

**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION**  
**DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING**

**Assembly Rooms, New Romney**

**Thursday, 21 January 2016**

**13.30 for 14.00**

**Attendance:**

Ms K Anderson	-	NDA
Mr G Baldock	-	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Sgt H Bland	-	Kent Police
Cllr P Coe	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr R Crook	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mrs Crook	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Dr L Davies	-	ONR (Dun B)
Mr D Deverson	-	Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries
Mr D Dodman	-	Dungeness A SJC
Mr P Fahey	-	EA (Dun A)
Mrs T Finn	-	SSG Secretariat
Dr L Franks	-	Minute Taker
Mr B Geake	-	KCC Minerals and Waste
Mr P Hetherington	-	Magnox
Mr T Hills	-	Independent Member
Ms C Igoe	-	Romney Marsh Partnership
Cllr E Last	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr R Lavender	-	Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Cllr D Monk	-	Shepway District Council
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chairman
Mrs K Paterson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr M Pearson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr A Rodriguez	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr J Simpson	-	Affinity Water
Ms K Smith	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Ms A Vincent	-	Magnox
Cllr Mrs C Waters	-	Kent County Council
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Wilkinson	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Wroblewski	-	Dungeness B Power Station

## **I INTRODUCTION**

- 3424 Col. Smythe welcomed members and guests to the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG), the Annual General Meeting. He advised that elections for Chair and Vice Chair were undertaken on a tri-annual basis and were next due in 2017. Chairman commented that the change of time from evening to afternoon was to encourage a broader community attendance, evidenced today.

## **II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 3425 The following apologies were received:

Cllr M Burgess	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr T Harwood	-	KCC Emergency Planning
Mr A Jakeways	-	ONR (Dun A)
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Ms J Moakes	-	EA (Dun B)
Ms L Newell	-	Holiday Inn Ashford North
Ms J Sanders	-	Dungeness B Power Station

## **III MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

- 3426 The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> SSG meeting held on 22 October 2015 was agreed as an accurate record.

## **IV CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3427 A list of correspondence, distributed to SSG members, was made available to attendees at this meeting. Chairman advised that hard copies were available on request.

## **V MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING**

- 3428 Chairman drew attention to the action points that had been raised at the previous meeting:  
*Para 3395 p7 re Eels Regulations* – update reported in the current EA Report (dated October 2015 – January 2016)  
*Para 3408 p 9 re NDA Strategy Paper* – NDA provided hard copies as requested and these were subsequently distributed.  
*Para 3409 p9 re public access to NDA Nuclear archive* – to be clarified by Ms Anderson under agenda item XI.
- 3429 Chairman drew attention to paragraphs 3414 and 3415 re feedback about the NDA Draft Strategy, explaining that the option to hold a sub-group meeting had not received any support but that members' feedback had been raised at the National Stakeholder Group meeting. He advised that the key concern was that the site is approaching Care and Maintenance (C&M) and that arrangements for socio-economic funding and stakeholder group meetings during C&M was not evident in the NDA strategy paper. He concluded that further clarity about these matters had been sought and was promised.

3430 Comments from attendees were invited and Mr Hills expressed concern that eels and other wildlife were still caught at Dungeness B power station via the inlet pipe. He questioned how the site were mitigating ingress. Mr Pearson advised that the intake has a coarse filter before the forebay then drum screening arrangements down to several millimetres prior to the pumps and entry to the station. EA are considering the ingress of glass eels (the smallest of the eel species) and discussing with EDF Energy mitigation arrangements, like an eel farm, rather than plant modifications. Mr Pearson added that eel protection was not in place when the station was built. Mr Hills expressed concern about entrapment of larger eels, like silver eels.

## VI DUNGENESS A CLOSURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3431 Mr Paul Wilkinson, Closure Director, drew attention to the written report dated January 2016, and in particular the following sections:

- *Safety*: One trip event reported, otherwise good.
- *Organisational Restructure*: formally concluded at the beginning of December 2015 resulting in very few individuals being invited to leave the organisation.
- *Lifetime Plans*: rewriting currently and not anticipating much change for Dungeness site. All changes will be reported to stakeholders.
- *Socio-economic funding*: spend April - December 2015 and how to apply for funding detailed in report and copied into appendix 1 (attached).
- *Ponds Programme*: moving rapidly. IONSIV cartridges and filters will be shipped this week to Oldbury site for reprocessing. Divers are to be deployed in the next month or two to decommission the ponds in a trial to establish the productivity and economics of their use.
- *Plant & Structure Projects*: Asbestos is being removed from the boiler houses, external pipework is being removed from the reactors and the site separation project (to separate security arrangements) is progressing well.
- *ILW programme*: facility to house a waste processing plant has now been built.

3432 Mr Wilkinson reported a very rapid response from operators and the blue light services to a medical emergency on site on 8 December 2015, resulting in the resuscitation of an individual that later died in hospital. Mr Wilkinson described the sorrow amongst staff concluding that site morale is slowly recovering.

3433 Questions and comments were invited and clarification regarding the socio-economic scheme was sought. It was explained that the Marsh Million Scheme was now closed to further applications but that the Magnox socio-economic scheme remained open and further bids were welcomed.

3434 Q: Are the divers locally sourced or experts brought in?  
A: They will be American divers that bring worldwide experience of diving and working in nuclear ponds. A longer programme and increased investment would have been necessary to train local divers.  
Q: Will there be any opportunity for local divers to learn from this experience?  
A: Only if the American firm decide to invest in training UK divers.

## VII DUNGENESS B STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3435 Mr Martin Pearson, Station Director, drew attention to his written report dated 21 January 2016, describing 2015 as very successful in terms of safety (four Total Recordable Injury Response (TRIR) events) and generation (11hrs off lifetime generation despite an outage year). He attributed this success to the professionalism of staff and the considerable levels of investment. He drew attention to his report:

- *Visitors*: EDF Energy received over 5000 visitors during 2015.
- *Community*: time-off granted to enable staff to go into the community and use their skills. Any requests for support welcomed.
- *Dungeness Estate*: EDF Energy has purchased this and anticipates finalising contracts on 26 January with former owner. Coffee mornings to explain to the community how this land will be managed are being held; next one in February.
- *Company News*: Final investment decision for Hinkley C anticipated and will be reported by the media.

3436 Questions were invited.

Q: How many females are amongst the apprentices?

A: Varies each year but approx one third of intake are female (2 of 6). Apprentice coordinator is female and she is promoting female interest in schools.

3437 Mr Lavender formally thanked Mr Pearson for his involvement in Young Chambers.

3438 Chairman commented that there was agreement that more females need to be encouraged into the nuclear industry at the recent NDA strategy meeting.

3439 Q: Do you consider it harsh that one of the TRIR events occurred during training off site?

A: Training is still classed as work, location is irrelevant, and the regulations specify that any lost time injury, restricted work injury or an injury requiring medical treatment incurred whilst working is counted as a TRIR.

3440 Cllr Waters thanked Mr Pearson for welcoming Kent County Council Select Committee on Energy Safety in Kent when they recently visited Dungeness B site. She advised that the report was being prepared and would be available during May. Cllr Waters anticipates that the report will endorse the nuclear industry and new build in the area.

3441 Q Who is the contact regarding estate matters?

A: Karen Paterson at the Visitor Centre. Mr Pearson agreed to pursue a response to the outstanding email (from Mr Hills) regarding shingle management.

3442 Mrs Whenday lent her support to encouraging girls into science, commenting that many girls didn't realise the range of scientific careers available to them.

3443 Q: Is there an understanding of why elevated tritium was found in bore holes near the site?

A: World-wide experts in Tritium were engaged and there is now a better understanding of the impact of ground movements on Tritium flow. There is no ongoing issue.

## VIII OFFICE for NUCLEAR REGULATION (ONR) REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A.

3444 Andrew Jakeways, Dungeness A Site Inspector, had tendered his apologies for this meeting. Chairman drew attention to the written report provided by Mr Jakeways dated 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015.

## IX OFFICE for NUCLEAR REGULATION (ONR) REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B

3445 Dr Les Davies, Dungeness B Site Inspector, drew attention to his written report covering the period 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 and in particular highlighted the following:

- *Site Visits*: undertaken for one week each month, accompanied by a variety of other inspectors.
- *Neutron Flux Detectors*: ONR gave permission for new neutron flux detectors to be installed. These are used to detect developing faults in the nuclear reactor.
- *Non-routine Matters*: site reported that two air tanks were located in a position that could compromise the integrity of steam pipework in the event of a fire (INES category 1). Further inspection has shown that the site has taken the correct approach to deal with this and that the safety of the site has not been jeopardised.
- *Company News*: New Chief Executive Officer, Adrienne Kelbie, has started. The recruitment process for a new Chief Nuclear Inspector has now commenced.

3446 Chairman invited questions and none were forthcoming.

## X ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A AND DUNGENESS B

3447 Phil Fahey, EA Site Inspector for Dungeness A, advised that the Inspector for Dungeness B, Jo Moakes, had tendered her apologies to this meeting. He drew attention to the combined written report dated October 2015 – January 2016 and agreed to pass on any questions concerning Dungeness B.

3448 Mr Fahey advised that he had recently attended A site to close out actions arising from previous themed audits. He advised that Dungeness A had requested a variation to the sewage outfall permit as a new sewage plant has been installed and the site wish to switch to the new outfall before the end of this year. He concluded that there had been no non-compliances during the last quarter.

3449 Chairman invited questions. Mr Hills advised that he had previously raised concerns about the quality of sewage outfall and lack of UV treatment of waste. He questioned whether the new plant had a UV treatment plant as part of the abatement process.  
**ACTION:** Mr Fahey agreed to investigate and report back.

## XI NDA UPDATE

- 3450 Kelly Anderson, Stakeholder Manager, drew attention to the NDA update for January explaining that this report covered the entire estate and not just Dungeness. The following points were noted:
- *Magnox ceases power generation:* The last Magnox plant generating power, Wylfa, ceased production on 30 December 2015. A video about this is available on the NDA website.
  - *Oldbury defuelled:* last flask of fuel has been dispatched from Oldbury site. Process to verify the site fuel-free is ongoing.
  - *NDA draft strategy:* published 5 January 2016 for consultation until 15 February 2016. Hard copies available from Magnox secretariat and comments invited. Final strategy will be published by 1 April 2016. Several videos to assist with the consultation process are available focussing on key strategic areas: Waste; Supply Chain; Socio-economics; Research and Development; People and Skills. Each is approx. 5 minutes long and available on the NDA's You Tube channel. There is also an NDA blog available.
  - *NDA draft business plan:* for next financial year, with years 2 and 3 in less detail, published for consultation.
  - *New Chair for Sellafield Ltd:* Tony Fountain, ex NDA Chief Executive, will start in April.
  - *Spending Review:* settlement in November resulted in NDA being awarded £16billion for work over the next 5 years. Currently £17billion worth of work is required, meaning that cost savings of £1billion will need to be made. This is achievable given current plans.
  - *NDA Nuclear Archive:* There will be public access to this building, currently being constructed in Wick. Scheduled to open during 2017 with 20 staff at a cost of £20million. There will also be electronic access to archived materials. Records from all NDA sites will be contained within the archive including documents, photographs and plans. No biological or radiological samples will be included. All records will be moved to this archive over a five year period.
- 3451 Clarification was provided that Wylfa had been due to close in 2010 and not 2015 as stated in the written update.
- 3452 Chairman stressed the importance of carefully considering the draft strategy as this covers the period going forward in which the site is likely to enter C&M and if any stakeholder provision is to remain thereafter this needs to be addressed. He encouraged attendees to question particularly the contents of the draft strategy that will impact upon Dungeness.
- 3453 Ms Anderson commented that the NDA draft strategy poses questions and, for example, views are being sought about what stakeholder engagement should be ongoing during C&M. She stressed that as the circumstances of each site vary, that different approaches may be necessary to meet the needs of each community. Similarly, views about socio-economic arrangements during C&M are being sought.
- 3454 Ms Anderson advised that the attendees of the National stakeholder event were asked whether future meetings should remain National or be regionalised and that the strong consensus was to remain National. Chairman explained why he had supported a National meeting, essentially to enable the exchange of views with other stakeholders at sites that were at different stages of the decommissioning process.

Ms Anderson encouraged attendees to submit their comments about the draft strategy.

- 3455 Comments were invited. Cllr Monk commented that the strategy described a locally tailored approach for socio-economic provision and that he felt this was appropriate. Ms Anderson asked that if attendees were in agreement with aspects of the strategy that these views were submitted as part of the consultation.

## **XII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE**

- 3456 Chairman advised that a comprehensive report about socio-economic matters was contained within the Dungeness A Closure Managers' report and asked that this was appended to these minutes (Appendix 1).
- 3457 Chairman advised that grants up to £1000 were still available to bid for and encouraged attendees to submit bids before April when remaining funds (approx £2.5k) would be lost.
- 3458 Chairman commented that larger sums could be bid for and that all criteria was available on the website ([www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com](http://www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com)).
- 3459 Catherine Igoe, Romney Marsh Partnership, advised that invitations were available to attend the celebration breakfast and networking event on 29 January at 8am at Lydd Airport to share the success stories resulting from Marsh Million sponsorship. Damian Collins MP has been invited to this event.
- 3460 Chairman reported that the consultation on the draft Magnox socio-economic plan opened on 12 January 2016. and will run until 23 February 2016. The plan covers the next three years and can be downloaded from [www.magnoxsites.com/what-we-do/engagement/soc-ec-plan](http://www.magnoxsites.com/what-we-do/engagement/soc-ec-plan). Chairman commented that it was very positive that Dungeness have remained in the priority one group alongside Bradwell and Trawsfynydd sites. He encouraged attendees to respond to the consultation either directly or via the Chairman.

## **XIII ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 3461 Chairman advised that the way that the secretariat supports the SSG has been revised adding that this new regime will be trialled for the next few months.
- 3462 Mr Hills formerly thanked the Chairman for his work on behalf of the stakeholders.

## **XV NEXT MEETING**

- 3463 The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dungeness SSG will be held on Thursday, 19 May 2016, venue and time to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 15.15

## Appendix 1 Magnox Socio-economic Scheme

### Socio-economic Spend for April to December 2015

	Organisation	Funding aim	Funding awarded	Description/outcome
1	Folkestone Rugby Club under 13's team	Good neighbour	£832	Rugby Kit
	<b>Sub total</b>		<b>£832</b>	
2	New Romney Country Fayre	Sustainable Communities	£1,983	Equipment for multi-year use
	<b>Sub total</b>		<b>£1,983</b>	
3	Marsh Academy	Mitigation	£16,140	Y2 of 3 year funding - total awarded £43,000
4	Marsh Million Fund	Mitigation	£150,000	Y2 of 3 year funding - total awarded £500,000
5	New Romney Business Incubator Units	Mitigation	£33,000	Y2 of 3 year funding - total awarded £99,709
6	Romney Marsh Partnership Co-ordinator	Mitigation	£40,000	Y2 of 3 year funding - total awarded £120,000
	<b>Sub total</b>		<b>£239,140</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£241,955</b>	

### **Marsh Million update**

The Marsh Million Loan Scheme, launched in September 2013 has so far approved 25 loans totalling £307,557 and created 37 full-time equivalent jobs. The loan scheme offers interest free loans to local businesses of between £2,500 and £50,000.

The Marsh Million Economic Projects Scheme (EPS), launched in November 2014, has so far supported 8 successful applications totalling £395,988. The EPS scheme offers grants of up to £100,000 to organisations delivering projects to support the employment, training and the local community.

In the case of both the loan and EPS schemes, they are now closed to new pre-applications and the programme management team are currently processing the remaining approved pre-applications with a view to making final funding decisions by the end of March 2016. We will also be hosting a breakfast event on the 29th January 2016 to celebrate the achievements of the schemes.

### **Magnox's socio-economic approach**

Magnox is committed to providing and enabling socio-economic support for the communities in which it operates.

A new Magnox [socio-economic plan](#), developed to take into account the impacts of decommissioning was produced and agreed in 2011 following an assessment of the socio-economic implications for local communities. This is in-line with the requirements of the

Energy Act 2004 to mitigate the effects of decommissioning on the surrounding communities and develop opportunities for socio-economic development.

### **How to apply for funding**

Go to [www.magnoxsites.co.uk/about-us/community](http://www.magnoxsites.co.uk/about-us/community) or click on [www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com](http://www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com) to access the socio-economic web portal where you can apply for funding. Please read the funding guidelines and other documentation to assist you with your application and to make sure your project meets the required criteria.

Your contact is: Haf Morris, Dungeness A Site Tel: 01797 343549

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### **Draft Magnox Socio-economic Plan Consultation**

The consultation on the Draft Magnox Socio-economic Plan opened on 12 January 2016 and is running until 23 February 2016; where any feedback or comments will be considered before finalising the three year plan. The draft plan is available at:

<https://magnoxsites.com/what-we-do/engagement/soc-ec-plan>