

**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION  
DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING  
THE VISITORS CENTRE – DUNGENESS B POWER STATION  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Cllr David Godfrey	-	Deputy Chairman
Mrs L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Cllr M Boyd	-	Rye Town Council
Mr P Fahey	-	EA Inspector (Dungeness A)
Mr A Feacey	-	Kent County Council
Mrs T Finn	-	SSG Secretariat
Mr J Goodsell	-	Dungeness A SJC
Mr G Hammond	-	Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Cllr A Hills	-	Kent County Council
Mr J Jenkin	-	NDA
Mr S Kirsopp	-	ONR Inspector (Dungeness B)
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr J Link	-	Ashford Borough Council
Ms T Luetchford	-	Romney Marsh Partnership
Mr J McNamara	-	EDF Energy
Mr L Ollier	-	EDF Communications
Mr S Payne	-	Magnox Communications
Mrs A Prentice	-	EDF Communications
Cllr A Rodriguez	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Stewart	-	Station Director, Dungeness B
Ms A Tamplin	-	Kent County Council
Cllr P Thomas	-	New Romney Town Council
Mrs S Bowie-Wooler	-	Minute Taker
Mrs C Waters	-	Lydd Town Council
Cllr R Wilkins	-	Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Mr P Wilkinson	-	Closure Director, Dungeness A

**I INTRODUCTION**

3644 Col. Smythe welcomed the SSG to the meeting today and explained that they would be going through the agenda.

**II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3645 Col. Smythe explained that there is a list of attendees and apologies in their meeting pack.

**III TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

3646 Minutes from meeting 10 May 2018 have been accepted as a true reflection.

#### **IV CORRESPONDENCE**

3647 There is a list of Correspondence which has been provided dating back from 10 May 2018.

#### **V MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE**

3648 There will be further discussion in regards to the continuing decommission over care and maintenance, meetings to take place and this will be an agenda item for the SSG to have their input into.

#### **VI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS A'S CLOSURE DIRECTORS REPORT – PAUL WILKINSON, CLOSURE DIRECTOR**

3649 Mr Wilkinson delivered his report and highlighted the following points:

- Dungeness A has been over 860 days without a lost time incident.
- The site has received a warning from the Environment Agency because consignments of contaminated asbestos were not loaded as per the paperwork.
- Pond draining is going well, pond draining is now progressing following on from the issues experienced in the spring.
- The NDA have agreed that the boilers, boiler annexes and blower halls removal will be removed before care and maintenance. The site is now drawing up the plans to secure funding.
- Dungeness is being considered for the continuous decommissioning and as soon as further information is available the SSG will be informed.
- Waste is now being transported to the Bradwell store.

3650 Mr Wilkinson invited questions from the SSG in regards to his report  
Cllr Godfrey: Do we have a timescale as to when the fill house will be completed?  
Mr Wilkinson: We are hopeful that it will be within the year, the concrete has been laid and further work to be carried out.

Cllr Waters: How many people are currently in employment at the site?

Mr Wilkinson: We currently have around 300 on site, of which 129 are permanent contractors.

#### **VII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTORS REPORTS – IAN STEWART, STATION DIRECTOR**

3651 Mr Stewart delivered his report and highlighted the following points:

- Safety continues to be the overriding priority, there have been no significant issues since May 2018, however there have been eight injuries onsite two of which are hand injuries which occurred to contract staff as part of the outage. Due to this there is currently a station-wide safety campaign to remind all staff and contractors of the importance of safety at work.
- Dungeness B has had a very successful year so far, and has generated over 5 Twh so far.
- Mr Stewart will be meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss permit breeches following an investigation with both parties.

- Generation at the plant is currently at its best ever and to date we are 100kw above target. Dungeness B has had a difficult time over the last few years but appears to be moving in the right direction.
- From the recently held recruitment event, there was lots of interest and we are still recruiting for 10 – 15 new maintenance technician roles.
- The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) have instructed Dungeness B to carry out more work to prevent the effects of erosion, to ensure that the plant is in a better position to carry on producing power past 2030.
- Dungeness B has carried out a lot of charity work for the chosen charity of Breast Cancer Now and has raised over £12,700 since September 2016.
- There have been no changes to the beach feeding project, there is continued effort to prevent fish from entering the site. There has been an incident of a seal getting into the site and was safely returned to the channel.

3652 Mr Stewart invited questions from the members

Louise Barton: With this recent investment are you confident that Dungeness B will continue to be in operation past 2028?

Mr Stewart: That is my dream, Dungeness is different to other stations and our graphite has the opportunity to go longer than most AGRs. It may present as a financial challenge as in if the asset is not making the money to cover operational costs.

Tess Luetchford: What are you doing to help attract people from the local area to apply for current recruitment gaps? As we have a skills partnership for the Romney Marsh Partnership and I would like to bring this up as an agenda item.

Mr Stewart: We are working with local colleges and schools to sell this industry and make a career at Dungeness more attractive. This will then subtly upskill the applicant to the needs of the business. We have partners with Homewood School in Tenterden and the promotion is still ongoing, I would like to attend the skills subgroup.

Col Smythe: The outage and the corrosion project are these two separate things?

Mr Stewart: They are two separate projects and the corrosion needs to be kept on top of and Dungeness will have a separate corrosion team.

## **VIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – ROWLAND COOK, ONR INSPECTOR**

3653 No verbal report to be given, report already sent out.

## **IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – STEPHEN KIRSOPP, ONR INSPECTOR**

3654 Mr Kirsopp explained that he is new to the role at Dungeness and has found all of the staff welcoming, he stated that he was impressed with the SSG attendance and will endeavour to attend all meetings where possible. Mr Kirsopp highlighted the following from his report:

- There will be inspections taking place during the Outage, and following on from these the decision for the site to reopen following the outage will be made.

- There is a lot of information in regards to the ONR inspections available on the website <http://www.onr.org.uk/> which can be accessed in between SSG meetings.

Col. Smythe explained that the findings from the surveys carried out with the SSGs for all sites are now out and there will be positive new initiatives moving forward.

**X COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES – PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS A AND ANDREW STONE, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS B**

3655 Mr Fahey delivered the following highlights from his report:

- Visits took place to Dungeness A on May, July and August, in June we were made aware by the operator that there had been some discrepancies in reports of waste that had left the site. This is a contravention of the permit and there has been a formal warning letter issued to the site.

3656 Mr Fahey invited questions from the SSG

Louise Barton: What was the serious incident?

Mr Fahey: It involved the measurement of waste, the waste leaving site did not tally up with paperwork that had been completed.

Andrew Stone has sent his apologies

**XI PRESENTATION ON DECOMMISSIONING – JONATHAN JENKINS, NDA**

3657 Mr Jenkin delivered his report and highlighted the following items to the SSG, the board has approved the outlines for changing the strategy that is currently in place for decommissioning. The NDA are seeking a flexible approach on a site by site basis, the NDA will continue to liaise with stakeholders to obtain views on selecting the site and will ensure that Asset Quality, Health & Safety and Socio Economic development are kept high on the agenda for contributing factors in the decision.

There will be workshop in late November, which will enable the NDA to gain views on the proposals and this will form the business case to take to Government for both approval and funding.

3658 Magnox will become a subsidiary of the NDA as detailed in the NDA update, this will be effective from 1 September 2019 this should enable a more simplified approach to the decommissioning process. This will also end any speculation and uncertainty for the Magnox workforce.

3659 Mr Jenkin invited questions from the SSG:

Louise Barton: Which site has been chosen?

Mr Jenkin: We have not made that decision yet, we are currently getting views to create a business case.

Cllr Waters: Will there be an opportunity for the local community to lobby the NDA so we can ensure Dungeness are given the opportunity?

Mr Jenkin: Yes, the NDA will consider the impact on local communities as part of the consultation process.

### **XIII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN**

3660 Col. Smythe reiterated Mr Wilkinson's point from agenda item VI, a total of £9,444 has been given out (between 1 April 2018 and 20 September 2018) to local community groups to enhance the socio-economic development of the local area. Col. Smythe has explained to the SSG that applications look favourable if there is match funding available to support the project.

3661 The NDA are currently carrying out an audit on the grants given out to the local community.

Louise Barton: Can we please be careful of who gets the money for projects.

Col Smythe: This goes through a panel who decides on where the money goes, and we try for this to be unanimous in the decision.

All Agreed

### **XV ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

3662 No other business was raised.

### **XVI DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3661 Next meeting to take place on Thursday 10 January 2019 at 14:00 hrs at the Assembly Rooms in New Romney.