

Bradwell Site

Draft Minutes of the 69th Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC) Meeting

Steeple Village Hall, Steeple, Essex CM0 7JY
Wednesday 4 March 2020

Present:

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LCLC Executive:

Brian Main
Cllr John White
Mrs Nikki Harman

LCLC Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Minute Taker

LCLC Members:

Cllr Peter Banks
Cllr Brian Beale
Cllr Richard van Dulken
Tracey Finn
Cllr John Harrison
Cllr Adrian Fluker
Jonathan Jenkin
John Rogers
Peter Reynolds
Judy Lea
Cllr Michael Pudney
Ian Cuthbert
Cllr Penny Channer
Stephen Savage
Deborah Ward

West Mersea Town Council
Maldon District Council
Braintree District Council
SSG Secretariat
Heybridge Parish Council
Maldon District Council
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Environment Agency
Maldon Society
Steeple Parish Council
Closure Director, Sizewell A Site
Maldon District Council
Maldon District Council
Communications, Magnox

Bold type - denotes voting members

Members of the public in attendance:

John Cassels
Shirley Swan
Barry Turner



Local Community Liaison Council

1. INTRODUCTION

3049 The Chairman Brian Main opened the meeting at 10:05am. Brian welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3050 Clerk confirmed apologies had been received from:

Cllr Paul Burgess

Prof Andy Blowers

Varrie Blowers

Stephen Dickson

Cllr Julie Gooding

Cllr Tony Shrimpton

Donna Walton

Mark Wilson

Alan Krailing

Mr Hirst

Althorne Parish Council

BANNING

BANNING

Essex County Council

Rochford Borough Council

Maldon District Council

Braintree District Council

Braintree District Council

MAGNOX

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex

Members noted that Mr Hirst – Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex was invited to the meeting but had prior engagements. Mr Hirst will be invited to subsequent meetings as specifically requested by Members.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3051 Two points were raised as errors and agreed to the following amendments.

- I. Judy Lea Maldon Society has no voting rights and therefore should not be in bold.
- II. 3022: Real Ale Trail

The LCLC minutes resulting from the 68th Meeting held on 12 June 2019 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3052 Cllr John Harrison raised minute point 3033, with reference to a Bradwell Site visit. Ian Cuthbert agreed this will be honoured and will arrange in the Autumn 2020.

3053 Stephen Savage raised the point that if the Chief Commissioner for Essex Police, Fire and Crime is unavailable for LCLC meetings then a representative should be sent. This was agreed by the Members and LCLC/SSG Secretariat noted.

There were no further matters arising from the previous meeting minutes.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for LCLC

3054 Tracey Finn chaired this part of the meeting and the following actions were noted:

Current Chair and Vice Chair stood down from post.

3055 Election of Chair

Cllr Peter Banks proposed by Barry Turner

Brian Main proposed by Cllr John Harrison

Voting recorded by show of hands from voting Members only.

Cllr Banks 2 votes vs Brian Main 4 votes.

Brian Main accepted position of Chair for another term.



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Election of Vice Chair

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Cllr Peter Banks proposed by Barry Turner

Cllr John White proposed by Brian Main

Voting recorded by show of hands from voting Members only.

Cllr Banks 2 votes vs Cllr White 3 votes.

SITE REPORT: Update

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Ian Cuthbert, Closure Director for Bradwell Site, provided a presentation to update attendees about site activities since the previous LCLC meeting. The following key points were noted:

Safety and Environment

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- There have been no accidents or first aid incidents since the last report
- Recent site safety campaigns have included environmental sustainability and transport safety. (Led by Sizewell).
- Demonstration Exercise carried out.

C&M Mobilisation

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- Started Monday 23rd September
- Completed by Tuesday 5th November

Safestore 1 and Safestore 2

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- External cladding inspected • All voids inspected, and work completed

Safestore 3 (ponds) and other works

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- Ponds: thermal visual inspections & lightning protection testing complete
- Other: Security camera maintenance complete
- Inspection of electrical installations complete
- Main security access control system complete

Interim Storage Facility (ISF)

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- Calibration of Instruments completed
- Emergency lighting battery inspection and function testing complete
- Routine operations continue

Planning application

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- 16 temporary offices and storage cabins
- Already on site
- Used during annual inspection/mobilisation
- Retention for future inspections rather than install on annual basis
- Avoids traffic, rental costs, etc
- Maldon District Council planning decision

Staff numbers

3064 Currently we have a Security team of 22 + 5 staff who run and maintain the ISF

3065 Magnox socio-economic scheme 2019-20

- £1,012,874 was allocated across the 12 Magnox sites.
- To date, Bradwell has two successful projects:
- Maldon Town Sensory Charter Mark and Guide: £5,148
- Tillingham Tigers Youth Football Club: £808
- Another three applications are being processed
- The scheme now closed to new applications to prepare for the end of the financial year and will re-open in May, in a new NDA-wide system - details and new guidance will be circulated once finalised.
- The NDA Local Economic and Social Impact Strategy 2020–2026 Draft has been issued for consultation: www.NDA.gov.uk - Scroll down to Policy Papers and Consultations.
- The consultation closes 13 March 2020. Anyone can respond collectively as a group (e.g. LCLC), individually or as councils, etc
- If you would like to discuss a potential project, please contact Haf Morris, Socio-economic Lead: 01797 343549 or email haf.e.morris@magnoxsites.com

Ian Cuthbert invited the meeting for questions.

3066 Cllr Adrian Fluker refers to presentation made about ILW and ISF mosaics, are they being transported by rail?

Ian Cuthbert confirmed 90% will be transported by rail from Dungeness to Southminster. Sizewell is a few years away from transporting.

3067 Cllr Adrian Fluker asks whether there will be any community engagement with the aforementioned. Ian Cuthbert agreed there will be a traffic management plan nearer to the date and communication.

3068 Cllr Adrian Fluker asks what will happen to the popular public footpath East to the Power Station, once works to Bradwell B starts? Has there been any discussion between Magnox/NDA and Bradwell B?

3069 Ian Cuthbert is unaware of any discussions but will honour an action to look into the logistics of keeping it open.

3070 Judy Lea there was a mention that Essex Police used the site for a security exercise, can you tell us more?

Ian Cuthbert confirmed Essex Police use the site for training purposes.

3071 Cllr John Harrison referred to the EA report and the demolished Turbine Hall and the problem with rain water collecting in the basement.

Ian Cuthbert advised that the rain water needs to be pumped out as there are no drains.

3072 Cllr Peter Banks wanted clarity on what electricity is used on site.

Ian Cuthbert explained it is mainly for Security and surveillance. There is no electricity supply in the safe store facility.

3073 Unknown Member of the public asked about a footpath from Steeple to Bradwell. Cllr John Harrison advised this refers to a non-adopted footpath.

3074 Cllr Peter Banks asked if Sizewell waste is delayed, does that mean a change of policy? Ian Cuthbert advised there are change of plans to Sizewell waste projects over the next couple of years, consequently demolition at Sizewell will be a priority.

3075 Brian Main thanked Ian Cuthbert for the opening presentation.

6. NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY (NDA) UPDATE

3076 Jonathan Jenkin provided an updated report.

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- NDA are reorganising into a more cohesive structure, “One NDA”, this is to ensure the subsidiaries are working collaboratively to a business plan.
 - NDA Supply Chain Event – Registration Open
 - New billion pound nuclear store takes shape with first concrete pour
 - NDA Local Economic and Social Impact Strategy consultation
 - New Chief Executive for Sellafield
 - New Chief Executive for RWM
 - NDA to bring Transport and Logistics capabilities together

3078 Brian Main thanked Jonathan Jenkin, NDA for the report.

7. OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR REGULATION (ONR) REPORT

3079 John Rogers ONR Inspector Magnox SE Sites reported the following points:

- No inspections were carried out on site. This is consistent with the ONR inspection planning strategy which states that as the Bradwell site has entered care and maintenance no routine inspections will be carried out over the next three years.
- Two minor security incidents were reported to ONR during the period.
- No safety incidents were reported to ONR. However, it was previously reported that one such matter had been reported to ONR (and the EA) during the previous period regarding a waste shipment. This has now been investigated by Magnox Ltd, and ONR is satisfied that the investigation has adequately identified the root causes and contributory factors and put the necessary measures in place to prevent any recurrence.

Members noted that this will be the last LCLC representation and no further reports will be given.

8. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA) REPORT

3080 Peter Reynolds reported the following points:

- We were informed in the last quarter of 2019 that a batch of waste consigned from Bradwell earlier in the year had not conformed to the conditions for acceptance of the receiving site. We believe this may breach the conditions of Bradwell's environmental permit. We are investigating the incident and will report on the outcome of our investigations at the next Bradwell LCLC meeting.
- We visited Bradwell at the end of June 2019 to assess waste management arrangements. We noted that the majority of LLW present on our previous inspection had been removed, that the site was generally in a clean and tidy state, and that Magnox was making good progress with the demolition of remaining facilities. Magnox confirmed at the end of August that all accessible radioactive waste and inactive waste had been removed from the site.
- A few additional, small areas of surface contamination were identified during the final site radiation survey. These were either remediated or capped and added to the list of locations to be maintained during the Care & Maintenance period.
- Free liquid was discovered in September 2019 in a container of waste consigned from Bradwell to a waste treatment facility. This contravened the waste acceptance criteria of the receiving site and we consider that conditions of Bradwell's environmental permit may have been breached. We received a copy of the incident investigation report from Magnox in December and have requested additional information. We are assessing the incident and will report on the outcome of our investigation at the next Bradwell LCLC meeting.
- Higher Activity Waste In October 2019, we inspected the arrangements for management of higher activity waste in the Intermediated Storage Facility (ISF) at Bradwell. We were

satisfied with the condition and management of the ISF.

- We made minor recommendations on record keeping of waste packages.
- Permit Information Conditions Magnox have not yet demonstrated that they meet all of the Environment Agency's expectations for a site placed in an interim state to allow for deferred dismantling. We have therefore set information conditions in the permit.
- Magnox have supplied information to us confirming that they have management arrangement in place for Bradwell to meet all the conditions of their permit.
- We are assessing Magnox's submission against the requirements of the information condition (Condition IC1), and will report our conclusions at the next Bradwell LCLC meeting.

3081 Brian Main thanked Peter Reynolds

9. LCLC CHAIRMAN'S FEEDBACK

3082 Brian Main suggested LCLC meets annually rather than 6 monthly. Members agreed. No meetings attended so nothing to report.

3083 Brian Main advised that what he had learnt at the London SSG had already been covered by the reports and presentations in this meeting. Brian Main went onto confirm Bradwell A is used as learning tool for Magnox/NDA. The skills set are being used at other sites to ensure retention. Lessons learnt are ensuring better policies and protocols for other sites.

3084 Brian Main wanted to thank both the NDA and Magnox for their Socio-Economic funding and being extremely generous to local community groups.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3085 Judy Lea referred to the Bradwell B planning application and wondered how that will have an impact on the integrity of the Safe Store at Bradwell A. Jonathan Jenkin assured that the various regulators will be ensuring the safety of Bradwell A and its integrity when Bradwell B is being built and indeed in production.

3086 Unknown member of the public wanted to know how to access funds for infrastructure. Jonathan Jenkin referred to Magnox Socio - Economic Funding and contact details previously mentioned.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

3087 Possibly Wednesday 9 September 2020, at Steeple Village Hall, for 10.00am start.

12. CLOSE

3088 Chairman closed the meeting at 11.53am.