



Site Stakeholder Group

## **Chairman's Comments June 2015**

There have been quite a few changes since February not only in Government but Parish representation too.

The next comprehensive spending round will be very interesting especially for the NDA/CFP and Magnox. My personnel hope is that the budget for Decommissioning is not cut and we can get on with the job, especially the removal of the Turbine Hall well before the commencement of HPC.

No doubt you will remember how Mervyn and I were quite jaded at the last SSG following the meeting in Warrington. Aled Jones and I, as the National Vice Chair and Chair, were called to a meeting at Berkeley Power Station on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the proposals for Socio-Economics. This is the fund available to communities near Magnox sites. Under the new proposals, CFP is allocating £6000 per site for 'good neighbour' sponsorship (that is, projects requesting less than £1000) if not spent, this can be pooled to help other projects at other sites. The larger pot of money remains unchanged and you can still apply in the usual manner, bearing in mind Hinkley is deemed a 'low priority site'. Mervyn will up-date you on this.

Your Vice Chairman and I attended the National Meeting in Manchester on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Unfortunately I had to return to Bridgwater early to attend the Annual Council meeting at Sedgemoor. Again Mervyn will up-date you on this event.

It is going to be a very busy time between this meeting and our meeting in October. CFP will be restructuring and no doubt this will have an effect on SSG arrangements. I have asked for a meeting with NDA senior management regarding certain scenarios. I will endeavour to keep you all informed

Mike