

## Chairman's Report for the June 2021 SSG

I was really hoping that this meeting would be held 'Face to Face' but unfortunately not. I am however convinced that, if everything goes to plan in July, our October meeting will be in person.

The Membership sub-group's meeting took place and some very positive proposals will be put to you. Some very difficult decisions were fully discussed in the light of uncertain times ahead with the Local Government proposals for Somerset. Our Vice Chair will present the report at our meeting. Can I thank all members of the Sub-Group for their work on this important issue.

Since the SSG meeting in February Pete Montague decided to leave and has been replaced temporarily by Laura Miles until mid July when Kirandeep Basra-Steele will take up the post. From a recent 'Teams' call I am convinced she will continue with the high standards of honesty, integrity and openness that we have all enjoyed previously. Mervyn and I had a meeting with Pete before he left to wish him all the very best and a sincere thank you from us all.

Unfortunately our 'B' site director, Peter Evans, has decided also to retire and this will be his last SSG. This again is very sad news; we, in this SSG, have been very fortunate in having Site Directors who have always been willing to share the 'up's and downs' of the stations and Peter has been no different. No doubt Peter will fill you in more in his report.

To return to membership. It was clear that the youth of today are not represented on our SSG. They see that Nuclear Decommissioning is a dead industry. As one member put it many years ago "Turkey's Praying for Christmas". This is absolutely not the case and should be seen as a fantastic growth industry. We have apprentices on the sites and young people attending the Nuclear College just down the road in Cannington. We and the NDA must start to attract them to the industry; With 'B' site going into decommissioning in July next year, Hunterston "B" the same and perhaps Dungeness 'B'. We are in 2021 and remember that 'A' ceased generation in 2000!

Mike