

## Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group Chairman's Report

29 October 2021

Can I first say in advance of our meeting, “A Very Warm Welcome Back”! This will be our first 'face to face' meeting for nearly 2 years. It will also be our first meeting in the Victory Hall, Stogursey and, another first for the new Site Director of A station Kirandeep Basra Steel.

A special thank you must go to Laura Miles who was the acting Site Director for Hinkley A for all her help and assistance during the period from Pete's departure to the new Director.

We must observe the rules today regarding Covid 19. It has not gone away and we must be vigilant and careful and, I am sorry, only Tea, Coffee and Biscuits!

I have had 2 meetings with the A site Director, one via Teams and the other on site on 11 October. I have been very impressed by her enthusiasm for A site and for the workforce. These are very difficult times. On the subject of the 11 October, I also attended the Funeral of former Councillor Lily Mary Cartwright. She was an avid supporter of the Hinkley Local Council Liaison Committee, (LCLC) and sat on the transformation committee to change it into a SSG. She was a Councillor for nearly 40 years and a stalwart for the Cannington and Quantocks area.

No doubt the recent transformer fire at B site will raise quite a few questions, so I will not make comment at this time. I will however say a very sincere thank you for keeping me and our vice chair fully informed during the period. Unfortunately, it is Peter's last SSG and it would be very remiss of me not to thank him for his openness, loyalty and full support for this our SSG. Can I also, on behalf of myself and the SSG express our sincere condolences to him on his sad and recent losses.

Local Government reorganisation. Well, this is moving at a pace and from the information I have many scenarios have been promulgated. It is important to remember that our SSG must continue during these times of change. We must be ready for change and embrace it when it comes. It will be difficult times for us all when we move to a Unitary Council. Many of us may not even be here on our SSG's 'Vesting Day' on the 1 April 2023. We do however have to make some changes now, our Vice Chair, Mervyn, will move the decision made by our SSG in June.

See you at the meeting, at last!

Mike