

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group held on
Thursday 10 September in the Eleth/Eilian Rooms**

Present:

Stuart Law	Site Director Magnox Wylfa
Karin White	Magnox SSG Secretariat
Michelle Humphreys	Magnox Wylfa
Kelly Anderson	NDA
Sarah Johnston	NDA
Mr T Poole	CPRW
M Ellsworth	Magnox Health Physics and Chemistry
Cllr J Griffith	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr KP Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Talybolion Ward
Cllr Aled M Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward (SSG Chair)
Cllr W T Hughes	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr Jac Jones	Mechell Community Council
Gwyn Hughes	North Wales Councils Regional Emergency Planning Service
Mr H Jordan	Federation of Small Businesses,
Sara Evans	(on behalf of D Williams, Head of Economic Development, IOACC)
Paul Wright	Natural Resources Wales
Mr Thomas Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
M E Dodds	Wylfa Retirees Association
Mr R Dobson	Member of the Public
Mel O Hara	Member of the Public

Apologies:

Nick Blackburn	ONR Inspector
Kelly Duane	Cavendish Fluor Partnership
Mr Derek Gadson	FIACP
Cllr Julia Dobson	Llanbadrig Community Council
Peter Harrup	NDA
J Honey	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Rhun ap Iorwerth	Assembly Member for Ynys Môn
Annette Jones	Women's Institute
Cai Jones	Representing AM Ynys Môn
Cllr Richard O Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council – Twrcelyn Ward
Mrs Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Lowri Joyce	Magnox
Dr J I Jones	Magnox
N Monckton	Magnox
Gwyn Roberts	North Wales Fire Service
Alwyn Rowlands	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Carol Saretti	Energy Island
Hugh Townsend	Civil Nuclear Constabulary, Wylfa Site
D Williams	Head of Economic Development, Isle of Anglesey County Council

1. Welcome and Receive Apologies for Absence
The Chair welcomed everyone to this special meeting in which a presentation would be given by Sarah Johnston (Head of Strategy Development) and Kelly Anderson (Stakeholder Engagement Manager) from the NDA. He also informed the meeting that Lowri Joyce, the Communications Officer for Wylfa and Trawsfynydd, had today left Magnox to take on a new position as the Stakeholder Relations Manager for Hitachi GE on the Wylfa Newydd Project. Lowri would be based at the Wylfa Newydd offices. The Chair wished her all the best and noted that he would write to her on behalf of the group to thank her for her work and wish her well.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 21 May 2015
The minutes were approved as a true and correct record by Cllr KP Hughes and seconded by Cllr William T Hughes.
3. Matters arising from the previous Minutes
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
4. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Strategy 3 –
Overview of the draft strategy and explanation of the consultation process (Sara Johnston/Kelly Anderson)
The Chair introduced Sarah Johnston (Head of Strategy Development) who would be giving the presentation. He noted that the intention was for this document to go out to consultation in September but this has in fact been delayed until the beginning of next year. It was noted that the consultation would start on 16 January 2016 for 6 weeks, but that the NDA wanted to share its thinking ahead of the formal consultation process.

Sarah Johnston (SJ) indicated that the draft strategy had been published on the website on Tuesday 8 September and her intention was to give an overview. She explained that the Energy Act 2004 requires the NDA to review, update and consult on their Strategy every 5 years and that it was an opportunity to take stock of their situation.

SJ noted that they were reshaping their stakeholder engagement and consultation plan and that they had published the draft strategy as part of the engagement process. The National Stakeholder Event had been postponed until the final consultation period. There would be a period of stakeholder engagement followed by a shorter consultation period and SJ reminded the group that they welcomed comments and feedback.

Thomas Conway (TC) enquired was the changes to the strategy due to the Government Spending Review, and how big a cut did the NDA have to make.

SJ replied that it wasn't influenced greatly by the Government Spending Review but it would dictate more on what the NDA did in the short term rather than in the long term period.

TC enquired whether it would be possible to have a hard copy of the document. Karin White (KW) informed the group that there is a link to the document on the website and that she would send a hard copy to TC.

SJ went through the four driving themes:

- **Site Decommissioning and Remediation:** To decommission and remediate our designated sites and release them for other uses
- **Spent Fuels:** To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent fuels
In the next five years it is expected that THORP and Magnox reprocessing plants will complete reprocessing. Completion of the reprocessing programmes represents a major milestone in our long-term mission.
- **Nuclear Materials:** To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our nuclear materials
To ensure the safe and secure management of separated plutonium stocks held by the NDA and to support the government to develop its preferred approach for putting separated plutonium in the UK beyond reach.
- **Integrated Waste Management:** To ensure that wastes are managed in a manner that protects people and the environment, now and in the future, and in ways that comply with government policies and provides value for money
Effective waste management is an essential requirement for the delivery of our mission and is a significant part of our programme.

Questions

Cllr Jac Jones (JJ) enquired about the format of the comments and would the NDA require an individual response or a response by the SSG group as a whole.

The Chair noted that the SSG would take advice on that and would be guided after the presentation. He understood that the County Council would be responding in its own right.

Mr Mike Dodds (MD) enquired what would the difficulty be for processing Magnox fuel when THORP closes.

SJ noted that THORP is due to close in 2018 and explained that there were different types of fuel. The majority of foreign oxide fuel would hopefully be processed by that time. After that the AGR and other oxide spent fuel would be stored rather than processed and classed as a waste by the Ministry of Defence.

TC felt that this was a cop out, and an example of the government not honouring its obligations.

SJ went on to discuss the critical enablers:

- **Critical Enabler – Health, Safety, Security, Safeguards, Environment and Quality (HSSSEQ):** To reduce the inherent risks and hazards of the nuclear legacy, by proportionate application of contemporary standards and improving environment, health and security performance across the NDA estate

Quality is a contractual requirement. This is one of the NDA's top priorities.

- **Critical Enabler – Research & Development:** To ensure that the delivery of the NDA's mission is technically underpinned by sufficient and appropriate Research and Development

This includes working with other organisations and sharing with/benefiting from others.

- **Critical Enabler – People:** To ensure that the NDA, its subsidiaries and the estate can attract and retain the necessary skills, diversity of talent and capability to deliver the NDA mission efficiently and effectively through leading the estate-wide People Strategy

Looking at when sites come to an end, will people have the skills to go elsewhere?

- **Critical Enabler – Asset Management:** To secure reliable, value for money performance by making the best use of UK assets thereby enabling delivery of the site and states

How do we work with continuing sites to make use of assets?

- **Critical Enabler – Contracting:** To ensure that the NDA procures the best capabilities the market has to offer, through contracts which represent value for money, particularly in respect of appropriate transfer of risk. We will manage these contracts effectively and use contractual incentives, both positive and negative, to optimise outcomes

- **Critical Enabler – Supply Chain Development:** To ensure that the supply chain available to the NDA estate is optimised to enable a safe, affordable, cost effective, innovative and dynamic market to support our mission and for the NDA estate to be seen as a nuclear client of choice

The government is showing a lot of interest in this, looking to share with other businesses.

- **Critical Enabler – Information Governance and Knowledge Management:** To optimise value from NDA knowledge and information assets in a compliant and secure manner, investing only in that which needs to be retained to deliver the NDA's mission

A lot of information has been collected and work has started on the NDA archive. The information includes paper and samples. It will be located in a central hub in Wick

Mr R Dobson enquired whether Wick was in actual fact a central location.

SJ advised that some of the items would be in satellite locations

- **Critical Enabler – Socio-Economics:** To support the maintenance of sustainable local economies for communities living near out sites and, where possible, contribute to regional economic growth objectives

Kelly Anderson (KA) gave an overview of socio-economic matters. There are priority areas and these will not change, however they would be taking account of lifecycles (e.g. where there are new builds or B Stations) and timescales. Subject to funding, things would continue and Wylfa and Traws continue to be priority areas. The NDA will take into account the lifecycle of the sites and Wylfa new build.

- **Critical Enabler – Public and Stakeholder Engagement:** To build a better understanding of our mission with the public and stakeholders and maintain their support, confidence and trust

KA noted that they would always engage with stakeholders and that they needed to examine how to do that depending on environments, e.g. how to communicate and keep people in the loop after entering Care and Maintenance. They hoped to learn as they went along but realised that it wouldn't be a case of one size fits all. They also needed to review things at a national level, e.g. it's a long way to travel to Dounreay to a meeting, would it be beneficial to hold events in different locations etc. They wanted feedback on how to reach out to people and engage with SSG's and how to engage with people that are not involved with SSG's, how to involve people in the best way and would welcome feedback on the options given

- **Critical Enabler – Transport and Logistics:** To ensure the effective transportation of materials to enable the delivery of the NDA mission *Transport covers what we have now and what we need for the future. Rail travel would have preference over road travel. Geological disposal facility will be needing transport links, question could be how we move waste in the longer term. Looking at plutonium packaging and issues, transport regulators are now part of ONR.*
- **Critical Enabler – Revenue Optimisation:** To create an environment where existing revenue can be secured, and opportunities can be developed against criteria agreed with government. At a much lower level, continue to look at how we can generate revenue from our state (good ideas are needed)
- **Critical Enabler – International Relations:** To ensure the NDA estate maximises the benefit of international experience in delivering its Energy Act requirement for adopting good practice, securing value for money and supporting government policy, through targeted collaboration with international organisations.
- **Critical Enabler – Land and Property Management:** To manage our land and property in support of the NDA mission and make it available for alternative uses which optimise revenue and socio-economic benefit. This covers land and property outside licensed sites. Berkeley Centre is now Berkeley and Stroud College and at Whitehaven offices have been built outside of the site licence area. The archive in Caithness has been given the go ahead and the Civil nuclear Constabulary has a new training centre

Questions

JJ commented that he was curious about what is covered by safeguards under the Health, Safety, Security Safeguards and Environment heading.

Stuart Law (SL) explained safeguarding as a term, stating that it includes being able to track materials and make sure nuclear materials are not diverted from the uses for which they are intended and used inappropriately.

SJ noted that they had a number of events and were happy to take comments up until the end of November. These would not form part of the formal consultation, which would commence in January 2016. She mentioned that the document includes questions but was eager to know if these questions were the right ones to ask.

The national stakeholder group for SSG chairs has been moved to January 2016 line up with the consultation

The Chair noted that the waste sub group would be able to form a response as part of its next meeting. He thanked both SJ and KA.

5. Magnox Soci-Economic Development Plan

Michelle informed the group that they were working on a new socio-economic plan which would be published as a draft on the website on 30 September. Any comments would be appreciated. She noted that it was much bigger than the present socio-economic plan and included things like how Magnox can support the local supply chain, continue to support education and STEM subjects and support the community in other ways. It is an exciting plan with new objectives and new targets.

She informed the members of the group that they would receive a letter by post or email to invite them to visit the website.

The Chairman noted that the forum would be able to respond to this as well.

6. Open Forum Question and Answer Session

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman informed the group that he had attended two emergency meetings, one in July and the other August. It had become apparent that Magnox intended to employ only one Communications Support Officer as Secretariat for all Site Stakeholder Groups as part of the organisational restructuring. Magnox had been made aware of this concern and the SSG Chairs had been trying to influence them.

With regard to the Comprehensive Spending Review, the impact on the NDA and other government departments would be known on 25 November.

The Chair also mentioned the Tour of Britain and the good PR the area had received, but also wished to note that £60,000 had been given by Magnox for a two week cycle event in the run up to the Tour of Britain, which had also been extremely successful.

SL gave a brief update as Site Director but noted that this would be covered in the next formal SSG meeting. There had been a small number of lost time incidents, where one individual had twisted his back and another had hurt his elbow after a fall. The number of workers on site would be falling from 357 to 297 for the defueling period, and therefore there were a lot of people on site uncertain about their future. He maintained that it was important to stick to the timetable. The preparations were challenging but going well.

Diesel generator 2 had high vibrations but they were living with it at the moment until further work had been done on diesel generator 1 and 3.

SL reminded the meeting that 30 December is the date for ending generation. The site was generating just below full power at present. There had been a slight dip as expected because the best fuel has of course been used. The power levels indicate that Wylfa will reach the end with complete utilisation. Preparations for the final 100 day outage was going well

TC enquired about the staff numbers, and enquired whether the reduction to 297 was compulsory or voluntary redundancy.

SL noted that he didn't rule out compulsory and that there were discussions taking place with the Site Joint Council (SJC). He had a job to do and he needed the best team possible to get the fuel off site. Nobody had a right to severance if the company chose to pay their wages.

TC noted that the Wylfa Retirees Association would be happy to welcome new members.

AMJ closed the meeting by commenting that Wylfa had been a good employer, a good neighbour and given careers to many in the nuclear industry.

The meeting came to an end at 15.10.

8. Date and time of next meeting
To be confirmed.