

CHAIRS REPORT – NDA SSG CHAIRS MEETING LONDON 8/9 APRIL 2019

After travelling down to London on 8th April, there was a quick meeting of the SSG Chairs/Vice Chairs prior to the Evening meal, in which the group was introduced to some of the New Magnox/NDA team for the sites.

At the BEIS Conference Centre at 0900 hrs the following morning Bill Hamilton opened the meeting with a welcome, unfortunately due to strike action refreshments/meals were not available.

The sites were asked about their reports and started with Chapelcross as Bradwell SSG were not in attendance. I reported about the Borderlands funding package and advised how CX was important to this and asked again about the release of Land. Bill was meeting with David Gardner (D&G Council) the following week and advised that the NDA were extremely supportive of the request and rather than having one big wholesale handover of land there would be a programmed handover in different phases once the land was needed it would be released as required.

Importantly I advised about the good H&S record of the site, however we did have some concern about the Environmental issues that SEPA had raised with the site, these were being managed well by the site, but lessons needed to be learned regarding any packages temporarily stored outside.

It was unfortunate that Bradwell SSG were not in attendance as there may have been some learning lessons that could have been cascaded down to the other sites with regards what was left on site when going in to care and maintenance phase.

The Site Chairs followed with their reports from each individual site, which raised issues about funding and the programme of continuous decommissioning.

Hunterston asked about the Decommissioning of EDF Sites and whether this would be a job for the NDA - it was made clear that discussions were taking place with EDF however the cost of this was under constant scrutiny and was part of the EDF programme and not a public cost. NDA and the estate obviously had some good skills and the learning lessons from this would be shared to EDF when asked.

NDA David Peattie and Tom Smith arrived just after 12pm to discuss the last two years.

Tom had been chairman of the NDA for the past two years and had met lots of SSG members across the estate, the NDA depended on the SSG support for local community understanding of what was happening on each of the sites. He went onto say that when he took over relationship with Government was strained, the Magnox contract was the main issue, he had to regain government trust, and strengthen the arrangements with devolved parliaments, the Holyrood event in May last year saw some excellent relationship building.

There is obviously a spending review coming along and we will need to be ready for that.

David wanted to discuss four things: Highlights, Senior appointments, Magnox Transition and “One NDA”.

He advised that DACR was at 0.28, this of course wasn't zero and improvement needed to happen, but as it was so low, we needed to think of different ways to reduce the chances of accidents happening.

There was a £380k fine at Sellafield for the contamination of a worker, which again lessons were being learned.

At the end of year 2018, 19 of the key 25 targets had been met.

ONR agreed Bradwell had went into Care and maintenance

The Sellafield PPP had ministerial approval

And that reduction of major hazards from Ponds was a key target.

New appointments had been made: Gwen Parry Jones - MD, Lawrie Haynes - Chairman, Maxine Symington – Head of Legal/Company Secretary, Pete Knollmeyer – Interim Nuclear Decommissioning Director, Richard Murray – Decommissioning Programme Director, Bill Hamilton was moving over to Magnox Ltd and John McNamara – who was Bill's replacement, will be the new NDA Head of Stakeholder Relations.

The Magnox Transition would happen in 20 weeks on 1 September and that all the above were designate until then but are working with CFP to be ready to handover. There was some economic misalignment with CFP's contract and Milestones needed to be reached to earn the fee agreed with the NDA.

There is no doubt that it will be a difficult transition, but will be much smoother once we can optimise the systems at a higher level.

The Holliday report is awaited but there are some judicial reviews taking place in relation to this.

The SSG Chairs thanked both for coming along and being open and honest with them, and looked forward to the next meeting with them and an update once the transition had happened.

The NDA Summit this year will be held this year on Angelsey at Coleg Menai on 8 & 9 July 2019.

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