2544 N Gore explained that Magnox North and Magnox South are two different companies, however it has been decided that they are going to be bid together creating one entity called Magnox Limited.
- 2545 S Anglesey asked about transport issues with the new build. A Smith from Horizon Nuclear Power explained that they are holding exhibitions for 2 weeks in November which will be advertised in the press and urged people to come along.
- 2546 T Conway asked how many contractors were included in the staff figures. N Gore explained that there were approximately 100 contractors and 40 agency staff. T Conway asked further how much was it extended by with the outage. N Gore replied that about a couple of hundred contractors joined the outage.
- 2547 A M Jones thanked N Gore for the comprehensive report and all the hard work that has been done to secure extended generation.

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

- 2548 A M Jones gave a brief overview of the SSG Chairman's Report.
- 2549 A M Jones explained that he and the Vice Chair, J H Jones attended the meeting of the NDA's National Stakeholder Group on the 21-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.

## **6 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

- 2550 A copy of the update was distributed prior to the meeting with G Vaughan highlighting the key issues from the NDA briefing report.
- 2551 G Vaughan explained that the NDA launched a 12 week consultation on its updated draft Strategy on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Stakeholders have had the opportunity to influence the proposed Strategy with comments, which is required to be updated every five years.

- 2552 The NDA has published the UK Strategy for the Management of Solid Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) from the Nuclear Industry. The NDA, in conjunction with Magnox North, Magnox South and Sellafield Ltd, has published a further revision to the Magnox Operating Programme.
- 2553 In the last few months, a state-of-the-art storage facility for the nation's low-level nuclear waste, called Vault 9, was opened at the NDA's site near Drigg in Cumbria.
- 2554 G Vaughan informed the group that the NDA Executive Director Richard Waite has been appointed a new role, CH2M HILL's Managing Director Commercial Nuclear, Europe and Middle East.
- 2555 G Vaughan explained that two consortia submitted responses to the prequalification questionnaire in the competition to become Dounreay's Parent Body Organisation.
- 2556 G Vaughan highlighted that Wylfa, Oldbury and Maentwrog have generated record-breaking electricity totals over the past 12 months which is a remarkable achievement.

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

- 2557 A copy of the report was sent out prior to the meeting.
- 2558 L P Davies introduced himself to the group as the new NII Site Inspector for Wylfa. He highlighted the key activities of the report and stated that a number of inspections had been undertaken during the Reactor 2 Outage to ensure its safety and issued start-up consent on 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2559 L P Davies explained that the NII is continuing to engage with Wylfa on its proposals for extending generation; however he could not elaborate much regarding the outcome.
- 2560 With regard to the non-routine matters, J H Jones asked if there were any implications with the type of dessicant as it was non-approved. N Gore explained that the material in the drying air supply was nothing to do with the reactor side. The supplier had changed the spec of dessicant which should have been checked, this was then properly investigated by Wylfa, and the non-approved dessicant was disposed as normal waste.
- 2561 T Conway asked if the stand-pipe TLSE issue was a plant error or human error, in which N Gore replied that it was human error.

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

2562 J H Jones explained that the group met on May 25<sup>th</sup> this year and had very little to report, however applications have been submitted. The next meeting will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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

2563 A M Jones explained to the group that there was not much to report. J H Jones added that the group had a useful meeting where criteria were put together in order to move forward.

2564 M Thornton explained that Sarah Allen had taken a secondment, therefore discussions and contact had been delayed.

2565 S Anglesey asked about time constraints and issues. J H Jones explained that the minutes of this sub group will be published as it develops.

## **10 DRAFT NDA STRATEGY PRESENTATION AND Q & A SESSION**

2566 R Mrowicki thanked the SSG for the invitation and welcomed K Anderson who had been appointed to take over R Griffin's role. R Mrowicki explained that the purpose of this presentation was to give a brief overview of the document and gives an opportunity for individuals to comment. He stated that the colour coding with the main themes on the slides correspond with the colour coding in the document in order to make it easy for individuals to understand. He explained that the document sets a direction for the NDA however does not give details about when the activities are going to happen. R Mrowicki also noted that throughout the slide presentation, there were questions to trigger people's thoughts regarding the draft Strategy.

2567 After the presentation, R Mrowicki explained the consultation period was between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and if there were any comments or questions, the contact details were in the front of the document or individuals could access the NDA's website and fill out the online form.

2568 T Conway stated that he did not know this document existed and that the consultation had begun since the 1<sup>st</sup> September. R Mrowicki apologised and explained that it had been published on the website, L Jones also apologised and said that the document was available to take from the meeting today as they did not have enough to distribute prior to the meeting.

- 2569 S Anglesey stated that this document was important in order to move forward and that there were very complex issues but it was very much needed. R Mrowicki stated that funding is key and that the government body and funding have to be put together to produce a budget each year. He explained that the NDA had close contact with the government. S Anglesey asked how much are the NDA allowed to change with the policy. R Mrowicki noted that the Strategy becomes a policy with K Anderson adding that they need to look at the optimum.
- 2570 T Conway asked how much is restricted. R Mrowicki explained that the NDA provide advice to the government, but it is the government that decides on the final policy. The government proposed the consultation and the NDA have to implement it.
- 2571 S Anglesey asked regarding the land disposal with R Mrowicki explaining that the NDA have to follow approved government procedures and G Vaughan further adding that they would sell on market.
- 2572 J H Jones asked regarding the consultation process if they required clarification on anything, how would they go about this. R Mrowicki responded that in the front cover of the strategy, there are contact details if you need to ask anything.
- 2573 D Gadsby asked if the NDA needed a Strategy for marine contamination. R Mrowicki said yes as it is one of the topics in the Strategy. The NDA have to compliant with International and National law as it is their obligation – to follow regulations and manage the site with the site licensee.
- 2574 T Conway asked why fiscal materials could not be recycled as all homeowners have to separate their waste. R Mrowicki encouraged T Conway to comment about this and re-iterated that the NDA's role was to recommend.
- 2575 A M Jones thanked R Mrowicki for the presentation.

## **11 OUTLINE PROPOSALS FOR A PROJECT LIAISON GROUP FOR NEW BUILD**

- 2576 A M Jones apologised and formally welcomed K Anderson to the SSG.
- 2577 A Smith explained briefly how Horizon Nuclear Power needs to consult and engage with the public regarding the new build. Horizon Nuclear Power states that now is the right time to develop two groups regarding the new build. The Statutory Working Group (SWG) will entail high level discussions that will feed in and provide guidance to Horizon Nuclear Power. A Smith states that hopefully the first meeting will be staged this year. The Project Liaison Group (PLG) will have members as per existing SSG but also invitation to other organisations and groups as well. Again the first meeting will hopefully be staged this year.

2578 A Smith expressed how Horizon Nuclear Power wanted to give community groups their voice and address, share concerns and ideas with Horizon. Letters will be sent out shortly to members with all of the details. A Smith also urged members and other individuals to attend the exhibitions in November so that ideas can be shared.

2579 S Anglesey asked who was funding the PLG. A Smith replied that Horizon was funding the group. He also explained that it was difficult to get messages out to people at the right time and trying to avoid confusion. A M Jones added that this is where the energy island programme comes from. A Smith further added that it is used to share results such as traffic and transport and giving messages at the right time.

2580 A M Jones thanked A Smith and wished Horizon Nuclear Power all the best for the future.

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

2581 T Conway asked if a copy of the report on town water consumption could be included in the next meeting.

2582 A member of the group asked if cyber warfare in the press was holding up the proposal with uranium, does Wylfa operate on a closed loop and were they free from computer interference? F Brookes answered that the computers systems are isolated and secure.

## **13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

2583 A M Jones stated that R Griffin was leaving the NDA and wanted to thank him for all the work he has done with the Stakeholder Group and wished him well for the future.

## **14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

2584 The next meeting will be the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

2585 A M Jones thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 4:45pm.