

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SIZEWELL A & B STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG)
HELD AT
RIVERSIDE CENTRE, 5 GREAT GLEMHAM ROAD,
STRATFORD ST ANDREW, SAXMUNDHAM IP17 1LL
ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 09:30**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms M Fellowes	– Co-opted Member, <i>SSG Chair</i>
Mr P Wilkinson	– Co-opted Member, <i>SSG Deputy Chair</i>
Ms M Barnes	– Public Relations Officer, EDF
Ms L Chandler	– Energy Projects Manager, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council
Mr M Taylor	– Suffolk Friends of the Earth
Mrs T Finn	– Secretariat, Magnox
Cllr T Hodgson	– Suffolk Association of Local Councils
Mrs P Hogan	– Sizewell Residents Association
Cllr W Howard	– Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council
Mr J Jenkin	– Stakeholder Relations Manager, NDA
Mr A Neiling	– Sizewell A Closure Director, Magnox
Mr S Payne	– Regional Communications Lead, Magnox
Mrs N Rousseau	– Community Liaison Officer, EDF, Sizewell B
Mr C Tucker	– Sizewell B staff representative
Mr S Verrall	– Sizewell B Engineering Manager, EDF
Mr C Wheeler	– Co-opted Member

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bob Hoggar

CHAIR'S OPENING COMMENTS

3838 Chair welcomed all attendees and provided domestic arrangements.

3839 Chair announced the deaths of attendees Charles Barnett, and Ray and Shirley Maunder. She paid tribute and reported that condolences had been sent.

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3840 Apologies for absence were received from:

- Trevor Branton – Co-opted Member
- Janet Fendley – Suffolk Friends of the Earth, Mike Taylor as representative
- Cllr Maureen Jones – Aldringham-cum-Thorpe & Knodshall Parish Councils
- Cllr Russ Rainger – Suffolk County Council, Snape Parish Council
- Cllr Geoff Holdcroft – Suffolk Coastal District Council, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development
- Freda Casagrande – Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council
- Phil Fahey – Sizewell A, EA Inspector
- Victoria Thomas – Sizewell B, EA Inspector
- Paul Morton – Sizewell B Station Director, EDF, Sean Verrall as representative
- Andy Osman – Head of Emergency Planning, Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit
- Colin Tait – Sizewell B inspector, ONR
- John Yates – Sizewell B Plant Manager, EDF
- Roland Cook – Sizewell A Inspector, ONR

3841 There were no new declarations of interest.

2. SIZEWELL B REPORTS

2a. Sean Verrall – Engineering Manager, EDF

3842 Safety performance and staffing

During the reporting period there were no lost time injuries to staff, nuclear reportable incidents or environmental incidents.

There were 549 staff, including 16 Apprentices, 4 Engineering trainees, 2 Chemistry trainees and two Industrial Placements who had changed over. There were 250 year-round local contracting partners.

3843 Generation

The only event of note had been the Turbine Generator 1 (TG1) shut down on 12 August. There had been a small repair to drain a bore pipe connection. TG1 was offline for 32 hours, with no safety impact. TG2 was unaffected.

3844 Company News

Outside Sizewell, there had been good progress at Hinkley Point C station in Somerset. There had been £1.3 billion worth in contracts won. The project was on track for its next milestone in 2019. It was due to start producing electricity in 2025.

Simone Rossi from EDF Energy had visited in September to answer questions on the Sizewell C site and to share information.

3845 The four new EDF Energy apprentices had started at Sizewell B, where they would be for two years. There were 26 new apprentices across EDF in 2018, 10 of whom were female.

Sizewell had also been engaging in local STEM outreach, including visits to the power station for all ages. One of the aims was to encourage girls to pursue STEM subjects and to create interest in the energy business.

Two graduate trainees had also joined the site.

Questions to SZB

3846 William Howard asked whether EDF had been given any placements within the government and in which departments. **Sean Verrall said that he did not know and would have to come back with a response.**

3847 William Howard noted that the ONR did a comparative study of male and female salaries. He asked whether EDF did the same. Sean Verrall confirmed that they did and that the figures were on their website.

3848 Bob Hoggar asked whether the new EDF apprentices were only being trained in nuclear energy or renewables as well. Sean Verrall explained that the training would be broad and across all functions. They would do generic engine training for the first year and then specialise in fields such as mechanics, instrumentation and electrical. They would become qualified for a wide range of fields.

3849 Pat Hogan noted that they had previously discussed the SPR East Anglia 2, East Anglia 1 North 3.5 consultation proposal, but there was now more information available. She had prepared a statement on the matter and had written to Cllr Holdcroft, who she was disappointed was not present along with the other Councillors. The Chair also noted her disappointment. Pat Hogan asked that EDF, Magnox, NDA and the Councils not allow the remaining open spaces around Sizewell to be built upon, by EDF or by the sale of land to others. She was particularly concerned for the area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) land between Halfway Houses and Sandy Lane. She wanted the parties to know how much those areas were valued as a buffer zone between residential areas and industry. The community had worked to keep industry within sustainable limits, to allow the area to be enjoyed. They were already facing disruption from the construction of Sizewell C and Sizewell B looking for space for a visitor centre and car park. She emphasized the popularity of the common and that the rural area needed to be protected. She knew that there had been pressure from the other proposed site at Friston, but the Leiston/Sizewell site would devastate the AONB and obstruct nearby housing. The buildings could be smaller and more effectively screened at Friston, and the required trenches would grow over. Pat Hogan noted that the campaign by Friston had gone well until they had proposed the development as Sizewell. Sizewell was not industrialised and had a lot of use for the remaining open spaces. She asked that others also value the AONB land and to help maintain it. Sean Verrall said that the point was well made and that the area was valued by everyone. However, it would not ultimately be EDF's decision. They had put effort into maintaining the land for the environmental buffer zone and were committed to preserving it, but they needed to allow due process to happen. They

were only one interested party and wanted the right decision made, but they were only one part of the process and could not yet comment on the outcome.

- 3850 Chris Wheeler said that he was a resident of Friston and did not agree with Pat Hogan's statement. He explained that Friston had been excluded the previous year from consultation with Scottish Power on the site for their substation. He noted Scottish Power's recent issues with wind farm development and the fact that substations would not have been needed, with correct use of the cable route that was currently under construction between Bawdsey and Bramford. The route had been downgraded from AC to DC. It therefore would only carry 50% of the planned capacity. Chris Wheeler felt that no work had been done by the local authority to determine where the onshore energy infrastructure would be placed. He noted that the head of the AONB and the Suffolk Preservation Society Director had both seen the Friston site and had been shocked at the proposal to build the substations there, close to the Grade 2 listed parish church and a community that would be smaller than the substation site. The Friston community felt that the Sizewell Power Stations site was the appropriate location for the substations, however there needed to be a considered discussion of all the concerns. He noted that it was unfortunate that Scottish Power had only allowed a short time for that consultation, which had been inadequate. They had expressed to the planning authority that they were not satisfied. He hoped that both areas could work together constructively to preserve the countryside.
- 3851 The Chair explained that since the previous meeting she had contacted the NDA, to ask BEIS to visit the site. There needed to be a coordinated approach by the government for projects that impacted communities due to energy requirements. A lot of time and money had been spent to encourage a tourist environment. This had been balanced with industry, but there was a limit to how much could be balanced. The Chair recommended instead the reuse of industrial land, such as the Sizewell A site that was being decommissioned. There was a case to accelerate the decommissioning of some sites, which could provide the space needed. She agreed that not enough planning had been done for onshore projects. The Chair was happy to contact SPR to ask for a longer consultation period, as there more issues than previously realised.
- 3852 Pat Hogan agreed that they did not want communities against one another. She reiterated that the AONB was not industrialised and they needed the open space. She asked for Friston's help to oppose its use, to oppose the impact on residents at both sites. The Chair noted that her details had been provided to the Friston campaign, through Rev Nicky Winter, but she had received no response for a meeting to agree a response.
- 3853 The Chair asked whether EDF could guarantee that the land would never be used for industrial purposes. Sean Verrall said that they could not assure future use. They had intervened in the past to find more suitable sites, but in this case it would be decided by local and national government, and the planning authorities. Pat Hogan asked that they use the weight they had with those bodies. Sean Verrall agreed that they would be part of the consultation and would ensure that the local opinions would be put across. The Chair highlighted that the decision could not be guaranteed.
- 3854 Chris Wheeler encouraged people to attend the SPR Consultation 3.5, to make their points. He highlighted that the site at Friston was not accessible and would require new roads to be built, which his organisation did not want. However, he also highlighted that the new consultation did not show the position of the Galloper substation on EDF's site. He had raised this as a matter for the planning application, but was still awaiting a reply, as the current information was inaccurate.

He was concerned that the local authorities had not reported this, despite being made aware in September. Chris Wheeler also said that they needed to consider the sizes of the site in question.

3855 The Chair explained that the District and County Council had responded to the consultation. She had spoken to Cllrs Holdcroft and Rainger who were both against the Friston site, which was why SPR had been asked back for another round of consultations. The Chair asked Lisa Chandler whether the Councils would continue to engage in the process and what the SSG could do. Lisa Chandler explained that the Councils had been involved in the consultation process, with the last round in August 2018, which was public. They had been confidentially briefed in September by the Project Director for the SPR proposals, which the Councils could not share until the consultation had been made public by SPR. The Chair and Pete Wilkinson felt that the consultation should not have excluded the parties involved. The Chair felt that instead it should have been facilitated by a neutral party. Lisa Chandler agreed that normally this would be the case, but this was a matter of national infrastructure, so it was determined by the government and the planning inspectorate. The Chair felt that public views still needed to be considered. Lisa Chandler agreed that there had not been a wide consultation, but various Town Councils had been consulted without SPR.

3856 William Howard asked why the seven sites that had been discussed at Leiston had become eight sites. Lisa Chandler explained that it had been input from the District and County Council, who had asked that the boundary of the search area be expanded, as they had been unhappy with the choice of the Friston site.

3857 Lisa Chandler noted that the time for the extra consultation was shorter at only four weeks, so they would not be able to meet with all town parishes. Instead, she and her colleagues would attend the SPR public meetings: in Leiston on 9 October, Friston on 10 October and Thorpeness on 15 October.

3858 Pete Wilkinson highlighted that there were methods of best practice for engagement, which had been used in the past. They were costly and would take longer than four weeks, but would involve the community. It did not see that these methods had been considered and people had not been consulted or represented.

3859 Terry Hodgson highlighted that the consultation was not proportionate to the changes to the proposal put forward. It should therefore be treated as a full consultation, with the allotted time. The Chair agreed that requesting a longer time was sensible. If SPR did not carry out an adequate consultation, it could be taken to a judicial review.

Action: All parties to attend consultation meetings where possible to continue to raise points.

3860 The Chair asked what the NDA could do to help to get BEIS to visit. Jonathan Jenkin noted that he was not familiar with the details of the discussed locations, and that the NDA's remit was decommissioning, rather than new build. The Chair said that the areas could be linked in terms of reuse of decommissioned space. Jonathan Jenkin agreed that NDA were trying to improve their dialogue with EDF. BEIS and EDF officials had visited Dungeness A and B sites on 1 October, to find out what could be learned from the decommissioning of Dungeness A. He was happy to discuss with colleagues how to escalate the SSG's concerns to BEIS. The Chair noted that it would need to be quick, given the four-week process, so a delay or halt would be preferable. Lisa Chandler added that she had proposed accelerated decommission of the Sizewell A site to SPR, to use the land, and that there was an appendix for it in the public consultation. However, the Sizewell A site had been constrained by its location, enclosed by the Sizewell B site.

3861 Bob Hoggar asked, given funding problems for EDF around Sizewell C, who would be an alternative lead contractor. The Chair noted that Sizewell C was not within the SSG's remit. It did need to be considered if it would impact them, but there was currently little opportunity for that for Sizewell C. However, the Chair requested aerial photographs of the Hinkley C site to compare the environmental impact of the construction. She noted her disappointment that she had not been able to visit the site or to meet Mr Rossi, as the SSG was effective conduit for public input, which would be necessary for Sizewell C.

3862 Chris Wheeler raised that there were also early plans for two continental electricity cables at Sizewell, for almost double the power of SPR, which would need their own substations, to be completed by 2025. These additions and new builds needed to be managed.

2b. Colin Tait – Sizewell B Site Inspector, ONR

3863 Colin Tait had sent his apologies, but had sent his report. Questions were welcomed.

3864 Cllr William Howard asked that the **ONR provide an update at the next meeting on the impact of Brexit.**

2c. Ms Victoria Thomas – Sizewell B Inspector (Environment Agency)

3865 Victoria Thomas had sent her apologies, but had sent her report. Questions were welcomed but there were not any.

3. SIZEWELL A REPORTS

3a. Mr Allen Neiling – Closure Director, Magnox

3866 Safety and compliance

The site had done well for safety performance. There had been no recordable injuries in the last year and no environmental events.

3867 Plant and structures programme

Hazard removal and demolition was planned for the National Grid Substation building. The hazardous material removal would begin in November 2018, pushed back after the demolition survey. The demolition would follow in April 2019.

3868 Ponds programme

The diving operation had been completed and the infrastructure from the pond was being removed. This would remove 70 tonnes of steel and equipment. This would be mostly LLW, to be taken to a repository. ILW would be stored at the Sizewell, prior to being transported to Hinkley and Bradwell sites.

3869 Waste projects

There are six FED vaults on site, three of which had been confirmed as empty. A structure would be built over the vaults to allow the remaining FED to be removed. Some of this would be ILW, but most LLW. The exterior cladding on the vaults had been replaced for safety.

Questions to Sizewell A

- 3870 Pete Wilkinson questioned whether the material in the ponds had all decayed to LLW. Allen Neiling explained that there were also remaining steel structures and equipment in the ponds, the majority of which would be LLW from contact with the contaminated pond water. The ILW will be removed from the pond and packaged awaiting off-site shipment.
- 3871 Pete Wilkinson understood that FED was ILW, but Mr Neiling had categorised it as LLW. Allen Neiling explained that testing had suggested that it would be LLW by the time it would be shipped, though that could change and there are known ILW items that would need to be removed. Much of the FED would reduce to LLW by natural decay, as the FED had been produced through de-splitting many years in the past.
- 3872 Bob Hoggar understood that a diver had been flown back to the USA after damaging his suit. He asked if he had recovered. Allen Neiling confirmed there had been instances of damaged suits and small contaminations to skin, which had been decontaminated and had not been serious. One diver had been removed from the project by the diving company due to an event in the community but he was not sure of the exact reasons. The Chair suggested that it could have been due to them exceeding a certain radiation dosage. Allen Neiling said that had not happened in this case or for any of the divers.
- 3873 Chris Wheeler asked whether the reactor building would be given a new covering, to make it look better. Allen Neiling said that aesthetic would not be the focus, as there has been investment to maintain the current cladding to ensure that it would last. However, this could need to be re-evaluated over time. Chris Wheeler asked whether aesthetic would be considered for the new builds. Allen Neiling did not know what was in the contract for the FED building, though the building was not expected to be there long-term, until the care and maintenance period. The Chair noted that this plan had changed and was still under discussion. There would be a meeting in November with the NDA, to decide what accelerated decommissioning would look like.
- 3874 Mike Taylor highlighted a nuclear sector deal, signed by Greg Clarke and Lord Hutton, claiming an aspiration for a 20% cost reduction on decommissioning. He asked whether this was realistic. Allen Neiling believed that costs could be reduced, but how to do this still needed to be determined. He did not think that the decommissioning of Sizewell A could be reduced by 20% using the current plan.
- 3875 Asset Care Projects
Cladding repairs were in progress to cover any holes caused by damage during the winter. This meant that the cladding could be maintained.
The security fence had been updated.
The offshore buoys had been repaired and moved.
- 3876 Sizewell A – Sea discharge details
Only the discharge points on the North side of the southern off-shore structure were now in use; using with two newer lines for the site permitted liquid discharges and the sewage farm treated discharges inside the old discharge tunnel. The old discharge tunnel is still used for some site storm water.
- 3877 Sizewell A – Management of Bradwell
Magnox is in the process of asking the Office of Nuclear Regulation to change the license for care and maintenance the Bradwell A site, which was currently in decommissioning. The hazards had been remediated to a point that the remaining

site can be left for the care and maintenance period. The site will become a 'buddy' site for Sizewell A, to be run from the Sizewell A. This could give more longevity to Sizewell A staff. The work for care and maintenance of Bradwell would be limited, and be run with the current Sizewell A staff.

3878 Pete Wilkinson queried that there would still be radioactive material on site, which could not be left. Allen Neiling agreed that the graphite core was still there and there would be equipment in the reactor voids, which would be ILW, but would be within the reactor's bio-shield. The mobile waste would have been removed from the site. Analysis would be done of the site to verify what would be left. The graphite core would be the largest concern in terms of volume, along with the steel reactor vessel, which had been activated during reactor operations.

3879 Bob Hoggar asked whether the A sites would be provided with a fence of material such as razor wire, similar to other sites. Allen Neiling said that the fencing would not be to the same standard, as it would not be as necessary as at the B sites. It would be in accordance with the ONR security requirements.

3880 Pete Wilkinson asked how long the site would be in care and maintenance until the reactor vessel could be removed. Allen Neiling said that the current plan was for the core to decay for 80 years after power generation ceased, which would be until 2086, based on the current strategy.

3881 The Chair asked what the communication structure for Bradwell would be once the site no longer warranted an SSG. Allen Neiling explained that arrangements were being put in place for less frequent briefings of the Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC). He expected the LCLC to meet at least once in his tenure. The exact timeframes were yet to be determined. The Chair noted that communication with the community was important in case of issues.

3882 The Chair asked what the plan was for the areas without buildings. Allen Neiling said that the NDA would have ownership of the land. The Chair said that it needed to be clear what it would be used for.

3883 Socio-economics

Sizewell A had been providing donations to local sports teams, which they wanted more applications for. Magnox had the ability to donate £1 million to the local community annually.

Terry Hodgson explained that the Longshop funding had been turned down on a Heritage lottery bid and this would affect the funding offered by Sizewell A.

3884 Pat Hogan offered her thanks for carrying out the buoy repair and relocations; close to the existing structures and out of the way of fishermen.

3b. Rowland Cook – Site Inspector, ONR

3885 Rowland Cook had sent his apologies, but had sent his report. Questions were welcomed but none were forthcoming.

3c. Phil Fahey – Sizewell A Inspector (EA)

3886 Phil Fahey had sent his apologies, but had sent his report. Questions were welcomed but none were forthcoming.

3d. Jonathan Jenkin – Stakeholder Relations Manager, NDA

3887 The strategy had been reviewed for the decommissioning the Magnox reactors. Two broad approaches had been defined. The first involved deferring final site clearance and was the current strategy for all sites. The second was continuous decommissioning, which was a continuous programme to site clearance, without a care and maintenance period. The board had approved the strategic outline case for the change in strategy, allowing the flexibility to decide the approach for each site, depending on the circumstances. The next stage would be to develop a more detailed business case, outlining the most appropriate strategy for each site. Stakeholders, SSG representatives and others would be engaged for this, at a workshop in London, on 20 November. There would be a range of factors to be evaluated for each strategy, and 12 of these had been identified so far; including building and asset conditions, supply chain and socio-economics. Details for the next steps would be posted to the website, hopefully by the following day. Government approval would be needed for the change and for particular sites and any funding would need to be agreed, though the suggestion was that the overall lifetime cost difference would be neutral.

Questions to NDA

3888 Chris Wheeler asked whether local authorities had considered the employment and training opportunities from continuous decommissioning. Jonathan Jenkin believed that this would be discussed at the workshop as a benefit of the strategy, for continuity of employment and use of skills locally and in the wider supply chain.

3889 William Howard suggested that the BNFL decommissioning talks would be a good base to launch the strategy. **Jonathan Jenkin was not familiar with the details of the talks, but he would consult with his colleagues on their benefit.**

3890 The Chair asked where any extra money would come from. Jonathan Jenkin said that a case would need to be made to the government in the next spending review for any additional funding that may be required. This would also depend on when the funding would be required, which could be different for each site. He noted that there could also be competition among sites for continuous decommissioning. The NDA wanted to follow a transparent process, which would be aided by the workshop. Those invited would give their views on the factors for selecting sites. The Chair highlighted the situations at each site could also change for funding and interest, or infrastructure around things such as asbestos removal. She hoped that the government would give priority to decommissioning, as much of it was needed for the construction of new stations. Jonathan Jenkin agreed that many factors could change and more work was needed on a more detailed case. The work done to date suggested that it was not feasible to have continuous decommissioning across all sites at the same time, which was why they were considering starting with one or two sites, to learn from them.

3891 The Chair asked whether the NDA could assist with the Friston and Sizewell SPR discussion, in connecting them with BEIS. Jonathan Jenkin agreed that they would and he would contact the SSG if he needed more information.

3892 Pete Wilkinson asked whose remit the secondary use decommissioned sites was under and what Jonathan Jenkin's views were. Jonathan Jenkin understood that a number of bodies were involved: the NDA was responsible for operation and decommissioning of the sites, which would be followed by an application to the Secretary of State for de-designation once the NDA's mission has been completed. The ONR would be responsible for any licensing changes. Any planning permissions would fall under the local planning authority. Overall, the question of future use would involve a dialogue between those bodies and the community.

Pete Wilkinson asked if, as the owners of the site, the NDA could propose what it could be used for to make the best return. Jonathan Jenkin confirmed that they did try to find commercial value, but other things could affect the final decision. Magnox would need to retain sufficient land for final site clearance.

3893 The Chair asked how the decommissioning of Sizewell B would be managed. Allen Neiling recommended observing how PWRs were decommissioned in the US. There were currently two core strategies, but the industry was just beginning its decommissioning programme. Pete Wilkinson observed that the removal of spent fuel from Sizewell B had not gone well. The Chair agreed that it was still currently in the wrong place.

3894 Mike Taylor observed that the planning timeframe for the new nuclear builds was 160 years, which he did not want to leave unplanned for.

3895 The Chair asked whether Jonathan Jenkin wanted to discuss the next round of the GDF consultation.

Action: Jonathan Jenkin to write to the group to update on the GDF.

There had been two consultations that year: on the national policy statement and on working with communities. The government was currently reflecting on the feedback from those and the national policy statement would be published in autumn.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Tracker

3896 The Chair and Pete Wilkinson had recently reviewed the action tracker and the minutes. They aimed to be more efficient in distributing them to members.

4a. Minutes of the last main meeting held on the 19th July 2018

3897 Allen Neiling corrected from the previous minutes that not all the ILW would be moved from the site for care and maintenance. The reactor core and equipment would remain, within the bio-shield.

3898 The Chair noted the discussions with Steve Payne and Tracey Finn to ensure the quality of the minutes.

3899 The Chair noted the problems with attendance and that work would be done to ensure that members could attend future meetings.

4b. Other matters arising from minutes and action tracker or correspondence received

3900 The Chair and Peter Wilkinson would next time review the actions tracker, to shorten the descriptions and make it easier to read. The Group had the full version, showing those that had been closed clearly, though not all of those were resolved. The Chair and Tracey Finn would follow up on some still open. Four would be resolved by Andy Osman at the next meeting.

Action 3805 had been answered by Allen Neiling.

3901 Mike Taylor asked whether medical professionals were aware of compensation schemes for workers affected by radiation. The Chair thought that medical staff would ask about a person's profession. However, it could be a route that employees would need to follow-up themselves. Bill Howard highlighted that there would be many compensation schemes for GPs to keep track of.

Action: Ask PHE whether GPs could be alerted.

Action: Mike Taylor to ask his GP if the questions were practice.

3902 Bill Howard noted disappointment that Action 2131 had not been closed. The Chair explained that they had not had completed communication with PHE.

3903 Chris Wheeler asked that the colour coding on the action tracker be standardised to red, amber and green for high to low priorities.

Action 3579 had been partially completed by Colin Tucker, with the OSART follow-up report.

Action 3798 was closed. Any further updates on the offshore structures would be included in the reports.

Action 3805 was closed.

Action 3812 needed to be confirmed with RWM.

3904 The Chair would create a full list of outstanding actions and assignments.

6. Chairman's Report

3905 The Chair would be meeting with the Magnox chairs and the NDA in November, including a presentation on continuous decommissioning and the factors to determine if it would be used. Maintaining buffers around sites, such as the Sizewell AONB, had been highlighted that day as an important factor.

7. Any other business

3906 The Chair noted her regular communication with the comms team, to ensure their support for the SSG as an effective resource. However, attendance was a concern and Councils needed to realise how important attendance and engagement was.

3907 Pete Wilkinson recommended that the SSG's remit be reconsidered to allow Sizewell C issues on the agenda as they became more relevant. The Chair said that EDF would need to be consulted. Mike Taylor noted that the lack of reporting on Sizewell C would make matters difficult for Town Councils and local communities, once stage three had begun. The Chair explained that the Sizewell C forum had so far been called only when there had been something to communicate, and had focused on presentations over attendee questions, which was all that they were currently required to do. To ask for anything further would need to be raised with local Councils and MPs, which they could push for at the next meeting. Pete Wilkinson submitted that the process was in breach of the Aarhus convention.

3908 The Chair noted that there would likely be an SSG subgroup meeting before the New Year.

3909 The SSG website would be moving to become part of a government site. Attendees were asked to report any access problems.

Next Meeting is Thursday 17th January at Sizewell Sports and Social Club 9am for 9.30am.

Glossary:

AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

BEIS Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

CFP Cavendish Fluor Partnership

FED Fuel Element Debris
ILW Intermediate Level Waste
LLW Low Level Waste
NDA Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
ONR Office for Nuclear Regulation
PHE Public Health England
PWR Pressurised Water Reactor
SPR Scottish Power Renewables
STEM Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics

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