

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on Thursday 6 June 2013  
in Eleth and Eilian Rooms**

**Present:**

Cllr A M Jones	Site Stakeholder Group Chair
Mr Stuart Law	Site Director – Wylfa
Mr R Foxhall	Stakeholder Relations Manager, Horizon Nuclear Power
Cllr J Griffith	Anglesey Council – Talybolion Ward
R Howells	UK Nuclear Restoration
Cllr KP Hughes	Anglesey Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr W T Hughes	Anglesey Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr R Hughes	Mechell Community Council
Michelle Humphreys	Magnox Wylfa Site
R Huston	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Cllr LI M Hughes	Anglesey Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr Elfed Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones Amlwch
M Saunderson	SJC Representative, Wylfa Site
Mr Mark Thornton	Waste Manager, Wylfa Site
Mrs Karin White	Magnox Wylfa Site
Richard Cowell	Magnox Wylfa Site
Claire MacLean	Office for Nuclear Regulation - Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Team
Cllr Julia Dobson	Llanbadrig Community Council
T H Poole	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
Cllr J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts OBE	SSG Vice Chair
Alan Hall	Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water / Dŵr Cymru
Gemma Roberts	Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water / Dŵr Cymru
Gordon Warren	Bull Bay Residents Association

**Apologies**

Dr John Idris Jones	Magnox Wylfa / Anglesey Energy Island
Mr Richard Parry Jones	Chief Executive IOACC
Dylan Williams	Economic Development IOACC
Linda Jones	Energy Island Programme Officer IOACC
Ieuan Wyn Jones AC / AM	Aelod Cynulliad Ynys Môn / Assembly Member for Ynys Môn
Albert Owen MP	Member of Parliament for Ynys Môn
Paul Kennedy	Radiation Team, Chemical Safety Division, Food Standards Agency

Dave Clarke	Senior Site Inspector, ONR – Civil Nuclear Security
Dr Tom Davenport	Wylfa ONR Site Inspector
Aimee Kentish	Magnox Communications Manager- Wylfa/Maentwrog/ Trawsfynydd
Saranne Postans	Magnox Communications Manager
Alan Smith	Horizon Nuclear Power
Melanie Wymer	Bodorgan Trust Company Ltd
Cdr David Alexander	Country Landowners Association
Steve Roberts	Member of the Public
Arthur Jones	Farmers Union of Wales
John Jones	National Farmers Union
Temporary Chief Inspector	Simon Barrasford Anglesey District, North Wales Police
Inspector Guy Blackwell	District Inspector for Anglesey, North Wales Police
Fred Brookes	EHSS&Q Manager Wylfa Site

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and received the apologies above. He extended a special welcome to Mr Robbie Huston (NDA) and Mr Richard Howells (RSRL Bid Company – UK Nuclear Restoration); Mr Mark Saunderson (SJC Representative – Magnox), as well as the new members of the SSG recently elected to Anglesey County Council. The Chair also wished to thank Mr Trevor Roberts who recently retired from the Group having served the committee for many years. The meeting agreed to write to him wishing him well in the future.

2. The March SSG meeting minutes were proposed as a correct record by Councillor Gareth Winston Roberts and seconded by Councillor Will Hughes. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### 3. **Site Director's Report**

On 28 December 2012, there was a fall from height event and a Conventional Safety Improvement Plan has been implemented. The Health and Safety Executive investigated the incident and confirmed that they intend to take no further action and commended Magnox on our thorough investigation. As a result, safety presentations have been delivered across the whole site, an Industrial Safety Engineer has been seconded from Bradwell Power Station , and harness bags have already been purchased for carrying equipment up and down ladders. The individual that fell from the transporter returned to work last week.

Wylfa reported an exceptional generation output of 3.272 TWhrs in the last financial year. This was secured by the excellent operational management of inter reactor transfer (IRX) from Reactor 2 to Reactor 1 and doubling the refuelling rate. As part of the IRX programme 6 fuel elements were scheduled to be removed from Dry Store Cell 2 but no elements were found in the relevant location 6 elements had previously been picked up in error. Also, at the end of March there was a Reactor Trip but was promptly returned to power two days later.

The process of emptying Dry Store Cell 4 is on-going. Cameras are used to confirm that the Dry Store Cell is empty. However, during this task it was discovered that there were still fuel elements in situ. All site Operation rules (Op Rules) and regulations remain in force. The

next step is to confirm exactly how many fuel elements are left and this will be confirmed to you in the next meeting. .

The consultation on the Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning was issued by the Office of Nuclear Regulation on 7 May and will run until 9 August.

Following the assessment of the Fukushima event, a new fire engine has been bought at a cost of £250,000. This new equipment is being stored in a brand new Beyond Design Basis Emergency Equipment Building on site

Maentwrog had one of its best years ever for generation probably due to the wet spring experienced. Next week there is a planned 4 weeks outage for one turbine and 9 weeks for the second turbine.

Wylfa had a return visit from WANO following their inspection in July 2011 when 13 areas for improvement were identified. This visit was to review the updated procedures and the site received a good assessment overall.

The staff held a fundraising event and raised £1,226.57 towards Cancer Research. Cestyll Garden was again open to the public over the May bank holiday weekend and donated gate proceeds to the RNLI

## **Questions**

Tom Conway asked about the error in Dry Cell 4 and asked whether they had cross-checked with the fuel records. In reply, he was told that it was an error probably during the loading of the flask and that the fuel records stated that there was nothing there. This error is likely to have occurred during the early days of the commissioning process. Jac Jones went on to ask whether the fuel was in good condition or was it damaged. According to the camera footage, the fuel seems in perfect condition. However the element has not been picked up – only observed from above. Further investigations will be undertaken and feedback provided to this meeting.

Tom Conway also asked about the publication and issuing of the Environmental Assessment Report. Claire MacLean replied that packs had been sent to all local libraries and all the documents are available on-line with an opportunity to submit comments. Gareth Winston Roberts asked whether the packs could be sent to community councils so they could be discussed in meetings. It was confirmed that the report had been sent to all local community councils and Anglesey County Council. The Chair also promised to send Tom Conway a hard copy of the EA Report.

## **4. SSG Chairman's Report**

The Chair took his report as read outlining his duties and the activities he has undertaken since the last meeting. There were no questions.

## **5. Amendment to SSG Term of Reference**

A paper was presented for information regarding a proposal to change Voting Members. This proposal had come about following the changes to the electoral wards. It was noted that

there were 2 representatives from the parish councils but only 1 in Amlwch. This would be amended to 2. All were in favour of the amendments.

## **6. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Update**

Robbie Huston stood-in to present the NDA update. If any detailed questions needed to be answered, these could be referred back with a response provided as soon as possible.

In February the dialogue opened for the Energy Solutions Parent Body Organisation competition process. The bidding teams will be able to glean information from meetings and site visits so they can get a real 'feel' for the challenges and to inform their tender proposals for the £7 billion contract. The four consortiums are 1) Reactor Site Solutions; 2) Babcock; 3) CAS Restoration; 4) Areva & Circo. Stakeholders had an opportunity to meet the bidding teams in a Wales event held in Llandudno last month. These dates remain indicative only but give an idea of the timetable:

October 2013	formal invitation to tender.
November 2013	tender return date.
March 2014	evaluation and announcement.
April - August 2014	contract agreement and transition period
September 2014	start date

With regards to Managing Radioactive Waste and the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), three communities in Cumbria expressed an interest and the next step was a desktop study of the geology. However, Cumbria County Council voted against the next stage, therefore the current process has been closed and the Government is still looking for suitable sites volunteered by the communities themselves.

Three sites have been identified as possible storage areas for Intermediate Level Waste – Hinckley, Bradwell and Trawsfynydd. It's important to note that these aren't being regarded as a permanent solution, they are more of a temporary measure until the GDF is developed.

The Annual Supply Chain event is being held in EventCity, Manchester on 13 November. Due to its popularity, the event has moved to a bigger venue this year which can accommodate up to 1,000 delegates and 200 exhibitors. In parallel with this event, the Government is making an even greater effort to support economic growth in small to medium enterprises (SME's). The NDA has published an SME Action Plan with a target of SME's accounting for 20% of all supply chain contractors by 2015 (which amounts to about £300 million a year).

## **7. Office for Nuclear Regulation Update**

A written report was provided beforehand by the ONR, As the Inspector was away on annual leave. Questions on the report can be forwarded if required.

## **8. Update from Wylfa SSG Waste Sub Group**

The Group met on 22 May 2013. They discussed the corrosion debris in Dry Store Cell 4, and following discussions with the ONR, this was designated as retained waste and not fuel

(in line with site proposals) also discussing Land quality strategy and Intermediate Level Waste (ILW)

There is a potential risk to operations regarding the Low Level Waste Incinerator as a result of the European Directive on Emissions. The Environment Agency want to regulate this activity in line with large scale industrial incineration.

## **9. Magnox socio-economic scheme update**

In 2012/13, Wylfa awarded £44,260 to 26 local organisations from the Socio Economic Fund as detailed on the list of beneficiaries included in the pre-meeting pack.. Nine organisations have received funding to date in 2013/14 totalling £13,080.

Coleg Meirion Dwyfor Dolgellau received a £360,000 contribution towards the Dolgellau Engineering and Built Environment Centre attributed to Trawsfynydd site.

## **10. Questions and Answers**

Jac Jones expressed his concern that there was no representative in attendance from the ONR. He added that there wasn't anything controversial in the report but he didn't want to set a precedent whereby the ONR don't send a representative to the SSG meeting. It was agreed that his comments would be conveyed to the ONR so they can put dates of future meetings in the diary.

A question was also asked about what arrangements are in place with apprentices for Wylfa B and how much training is being delivered. It is vital that local people are given the opportunity to learn new skills to prepare for Wylfa B. Prentis Menai was mentioned but the question is what happens after they've finished their apprenticeships. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for Dr John Idris Jones to give a briefing on the work of Energy Island to provide the full picture. It was also noted how important it was not to have a void period between the end of generation in Wylfa and the start of the new build. Stuart Law confirmed to the meeting that they are still taking on and training apprentices. However, this cannot be supported indefinitely but the longer Wylfa can keep on generating – the longer they can support these apprentices.

Gareth Winston Roberts asked if the impact of the Rhiannon Wind Farm (500MW scheme) on the national grid connection had been raised with Horizon? Richard Foxhall from Horizon Nuclear Power agreed to discuss this outside of the meeting.

## **11. Date of next meetings**

5 September 2013

12 December 2013

The meeting was closed at 4.15pm.