

Chairman's Report for the October 18 SSG.

The NDA Summit took place on the 9 to the 11 of July and it was very good to see many of our 'Local Delegates' in attendance, one especially. It did not start well as the train journey to Gloucester took some 4 hrs! The journey home somewhat quicker, see the above. It was in essence a very good summit and meeting in general. It was held at Berkeley Power Station in areas that that been taken over by the the local College. I would urge you all to look at the NDA Website where you can look at the whole proceedings (<https://ndastakeholdersummit.co.uk/>).

On the 8 August I attended a meeting at the British Museum with Aled Morris-Jones and Bill Hamilton this was a quick update on proposals and response to the NDA summit. There looks like there will be some changes to the Emoluments forthcoming.

Mervyn and I then travelled to Scotland on the 13 and 14 to visit the EDF Site at Hunterston B a very enlightening experience. It seemed to me that their experience of an SSG is vastly different to one we enjoy 'Better Jaw, Jaw than War, War you may say. As you all very well know we have an excellent Vice/Deputy Chair. We work extremely well together. With his environmental and Chemical knowledge and my more Engineering expertise we seem to have all basis covered. Mervyn asked some very detailed questions and received some equally detailed replies. This went a very long way in producing a very worthwhile meeting.

Whilst I am on the subject of Mervyn. I do nearly always forget to thank him on behalf of us all for his hard work and expertise. Mervyn is the former chair of Otterhampton P.C, and former scientist at the Environment Agency. I clearly remember him telling me that he was leaving Combwich and moving to Watchet. This SSG had the good sense to install him as a Co-opted member.

As previously mentioned during the meeting the proposed draft new constitution has been delayed until the next SSG in February. The Sub-group will/has been recalled to sort out some anomalies that have which have existed since our SSG was formed. I thank you all for your forbearance on this matter but we must get it right so we cannot be open to challenge.

The Emergency Planning Consultative Committee (EPCC) held its bi-annual meeting on the 12 September at the Canalside. Mervyn and I attend on behalf of the SSG. The 3 Emergency services were together with the Local Authorities. It was decided, by the Committee that representatives of the EPCC will submit a full report to the SSG on an annual bases unless situations decide otherwise

On a personal note; as you all know I am the Deputy Chair of the National Chairs Forum. I was asked by the Chairs to take this position after I stepped down as their Chairman. Aled Morris-Jones is the current Chair and is doing a great job. However, I have been approached by several Chairs/Vice Chairs and others to be the Chairman again. I am not that keen but I will always do what is asked of me. I will state again Aled is doing a fantastic job and I will always support him.

Mike