

Chairman's report for Hinkley Point SSG - 8 March 2019

Following the SSG in October the Constitution subgroup had a meeting at the Stockland Sports Club on the 8 November 2018. I must thank the members of that subgroup for their hard work and diligence. It was certainly not an easy task but it now places a secure foundation for our SSG in the years to come. I'm pleased to report that the members of our SSG agreed the new constitution on the 11 January at a special meeting.

There was a Magnox Executive SSG Chairs meeting on the 19 and 20 November in London. We had a meeting with the Magnox Executive regarding the forthcoming transformation to the new contract. The formal transition will take place from June 2019 to the end of August 2019 with the new contract starting on the 1 of September 2019. We then received a presentation from the NDA which included the Decommissioning of Bradwell as it enters Care and maintenance after 60 years in the community. We were also brought up to date on work at all the other sites. This was followed by a private Chairs meeting. We discussed any problems or successes at the Stations we represent.

On the 28 November I was again in London for a Magnox Reactor Decommissioning Stakeholder Workshop. An extremely interesting workshop which outlined the early decommissioning of our Reactors, more can be found on this on the NDA website where there is a summery version of the Strategic Outline Case.

Unfortunately in December we lost one of my great friends and fellow chair, Penny Wride. She was the Chair of Berkeley SSG and was a stalwart. She will be very sadly missed throughout the whole Nuclear Decommissioning Group. I attended her funeral on the 28 December along with some very high ranking member of the NDA and Magnox.

As mentioned in paragraph one; on Friday the 11 of January we had our special SSG on our constitution. This has now been passed by the assembly.

On the 16 and 17 January I travelled up to Warrington with Aled Morris Jones to meet the new Chief Executive designate of Magnox Lawrie Haynes and Paul Vallance from the comms of the NDA. On first impressions, I think Lawrie Haynes will be good. He seem to have a wealth of experience and quite the 'common' touch. No doubt we will hear more about him and the new team as we progress through this year.

Friday the 25 January I had the pleasure of meeting Nao Ozawa of MRI Research. She was doing some research on behalf of the Japanese Government into SSG's. I, on behalf of our SSG, was selected to be interviewed. She also interviewed a member of the Senior Staff of Somerset County Council and the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee who is also a member of the SSG and SCC. IT was apparent that our SSG is highly regarded and she was very keen to know everything about we liaise with all groups, members of the public, County, District, Town, and Parish Councils as well as NGO's and Anti-Nuclear Groups to ensure everybody is given an open forum. I extended an open invitation to her to attend our SSG's. We have emailed each other sine and I have answered her many searching questions.

Mervyn and I continue to meet with the Site Directors and are kept up to speed with events. We will endeavour to get all the new members and some of the old on site as soon as possible

Mike