

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on  
Thursday 23 January 2014 in the Eleth and Eilian Rooms**

**Present:**

Mr Stuart Law	Site Director Magnox Wylfa
Mrs Karin White	Magnox SSG Secretariat
Michelle Humphreys	Magnox
Mr Billy Valley	Magnox
Mr Richard Cowell	Magnox
Mr Mark Thornton	Waste Manager, Magnox
Mrs Lowri Joyce	Magnox
Mr R Foxhall	Horizon Nuclear Power
Mr M Saunderson	SJC Representative, Wylfa Site
Dr T Davenport	Site Inspectorate (ONR), Health & Safety Executive, NSD
R Howells	UK Nuclear Restoration
Mr M O'Hara	Member of the SSG Waste Sub Group
Mr Tim Poole	CPRW
Mr J Phillips	NDA Communications and Stakeholder Relations Director
Cllr A Rowlands	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Seiriol Ward
Cllr K P Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr LI M Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr Aled M Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward (SSG
Chair)	
Cllr Richard Owain Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr William T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr J Dobson	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
Cllr G W Roberts	Amlwch Town Council (SSG Vice Chair)
Mr H Jordan	Federation of Small Businesses, Glan Rhos Garage
Mr Thomas Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
Mrs Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Mr E T Morris	Deputy Headteacher Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Mr R Kemp	Tenet Consultants
Mrs J Honey	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mr Roger Dobson	Member of Public
Mr Gordon Warren	Bull Bay Residents' Committee
Fraser Gerrard Williams	Member of Public
Mrs Ann Llwyd	Cymen – Simultaneous Translation
Miss Elen Williams	Cymen – Minute Taking

**Apologies**

Mr Albert Owen	Member of Parliament for Ynys Môn
Mr Rhun ap Iorwerth	Assembly Member
Mr Richard Parry Jones	Interim Chief Executive – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mr Dylan Williams	Head of Economic Development – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr John Griffith	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr Val Roberts	Amlwch Town Council

Mr Dave Clarke	ONR Civil Nuclear Security
Dr John Idris Jones	Energy Island Project Manager and Magnox Wylfa Site
Cllr Huw Morris Jones	Cylch-y-Garn Community Council
Mr Keith Williams	Head of Joint Resilience Unit, Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust
Mr Steve Roberts	Local Resident
Mr A Hall	Emergency Planning Officer, Welsh Water
Mr Peter Harrup	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
P Kennedy	Food Standards Agency
Mrs S Postans	Magnox Communications Manager
Mr Alan Smith	Horizon Nuclear Power
Mr A K Williams	Emergency Planning, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Heidi Williams	Farmers Union of Wales

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and having wished the members a happy and prosperous new year received the apologies above. He extended a special welcome to Jon Phillips (NDA Communications and Stakeholder Relations Director), Richard Howells (UK Nuclear Restoration), Elfed Morris (Deputy Head Teacher, Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones), and Richard Kemp (Business Development Manager, Tenet Consultants).

The Chair announced that Alan Williams would be retiring from the Isle of Anglesey County Council shortly and that Eleri Salisbury, Civil Contingencies Officer, would be taking over his duties. Paul Kennedy, Foods Standards Agency, London, would also be retiring this month.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2013**

The minutes were proposed as a correct record by Cllr William Hughes and seconded by Cllr Alwyn Rowlands.

## **3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

Even though the output had been restricted by a minor reduction in power towards the end of the year, following repair work, Reactor 1 had returned to nominal full power and 2013 had ended on a fantastic note with the year to date generation of 2.81TWh.

Reactor 1 had been taken out of service on the 6 January, to commence the last ever Magnox reactor outage on the last Magnox operating site. It is expected that Reactor 1 will be returned to service within 100 days. As a result of this work, there are currently a lot more activities occurring on site and a lot more people as well. To highlight this, 951 individuals had been on site the previous Friday.

A Level 1 ONR Nuclear Demonstration exercise in conjunction with the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) had taken place in November, which had been a success. A relatively complex scenario had been agreed with the Office for Nuclear Regulation, and overall the site had responded well to the challenges. The exercise had been assessed by ONR to be an adequate demonstration.

As the end of generation approaches, S Law emphasised that the aim was to ensure there isn't a change in standard with regards to safety and behaviours, and that the site ends generating in

a better state, with one of the sites focus areas being 'delivering a better plant tomorrow than today.'

Two gas turbines had been unavailable for a short time which had put the site in a Reactor Urgent Maintenance State, but this was only for three minutes.

Towards the back end of summer, five hand injuries had occurred, four at Wylfa and one at Maentwrog. None of the injuries were significant but they all involved hospital treatment and stitches. Following these incidents, the site had been emphasising the continued importance of safety on site and reminding people about handsafety

Work had been taking place to engage with young people in the area with school and science related visits at the information centre, and in early November Wylfa had welcomed a group of engineers from Dukovany Nuclear Power Station in the Czech Republic, who had been given a presentation about the site and the unique design of the Magnox reactors.

A number of charitable events had taken place. The site's Christmas lunch and raffle had been a great success with proceeds raising £3,016 for Wylfa 21 charities and a 'Pink Friday' event when individuals were given the opportunity of wearing pink to support Breast Cancer UK

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

The Chair referred the group to his written report which outlined the duties and activities he had undertaken since the last meeting.

On 21 and 22 October he had attended the National Stakeholder Group meeting which for the first time was held in the South East and included a visit to Magnox's Bradwell site. He wished to thank the NDA for organising such an interesting event. He mentioned that 900 contractors work at Bradwell at present, and in two years time as the site enters the care and maintenance phase it will be empty.

On 12 December he had met up with Neil Baldwin, Magnox Managing Director, and the Magnox Executive Team in London for updates and briefings, especially with regards to the Competition Process to appoint a Parent Body Organisation to run the Magnox and RSRL sites from 1 April onwards for 7 years with the potential of extending the contract for a further 7 years.

The Chairman and S Law expressed that this period of outage in Wylfa will be the last outage on the last Magnox site – the last of the fleet.

### **Questions**

Cllr Jac Jones enquired further about the Department of Energy and Climate Change workshop the Chairman had attended at Venue Cymru on 19 November, which was held to explore the Government's proposals for a revised siting process for a Geological Disposal Facility for higher activity radioactive waste. He wished to know if Wylfa's perspective had been given. The Chair replied that he hadn't given a perspective.

Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts asked for further information regarding the briefing with Dr John Idris Jones considering that this was Wales wide. The Chairman replied that they had discussed matters and developments relating to Magnox and Energy Island. Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts emphasised that it is important for this part (north) of the island to get attention, The Chairman agreed that this part of the island certainly needs to be given opportunities.

## 6. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority update

The Chairman introduced Jon Phillips, NDA Communications and Stakeholder Relations Director, who had travelled from London to be at the meeting.

Mr Jon Phillips expressed how glad he was to be at the meeting, in his role as Communications and Stakeholder Relations Director, having been with the NDA since 2005. He explained that his job is to make sure the NDA and the sites are engaging properly with stakeholders and that the arrangement was working effectively but he was always happy to receive feedback. He explained that he was responsible for Socio Economic matters and reminded members that there is an ongoing programme of investment in North Wales. He added that the SSG chair is a passionate advocate of ensuring that North West Wales is included in any socio-economic investment.

He wanted to highlight four matters which are at the top of the NDA's priorities at present and hoped that the NDA updates which are circulated to members are pitched at the right level.

The first of which is Sellafield. The NDA receives £3 billion a year from the government for decommissioning, and £1.8 billion of that goes into Sellafield. It attracts all the finance, scrutiny etc. which dominates a lot of the NDA's time.

Secondly, Magnox competition. He explained that at present bidding companies were competing for the Parent Body Organisation contract, which would inject new people and thinking into Magnox. Magnox Site Licence Companies would stay mainly intact. The preferred bidder will be announced at the end of March 2014. After that there will be a period of due diligence, where there will be an opportunity to iron out any issues before the parent body comes in officially in September 2014. He also explained that the NDA had made arrangements to ensure that SSG Chairpersons will be told of the outcome prior to the announcement being made public.

The third matter of importance is managing radioactive waste safely. DECC have held a consultation to see if they can improve the process of consultations. The concept is pretty much the same - to find an area with an interest and look at geology before going on to further detailed stages. He explained that different parts of the world deal with this matter differently, but that the aim in this country is to find an area to come forward first then carry out any geological studies.

The fourth point was the spending round. He explained that the NDA have to make their case to the Government for funding, which means that they have to compete for funds against other departments, such as the Education and Transport departments. He emphasised that this was why they were so glad of the income generated from Wylfa. Approximately £1 billion a year is received from commercial performance, which makes the case stronger when approaching the Government for funds. The NDA estate were continuing to support small and medium enterprise organisations and would be increasing overall spend with them to 20% in 2014/2015

With regards to Socio-Economic matters, he explained that he has to make his case in the same way as the Chairman makes the case for Anglesey. On a positive note, he announced the decision to approve funds last week for a Môn Communities First Training Academy.

### Questions

Cllr Richard Jones expressed that this is important for the island but enquired about the north of Anglesey, and areas such as Cemaes, Amlwch and Llanfechell. Jon Phillips suggested that the best option would be to make the case with people like the Chairman and John Idris Jones. It is up to the people of the island to make their case and submit their proposal into the Socio-Economic Portal for it to be considered.

The Chairman enquired how much the new Academy had received, to which Jon Phillips replied that a grant of £140,000 had been agreed, whereas the whole project is likely to be worth around £350,000.

The Chairman enquired how much is in the fund in total, to which Jon Phillips replied that there is around £20 million in the pot, so when projects relating to research, and development and so forth come up, funding is available. He stated that you might get two or three large projects worth supporting, and the aim is to create a larger pot that is ready and available when such projects arise.

Having read the update, Jac Jones stated that he was under the impression that the group hadn't responded to the NDA's consultation on the draft Business Plan, which came to an end the following day. The Chairman replied that he had provided a response.

Jac Jones went on to note that 'Interim storage facility operational' is mentioned in the NDA Draft Business Plan and was curious with regards to the meaning of this. The Chairman explained that there is room for a temporary store and that is operational. Mr Mark Thornton explained further that there is provision for an Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) store for packaged ILW, but it doesn't mean that each site will have one. For consistency though, each site has a store in the plan. Stuart Law added that each site has been asked to have one. The NDA is at present determining the strategic options for those sites in England. Wylfa currently has ILW storage for unpackaged ILW, and at some point there would be a need to find room for packaged waste

Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts wished to clarify if it would be for Wylfa waste only, to which the answer was yes.

Cllr Ken Hughes expressed that the support for skills and employment is certainly welcomed, and that the increase to 20% in 2014/2015 is something to be glad of.

Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts stated that he had asked many times in the past what is being done in support of small businesses to teach them how to tender for NDA and Horizon projects, and enquired if anything was being done.

Jon Phillips replied that this lies with site licence companies. He stated that they weren't equipped to provide training, however he referred to the supply chain event the NDA had held in Manchester recently when more than 600 companies were present. At this event the setting up of a mentor system was discussed but again this would sit with site licence companies. The responsibility does however lie with the site, and sites such as Sellafield have taken part at regional level. Stuart Law drew attention to engaging events in the past to bring suppliers together. Jon Phillips reminded that the supply chain working group acts to bring players together.

Tom Conway expressed how important health and safety is and that many companies lose out at the tender stage because of this. The tendering and specification processes are fine but small companies do not have the health and safety accreditation, and they need help to get this accreditation, which is an expensive and time consuming process. Larger companies succeed while smaller companies lose out.

Stuart Law replied that when looking at a large scale contract, they do go to large companies, however these companies subcontract, and the smaller companies the work is subcontracted to don't have to face the rigorous tendering process and safety accreditation as this has been covered by the main company.

Cllr William Hughes stated that he was just about to make the same point as Tom Conway – there are many small companies out there who need support and who should be given the opportunity.

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

A report had been provided in the pre meeting pack and there were no questions.

## **8. Update from the Wylfa SSG Waste Sub-group**

The Chair noted that he was quite conscious that no meeting of the Waste sub group had been held recently. A meeting was to be arranged in the next month.

Mr M Thornton gave an update on behalf of the Waste Sub-group. He reiterated what he had said in the previous meeting regarding the threat to the on-site incinerator due to a change in policy by Natural Resources Wales, who were proposing to reduce the emissions limits for the incinerator.

It had been decided that the best option would be to close down the incinerator due to the new limits that came into effect on 6 January 2014. He also reported that an inspection under site licence condition 32 and 34 and the Periodic Safety Review (PSR) that was submitted recently to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), that the current waste facilities were undergoing material condition improvement and, additionally, plans were being made for new facilities. These would be used extensively during defueling and decommissioning.

They had made good use of the incinerator though, with 169 drums of low level waste incinerated. The incineration work would now be taking place at an off-site facility.

## **9. Socio Economic Scheme Update**

Michelle Humphreys was delighted to note that 23 organisations had received funding since the last meeting in September. She was also glad to be able to share the news about the Academy in Holyhead, which was part of a larger bid. They were now awaiting news and hoping that this grant would help unlock further funds as part of the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places Framework.

36 applications had been approved for Wylfa in the last financial year, ranging from football kits and play parks to Christmas lights and a Heritage Centre.

She also mentioned that new funding guidance is now available on the website and copies were available to take away following the meeting

## **10. Emergency Planning Consultative Committee Report**

There was no one present to give the report. Stuart Law said that he wasn't aware of any changes and that a representative would be available at the next meeting.

## **11. Dates of future meetings in 2014**

The Chair noted that at present they were hoping to be flexible with the dates, with the next meeting likely to be held in May and September.

## **12. Open Forum and Question and Answer Session**

Cllr Jac Jones enquired about the election process, it was agreed to be discussed at the next meeting

Tom Conway enquired whether it would be possible to have an update regarding the future of the Sports and Social Club building, asking what the proposals were and whether a consultation had been held. S Law noted that discussions were taking place regarding the buildings that are in the way of new build developments. A meeting would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> in the Sports and Social Club for committee members only.

Tom Conway enquired, in terms of replacement, would the Socio-Economic fund be prepared to consider providing funding for a new building. Jon Phillips replied that he wasn't able to provide a direct answer but it would be possible to go through the appropriate routes and submit an application for socio-economic funding.

Roger Dobson, as a member of the public, stated that the public were reassured by the regular Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) 4x4 patrol vehicle that goes around the area local to the site day and night. The West Headland at Cemlyn is a popular area, which attracts dog walkers and birdwatchers; however the footpath has become very muddy due to a 4x4 vehicle crossing it. The Chairman stated that nuclear constabulary does not form part of the group's remit, but ensured Roger Dobson that his comment had been noted and that it would be passed on by S Law.

## **13. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting came to an end at 5.05 pm.