



Site Stakeholder Group
Grŵp Rhanddeiliaid y Safle

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF TRAWSFYNYDD SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP HELD AT THE CONFERENCE AND INDUCTION CENTRE ON THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2015 AT 2:00 PM

Present

Cllr. Keith O'Brien	Chairman / Trawsfynydd Community Council
Cllr. Gareth Thomas	Gwynedd Council
Dr Sara Johnston	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Deborah Ward	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Idwal Williams	Traws-Newid
Richard Cowell	Magnox
Dr Iolo ap Gwynn	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Martin Moore	Site Director Trawsfynydd Site
Rory Trappe	Magnox TU Rep Prospect
John Idris Jones	Magnox
Michelle Humphreys	Magnox
Nia Swann Bowden	Gwynedd Council Ardal Menter Eryri Enterprise
Cllr. John Richards	Talsarnau Community Council
Karin White	SSG Secretariat
Cllr. D. Meredydd Williams	Maentwrog Community Council

(Gwynfor Owen)

(Cymen – Translation)

(Glyn E. Roberts)

(Cymen – Minutes Clerk)

Apologies

Liz Saville Roberts	MP
Richard Foxhall	Horizon Nuclear Power
David Powell	Natural Resources Wales
Karen Fell	Magnox
Kevin Titley	Magnox
Andy McAteer	Magnox Maentwrog
Laura Baker	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Dylan Williams	Gwynedd Council
Gwen Pettifor	Womens Institute
Kelly Anderson	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Cllr. Tom Ellis	Gwynedd Council

Enclosures in the information pack:-

1. Agenda
2. NDA Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Report 'Insight into nuclear decommissioning'
3. Magnox Socio-Economic Plan Report 2015/16 Period 6
4. Copy of slides used in the power point presentation by Dr Sara Johnston – NDA Draft Strategy

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and extended a special welcome to Dr Sara Johnston and her colleague Deborah Ward from the NDA.

Referring to the Agenda he noted that an open question and answer session would follow Dr Johnston's presentation on the NDA's 3rd Strategy and Michelle Humphreys' report on the Socio-Economic Development Plan.

2. **Presentation by Dr Sara Johnston**

Dr Johnston introduced herself as the NDA's Head of Strategic Development and her presentation would be an overview of the draft strategy and an explanation on the consultation process. The Draft Strategy sets out the overall journey but funding dictates the timescales. Dr Johnston welcomed questions as she went along.

2.1 **Strategy Development**

Referring to the last statement in April 2011 the NDA was back in the review cycle of updating and consulting on Strategy every 5 years. The updated strategy would set the context of the NDA's journey and mission priorities, explain where we are with our development on an 'as we go along basis', and be used to inform our requirements which will be developed into site plans by our SLC i.e. what this means for each site. We are going through a period of engagement prior to publishing the strategy i.e. engaging with the SSG and asking for its feedback to incorporate into the strategy.

The specific operating targets are identified in the NDA's Business Plan which goes out to consultation before publishing in April 2016.

2.1.1 **Question – Rory Trappe**

Is the draft available on the Internet ?

Dr Johnston Yes via link

2.1.2 **Question – John Richards**

Considering the implications of the Government Spending Review due in November 2015, will the NDA be following the same process as before ?

Dr Johnston

The process will be similar to the last time, but the NDA however is not a 'protected department'. We have been in dialogue for some 12 months and it is on-going.

2.2 **Site Decommissioning and Remediation**

Objective

To decommission and remediate our designated sites, and release them for other uses

Dr Johnston referred to the 4 Driving Themes – Decommissioning, Land Quality Management, Site Interim and End State, and Land Use.

The Proportional Regulatory controls and a desire for similar approach to in-situ management are key and very relevant to Trawsfynydd - there is a great deal to discuss on that.

There is a need to understand the broader factors that influence spend, e.g. it's not just about hazard. In the Document there are a number of questions relating to understanding the end state near term affordability versus long term cost trade off.

2.3 **Spent Fuel**

Objective

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent fuel

Not relevant to Trawsfynydd now.

In the next 5 years we expect that the THORP and Magnox reprocessing plants will complete reprocessing. Completion of the reprocessing programmes represents a major

milestone in the NDA's long term mission. Of 50 tonnes of Magnox fuel we are now down to 2 tonnes.

Contingency plans and options will be developed in the event that our reprocessing facilities cannot fulfil their commitments. We will continue engagement with government, regulators and stakeholders before finalising future strategic decisions.

2.4 Nuclear Materials

Objective

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our nuclear materials

Nuclear materials are held at a number of sites in the UK. We have decided that all significant stocks of civil plutonium will be stored at Sellafield and we are consolidating storage of some uranics at Capenhurst. The UK government's priority is to provide a solution that puts the vast majority of UK held plutonium beyond reach.

In 2011 government proposed to pursue reuse of UK civil separated plutonium as Mixed Oxide fuel and we are continuing to support government in developing strategic options for the implementation of this policy.

Re Uranics we would look to sell where there is use for it.

2.5 Integrated Waste Management

Objective

To ensure that wastes are managed in a manner that protect 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 the programme. The NDA's question is 'Do you think that this is the right approach?'

2.5.1 Question – Cllr John Richards

Is most of the waste depleted uranium?

Dr Johnston

Mainly it is depleted uranium

2.5.2 Question – Rory Trappe

How much is there in terms of tonnage?

Dr Johnston

Can't say but relatively small.

2.5.3 Question – Rory Trappe

Is there any potential use for the waste?

Dr Johnston

Yes there is a potential to re use.

2.5.4 Question – Cllr John Richards

What is the NDA going to do at Urenco

Dr Johnston

Going to build a site store with the NDA having about 50/50 share

2.5.5 Question – Idwal Williams

How confident are you about Wylfa fuel waste?

Dr Johnston

Work is done at Sellafield and there are no issues with Wylfa fuel.

2.6 Critical Enabler

These topics will help to deliver the NDA's mission.

2.6 A Health, Safety, Security, Safeguards, Environment and Quality

Objective

To reduce the inherent risks and hazards of the nuclear legacy, by proportionate application of contemporary standards and improving environment, health, safety and security performance across the NDA estate.

Over the last 10 years this has been significantly important and will continue to be so and looked at as an on-going improvement. Although identified as a 'priority' the NDA need to further embed it as a 'value' in its decision making.

2.6 B Research & Development

Objective

To ensure that the delivery of the NDA's mission is technically underpinned by sufficient and appropriate Research and Development.

2.6 C People

Objective

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

There will be a stronger focus on cross NDA Estate collaboration through 3 key delivery areas and as part of the NDA's 'engagement' we would ask if these are ok.

1. Resourcing

Ensuring the right supply of people in the right place at the right time at optimum cost and quality

2. Skills

To retain, maintain and develop a competent and skilled workforce across the estate in a manner that provides value for money.

3. Worker flexibility and mobility

Enable mobility and transferability of people across and within SLCs and the wider nuclear industry.

2.6 D Asset Management

Objective

To secure reliable, value for money performance by making the best use of UK assets thereby enabling delivery of the site end states.

This area of work has significantly matured having looked at opportunities to better inform and share asset management decisions and strategies.

2.6D.1 **Question – Rory Trappe**

Has the NDA considered management by a third party ?

Dr Johnston

It is unclear at the moment. We have looked at options over 10 years and are still looking at others.

2.6D.2 **Question – Cllr John Richards**

Do you consider Maentwrog an asset ?

Dr Johnston

Yes

2.6D.3 **Chairman**

It would be beneficial if the NDA would work closely with the local Community Councils on asset management.

Dr Johnston

We will note that comment. We are looking to link the Socio-Economic Scheme with the strategy

2.6D.4 Question - Cllr. Meredydd Williams

How will we be told about the future of Maentwrog ? We have looked at Trust Management. The community has not had much benefit from Maentwrog. The NDA should be putting something back into the community such as employment

Dr Johnston

We will note that comment also.

2.6 E Contracting

Objective

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.

In some ways there will be relatively little change but we are moving away from ‘one size fits all. In the engagement process the NDA would ask ‘Is this the right approach ?’

2.6 F Supply Chain Development

Objective

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.

We have done a lot of work on this as the topic gets a great deal of interest.

2.6F.1 Question – Cllr John Richards

Will this affect the local supply chain ?

Dr Johnston

In some sites it will increase the local supplies.

Mr Martin Moore

Trawsfynydd mainly uses local suppliers but is mindful of free market.

2.6F.2 Cllr. Gareth Thomas

Do you work with Gwynedd Council in respect of suppliers ? - please contact them as it would be advantageous to pick up on good practice.

Dr Johnston

We will do that.

2.6 G Information Governance and Knowledge Management

Objective

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

The NDA is developing this area. It is looking at the information held and considering what needs to be kept, and for how long etc. The NDA does not want to keep all information of course and will be selective in what it requires.

2.6 H Socio-Economics

Objective

To support the maintenance of sustainable local economies for communities living near our sites and, where possible, contribute to regional economic growth objectives

Funding support will continue subject to available funds with increased focus on local supply chain optimisation, skills retention & transition, apprenticeships and a better working and information sharing with local agencies.

Best practice examples will be shared estate-wide.

2.6 I Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Objective

To build a better understanding of our mission with the public and stakeholders and maintain their support, confidence and trust.

We remain committed to engaging with all those who have an interest in what we do and will examine how we deliver that engagement in light of the changing environment we operate in. We will consider how best to engage locally when sites are in Care & Maintenance and consider other forms to reach out to those not currently involved.

In the consultation process the NDA would ask ‘How best to continue that engagement’ ?

2.6 J Transport and Logistics

Objective

To ensure the effective transportation of materials to enable the delivery of the NDA mission.

2.6J.1 Question – Cllr Meredydd Williams

Will the NDA be closing the railway line from Trawsfynydd ?

Dr Johnston

The NDA will have to consider if it needs to maintain a line that no one uses

2.6J.2 Question – Rory Trappe

If we keep our line it is an asset but losing it would devalue the site

Dr Johnston

The NDA has limited control within the rail network’s infrastructure.

2.6J.3 Question -Cllr. Meredydd Williams

Is there a date when the decision will be made ? – the NDA should announce what it is going to do with the line as soon as possible.

Dr Johnston

The comment is noted.

2.6 K Revenue Optimisation

Objective

To create an environment where existing revenue can be secured, and opportunities can be developed against criteria agreed with government.

The principle for this strategy remains one of closing down facilities and cleaning up the sites. Expansive ideas of additional commercial activities still remain out of scope without express approval from government.

2.6 L International Relations

Objective

To ensure the NDA estate maximises the benefit of international experience in delivering its Energy Act requirements for adopting good practice, securing value for money and supporting government policy, through targeted collaboration with

international organisations.

Over the past 10 years we have had an agreement with government bodies in the exchanging of information. This is going to be similar to before but there are more things to take forward and will be on an on-going basis. This will be achieved through understanding and influencing international technical guidance and legislative developments and supporting relevant Government policy to assist it in delivering its international commitments.

2.6 M Land and Property Management

Objective

To manage our land and property in support of the NDA mission and to make it available for alternative uses which optimise revenue and socio-economic benefit.

Some licensed sites have large footprints. The NDA will be collaborating with the public sector to remove boundaries within the Government Estate e.g. sharing space with local authorities.

There will be further review of all nuclear sites to consider interim uses and end states, accord with local planning policies and potential demand from the private or community sector. We will continue to minimise land ownership, de-designate nuclear installations where possible and dispose of surplus – plan to raise a further £220 m e. Berkeley Centre Stroud College.

On the Land Use page there is a section for each site.

2.7 Next steps

The latest draft will be published on our website to set out our emerging thinking. We welcome any comments and observations by the end of November 2015 and any feedback from the SSG will not form part of the formal consultation process. We intend to move the Consultation phase to commence in early 2016. There will be particular focus on whether we are asking the correct questions. The National Stakeholder Event postponed – to be at a later date, probably mid January 2016.

2.8 Dr Johnston's presentation ended at 3:15

3. Magnox Socio-Economic Plan

Michelle Humphreys explained that the Plan works in collaboration with the NDA engaging with the SSG and the supply chain. We are ready to go out to consultation and would welcome input in January 2016. The Plan will be different in that it will consider the broader element e.g. the supply chain, employees, opportunities of each site, and the allocation of funding by site and region.

Referring to the sheet detailing the funding awarded to local groups etc. she noted as examples the hi-vis vests and jackets awarded to Trawsfynydd Nursery Group, and the defibrillator and emergency kit equipment awarded to Bala Community First Responders.

4. Open Forum Questions & Answers

4.1 Cllr John Richards

What will happen to the shooting land in Trawsfynydd as we don't want to lose it ? – when will we be told ?

Dr Johnston

The NDA will be selective on land and we don't know what the local circumstances is.

4.2 Cllr. Gareth Thomas

Does the Enterprise Zone have an effect on your strategy ?

Dr Johnston

In what way ?

Cllr. Gareth Thomas

The NDA strategy should encompass Welsh Government schemes etc.

4.3

Cllr John Richards

The proposed date for the change to Care and Maintenance is now 2020 – how realistic is that date?

Mr Martin Moore

The dates are broadly in line with where we are.

4.4

Cllr. Meredydd Williams

Many councillors have dropped out of the SSG meetings because they felt that the NDA is not transparent with answers. The NDA has not kept up with dates it has given and Gwynedd Council has not been helpful either.

4.5

Cllr John Richards

Re the dismantling of the reactors what is the timing ?

Dr Iolo ap Gwyn

The matter relating to whether the work on the Reactors will be undertaken now or left until several years later continues to be an issue

Cllr. Meredydd Williams

The community really needs an answer on this issue.

4.6

Idwal Williams

Re ‘mobility of staff and land for future use’ what is the prospect of funding within further nuclear policy to safeguard the site for the future ?

Dr Johnston

The comments expressed in 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 will be noted.

4.7

The Chairman emphasised the importance of taking advantage of the consultation to express local views and comments, and encouraged everyone to take part.

5.

Confirming the time and date of the next meeting

7th December 2015 at 11:00 am

6.

Close

The Chairman thanked Dr Johnston once again and hoped to see her more often. He extended his thanks to everyone for attending the meeting and for their contribution to the discussions.

The meeting ended at 3:35