

**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION  
DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING  
HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:**

|                    |   |                                  |
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| Mrs L Barton       | - | Lydd Airport Action Group        |
| Mr J Benn          | - | Station Director, Dungeness B    |
| Cllr M Burgess     | - | Ashford Borough Council          |
| Cllr P Coe         | - | New Romney Town Council          |
| Mr P Fahey         | - | EA Inspector, Dungeness A        |
| Mrs T Finn         | - | SSG Secretariat                  |
| Mr D Godfrey       | - | Deputy Chair                     |
| Mr J Goodsell      | - | SJC DNA                          |
| Mr K Harrison      | - | Rural Kent                       |
| Cllr C Hoggart     | - | Rother District Council          |
| Mr D Illsley       | - | Romney Marsh Partnership         |
| Mr J Jenkin        | - | NDA                              |
| Mr S Kirsopp       | - | ONR Inspector, Dungeness B       |
| Mr R Lavender      | - | Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce |
| Mr P Mullins       | - | ONR, Dungeness B                 |
| Mr E Osondu        | - | Environment Agency               |
| Mr M Pardo         | - | Communications, EDF              |
| Ms K Ramsden       | - | Magnox Communications            |
| Cllr T Rodriguez   | - | New Romney Town Council          |
| Mr J Rogers        | - | ONR Inspector, Dungeness A       |
| Col G Smythe       | - | Independent Chairman             |
| Mr P Wilkinson     | - | Closure Director, Magnox         |
| Mrs S Bowie-Wooler | - | Minute Taker                     |

**I INTRODUCTION**

3731 Chairman welcomed the SSG, explained the agenda for the meeting and the housekeeping was shared for the virtual meeting.

**II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3732 Apologies received:

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| Cllr T Hills       | - | Kent County Council |
| Mr J Royal-Simpson | - | Affinity Water      |

**III TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

3733 John Benn highlighted a correction needed on minute item:  
**Action** will liaise with Tracey to correct this statement. No other issues highlighted.

#### **IV CORRESPONDENCE**

3734 There has been a large amount of correspondence produced over the last ten months. This has been sent out. Chairman has asked if there is anything that is needed in hard copy. This can be requested and sent out.

#### **V MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE**

3735 No matters arising

#### **VI MAGNOX ACHIEVMENT VIDEO**

3736 A video was played to the SSG, which highlighted key achievements, Magnox's response to the pandemic including shut down and a safe return to work.

#### **VII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS A'S CLOSURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – PAUL WILKINSON, CLOSURE DIRECTOR**

3737 Paul Wilkinson delivered his report and highlighted the following:

- Safety: Over 4 years since last lost time accident. This is something to be proud of due to the high hazardous works that are ongoing at Dungeness A. The company-wide Target Zero campaigns are designed to drive Magnox to zero harm to people and the environment. Dungeness is on target for this. Campaigns have included Fire Safety, Electrical Safety and a Covid-19 Safety Campaign. These are cycled, to ensure the safety measures are at the forefront of all staff and contractors' minds at all times.
- Covid-19: There was an operational pause during the first nationwide lockdown from mid-March to June. Dungeness was one of the first sites to return to operation. During the pause essential operations continued and there was a low occupancy maintained on the site.
- Community support during Covid-19: Staff were able to support the local community, emergency services and the NHS – delivering PPE from stores, range of volunteers supporting local organisations. £25,000 per site was made available to support local organisations.

Decommissioning update:

- Waste Projects: Detailed design of borderline wet waste has been completed. Wet waste transfer facility which is for high level waste is going well.
- Waste Operations – shipments:
  - 18.1te metals
  - 33.7m<sup>3</sup> combustible waste
  - 50m<sup>3</sup> Very Low Level Active Waste
  - 387te non-rad
  - HAW to Bradwell ongoing
- Ponds: These have now been drained and sealed, and now looking at back out activities for demolition.
- Boiler Asbestos: Bulk asbestos removal is ongoing; this significant piece of work is due for completion in Jan 2021. (More than 300te of asbestos has been removed to date over the last 4 years).
- Boiler Removal: Large project for Dungeness. This has been accepted by Magnox and the regulators. Enabling work is underway to prepare for the boiler removal in 2024.

Paul announced that this will be his last SSG meeting, as he is retiring from Magnox as of January 2021.

3738 Paul invited questions from the SSG.

David Ilesley said thank you on behalf of Folkestone and Hythe council, especially for supporting the Skills Hub. He noted from the report that there is remaining funding from Magnox for the Hub. Jyotsna Leney will be in contact to discuss further.

Cllr Peter Coe mirrored David's comments, and said thank you from New Romney Town Council and wished Paul well in his retirement.

Chairman: Socio-economic package brief produced and there is still a balance of funding available.

## **VIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JOHN BENN, STATION DIRECTOR**

3739 John Benn delivered his report verbally and highlighted the following points:

- Safety performance:
  - 701 days since the last nuclear reportable event (corrosion event in 2018)
  - 891 days since last lost time incident
  - 801 days since contractors lost time injury
  - 2,163 days since the last environmental event
  - Very pleased with the overall safety performance, especially with the overall work that is currently ongoing. They have maintained the programmes, and safety work has been going on in parallel.
- Covid-19: Dungeness B did not close. Workers received key worker status and were able to continue working during the pandemic. There have been challenges faced during Covid-19 as there has been between 500 – 600 people on site. Social distancing has been implemented and adhered to, thermal cameras have been installed at all entrance points, Perspex barriers have been installed and increased sanitation stations have been installed across the site to ensure safety for staff and contractors. He is incredibly proud of the team here, and the work they have done to develop and adhere to new policies. Risk assessments are updated regularly to reflect the local community, advice is sought from medical professionals to ensure safety.
- Site works: Currently testing both reactors and preparing for return to service. Staff will have a break over Christmas and New Year and second warm up cycle will take place in early January as final stages of safety cases and approvals are worked through. Remain on track for a return to service in early 2021.
- Investment on site: £60m has been invested on site. There are a number of large projects coming to the end of the implementation phase such as the Nitrogen plant which will hopefully be commissioned in Q2 of 2021.

3740 John Benn invited questions from the SSG

Chairman said a large amount of money has been spent on Dungeness, was this to hopefully extend the life of the site?

John Benn answered that the life of the asset is a big question. With it being offline for over 800 days they need to reflect on the technical risk and the main focus is a safe return to service. Once they get back to power, they will be reviewing the asset lifetime strategy, and what will happen to Dungeness B in the future.

Louise Barton asked, with the recent outage and the work that is currently underway, are they still confident that the closure can be delayed? Has the work made any difference to the closure date of 2028?

John Benn said the current closure date of 2028 still stands. The work that has been completed and the safety cases are making them look at that and see what we can do to secure that date. There is no change in the lifetime of that asset.

Louise Barton asked if there was any chance that it will go beyond that date?

John Benn answered the investment that has been made in the plant to get it to 2028 has been needed, and they will look at this in the next few months.

## **IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – JOHN ROGERS, ONR INSPECTOR**

3741 John delivered his report verbally and highlighted the following points:

- Covid-19: Remote and in person inspection took place of the Covid-19 arrangements and covered the safe return to work aspect. Remained engaged with the site, purpose of inspection was to look at the safe return to site. Scope of inspection included:
  - Maintenance plan
  - Precautions in place for social distance etc.
- Improved management of site: This was based on the previous report in January. He conducted an in-person inspection and there has been a significant improvement on site and materials are stored correctly.
  - Boiler removal will be a huge piece of work with a number of contractors, staff and machinery on site. It is important that the site is prepared for this, which he is starting to see clear evidence of.
- Decommissioning: Covid-19 has brought on a delay in the decommissioning activities onsite, but work has begun again
  - Bulk Asbestos, significant hazard and this is good news that this project is close to completion.
  - ILW, target for next inspection and from what has been seen on site has been positive.
  - Building degradation and Boiler Removal: Agreement has been made on licence agreement 35 milestone for the removal of the boiler. Recent update, amendment to the lifetime plan is currently going through approval with the NDA.
  - Inspection in conjunction with the Environmental Agency, due for report in next SSG.

3742 John invited questions from the SSG

Chairman said that it was encouraging to hear that there have been improvements on the overall site management.

## **X COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – STEPHEN KIRSOPP, ONR INSPECTOR**

3743 Stephen Kirsopp introduced himself, and Recovery Site Inspector Peter Mullins, who is supporting Stephen onsite. Stephen delivered his report via a presentation to the SSG and highlighted the following points:

- ONR Position:
  - ONR staff are primarily working from home at the moment and onsite work is being increased accordingly as per public health advice. Remote inspections have been taking place to protect staff, workers on site and the general public.
  - ONR is continuing to obtain assurance that nuclear site licences and other duty holders are adequately resourced to continue to safely and securely carry out their duties.
  - Non-critical activities have been deferred, and much of the work is now being carried out via video conference, phone and email.
- Site Inspections:
  - EDF has provided Site Inspectors with laptops. This allows access across the EDF systems and meetings. This has allowed a full view across the organisation and has had a positive impact on the works of the Site Inspectors.
  - In person site visits have taken place where necessary and a number of onsite inspections. The station's internal regulator and specific individuals have contributed, and online meetings have taken place to allow work to continue.

3744 Stephen handed over to Peter Mullins, to discuss his role within the site.

- Dungeness B Enhanced Attention
  - ONR gives additional resources to regulation of a licenced site with improvements to make. There a number of sites in the UK with Enhanced Attention status.
  - Attention is focused on return to service which includes safety cases, condition of plant and readiness of people to get back safely into service.
  - Issues were identified, and EDF reacted well to this and worked with the ONR to develop a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). ONR has offered advice and feedback, collated evidence to demonstrate that the station is moving in the right direction. It has been impressive to see the appetite to learn and the dedication to get the site to a first class status. Early days, with another 18 months left to run on the plan, legacy issues have cropped up and over time evidence will be collated and reviews will be made to move EDF out of Enhanced Attention if PIP has been met.

3745 Peter invited questions from the SSG

Chairman asked if this is a system that will come into all sites or just because Dungeness B is having a lot of work done?

Peter Mullins said as he mentioned, they have a number of sites across the UK that are currently in Enhanced Attention. They have specific reasons as to why a licensee will be in Enhanced Attention. This will lead to a bespoke plan for each site. Dungeness B is a light touch site, as EDF is a capable licensee.

Inspection reports for last 3 quarters will be made available.

**XI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES – PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS A AND EDDIE OSONDU EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS B**

3746 Phil Fahey delivered a presentation and highlighted the following points:  
Environment Agency during Covid-19:

- The EA has remained fully operational, and some remote inspections have taken place. Frontline staff have returned to near normal regulatory work including some physical inspections where necessary.
- A number of temporary regulatory position statements (RPS) have been issued to site. These have been reviewed on a regular basis. The Operator was not able to carry out various sampling, monitoring and reporting requirements as required by the conditions in their permit due to the COVID 19 emergency. The Operator no longer needs these RPS as they have now caught up with their requirements.

**Headlines Dungeness A**

- Inspection visits took place in Jan, Feb and Oct 2020 – these inspections covered commissioning of MAETP, HAW and Asset Management (the latter in conjunction with the ONR). No non compliances were observed during these inspections, recommendations were made following observations.
- During the Dungeness A shut down, weekly conversations were maintained, and we were involved in giving advice on the quality plans for start-up. There were no significant environmental issues during the closure.
- In January 2020 we undertook enforcement action against the Operator for a minor breach in permit conditions. We issued advice and guidance for failing to adequately maintain the ventilation plan at site. The breach in the permit followed learning from Sellafield, which involved hard to see and access plant. It was found that a panel had fallen from the ventilation plant drawing gaseous radioactive waste from DAMAL (Dungeness A Medium Active Laboratory). The Operator has been through a programme to look at these harder to reach areas and improvements have been made.
- Various interactions outlined in the report include:
  - Environmental awareness initiative. This is a broader project aimed at raising awareness on site to avoid non-compliances and limit the risk to the environment.
  - Regulatory update meetings with the operator and ONR, to keep updated on various projects on the site.
  - Aqueous Waste and the use of the MAETP (Modular active effluent treatment plant) and AEWTP (active effluent water treatment plant), what will happen when the AEWTP plant shuts down and when the MAETP becomes available.
  - Various issues surrounding the Turbine Hall void. A solution needs to be found in order to progress with boiler removal.
  - Water discharge permit
  - Waste Projects
  - Fire in national grid building. This is was not part of the Dungeness A plant and there will be a report compiled by the National Grid.

3746 Eddie Osondu delivered his report for Dungeness B and highlighted the following points:

**Headlines Dungeness B**

- Site Inspections took place in January 2020. The focus was around equipment reliability and waste minimisation - there were not breaches of permit conditions.

One recommendation was made for the resolution of plant defects in a timely manner.

- Response to Covid 19. The site remained operational and the EA maintained weekly engagement with the site and two remote inspections were carried out. The environmental performance during the review period (Jan – Oct) has been satisfactory and the pandemic has had little impact on the overall performance.
  - Remote inspection took place in May 2020, and the focus was a compliance review audit and how the station was handling environmental risk during Covid 19. It looked at included staffing levels, and if there were any maintenance works delayed. Happy to report no breaches and no recommendations were made.
  - Second remote inspection took place in July 2020. Focus was on discharge data and ventilation supply system. There were no breaches of permit conditions, although eight recommendations were made including upgrades to be made to the gaseous waste monitoring and ventilation supply systems.
  - Annual Review of Safety (ARoS) took place in October 2020, plant tour on 27 October and ARoS meeting on 28 October. There was a note of significant plant investments and EA reinforced the environmental message and to sustain the plant improvements.

3747 Phil Fahey explained the RIFE Report (Radioactivity in Food and The Environment), the 25 Edition which was published on 5 November 2020. This report is completed in partnership with the EA and the Food Standards agency and presents a yearly assessment of radiological dose to the group of people in the local population who are most exposed to radiation from the sites. The report found the following

- Dungeness A & B had exposure of 37  $\mu$ Sv in 2019, almost entirely due to direct radiation (as in previous years)
- 22  $\mu$ Sv in 2018, 21  $\mu$ Sv in 2017, 21  $\mu$ Sv in 2016, 14  $\mu$ Sv in 2015.
- 2008 – 2019 total doses ranged between 14 and 40  $\mu$ Sv
- 2019 dose is less than 4% of the Government dose limit of 1000  $\mu$ Sv per year and is even smaller percentage of the average amount of radiation we receive from natural sources which is approximately 2200  $\mu$ Sv per year.
- Further information on the report can be found via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/radioactivity-in-food-and-the-environment-rife-reports>

3748 Phil Fahey and Eddie Osondu invited questions from the SSG around the reports:

Mick Burgess asked if there were any of the systems needed to be changed as a result of Covid-19, to minimise risk to staff?

Phil Fahey answered the ventilation systems are designed to discharge to the air, and should not affect staff as they draw air out of the building.

Paul Wilkinson added it is important to note that, in order to avoid transmission, they have maintained ventilation within the workspaces as they have a focus on ensuring the safety of our staff.

David Godfrey said aqueous waste generated from the reactor voids would go out to sea, instead of being treated through the Mobile Active Effluent Treatment Plant (MAETP). Could they expand on this?

Phil Fahey answered that in the reactor voids some radioactive waste is currently stored. Groundwater enters these voids and is lightly contaminated from the building structures. To prevent this water mixing with the radioactive waste stored in the voids,

it is pumped out, and at the moment that waste passed through the active water treatment plant and then discharged to the sea (as radioactive aqueous waste). The Operator had completed an assessment and proposed that, and any aqueous waste from the reactor voids, should be processed through the MAETP. The Operator has recently come up with a different strategy. This ground-water ingress would be discharged direct to surface water drains instead of through the MAETP and then to sea. Approximately five cubic metres a day of groundwater are pumped from the voids on average. The amount of radioactive material in this waste is small. This proposal is currently being assessed. If agreed the discharge will be authorised on the water discharge permit (the Operator has applied for a variation to this permit, the discharge is already covered under the radioactive substances permit for the radioactive content of the waste).

## **XII NDA UPDATE – JONATHAN JENKIN, NDA**

3749 Jonathan delivered his report via a presentation and highlighted the following points

### **NDA Group Covid-19 Recovery Plans**

- NDA continues to work through the challenges of the pandemic, responded well to the restrictions and new regulations put into place.
- There has been good progress in restarting operations across the NDA Group since the first national lockdown. There have been a number of confirmed Covid cases on sites, and 7 confirmed cases at Trawsfynydd site and further 25 need to self-isolate as they have had contact. There is no evidence that Covid was contracted at work. As a result Magnox has halved workforce.
- NDA Corporate staff continue to work from home and will only travel and visit NDA office when essential.
- Health, safety and wellbeing of staff remains top priority. Quality Track and Trace programme has been implemented.

### **New Staff:**

- New NDA Chair, Ros Rivaz has begun her role as of 1 September 2020. She has a wealth of experience in high hazardous workplaces.
- Francis Livens has joined as NDA Non-Executive Director. With over 35 years' experience in the nuclear industry, they welcome his contribution to the NDA.

### **National Audit Office Report / Public Accounts Committee**

- National Audit Office published their report on the termination of Magnox contract on 9 September 2020. They were pleased that the report recognised the end of the contract working and the challenging circumstances.
- David Peattie, Kate Ellis and Sarah Munby attended the Public Accounts committee hearing on 5 October 2020. This was welcomed, as there was an opportunity to report on the progress made as well as issuing a response to the specific findings of the NAO report.

### **GDF Working group:**

- Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) has welcomed the formation of the first working group in Copeland. This is an important step in the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) programme. The working group will begin local discussions and fact finding about a potential siting of a GDF in Copeland. This does not guarantee that the GDF will be sited in Copeland or preclude other communities from establishing working groups.

#### Draft Strategy 4

- Strategy is reviewed at least every 5 years; the current strategy was published in March 2016. The draft strategy was published for public consultation from 17 August to 8 November. The final strategy will be published by 31 March 2021.
- Pre-engagement – information pack sent to key stakeholders, virtual meetings took place with NGO forum, SSGs and theme overview groups.
- Consultation Phase – full document was published on gov.uk, social media promotion and virtual meetings with stakeholders.
- Consultation and next steps – approx. 70 comments were received from a wide range of stakeholders. All comments will be carefully considered and where possible these will be taken into account for the final draft. The strategy will then go before UK and Scottish ministers to be approved. Final strategy will be published by 31 March and there will be an accompanying response document.

#### Magnox Reactor Decommissioning

- There was previously a ‘blanket’ strategy to defer reactor dismantling at all Magnox sites following a long period of care and maintenance. This strategy was based on the perceived benefits of radioactive decay over time, and the reduction of lifetime costs over time, as well as the hope that there would be a geological disposal facility. They now have a better understanding of the lifecycle risks / costs at some sites including ageing effects on reactor buildings. They will still need to have interim storage facilities whilst waste is transported to the GDF. The 2016 strategy set out NDA plans to review historical decommissioning strategy.
- Benefits of changing strategy
  - Early release of sites
  - Reduce life cycle costs
  - Reduced safety and environmental risk
  - Improved socio-economic impact
  - Retention of skills / knowledge
  - Reduced uncertainty with FSC
  - Growth and confidence in UK decommissioning and waste capability
- Stakeholder engagement – Engagement took place with a wide range of stakeholders in 2017 – 2018. During the stakeholder workshop which took place in November 2018, there were around 60 participants including the UK Government, devolved administrators, regulators, SSGs, local authorities, EDF Energy Solutions and socio-economic partners. It was felt that the NGOs and skill institutes were missing and the key objective to this workshop was to consider and respond to the factors considered in site-specific strategy development.
  - Discussion / feedback on following Value Framework criteria – this is the framework used to draft strategy.
    - Managing risk to people
    - Protecting the environment
    - Socio-economic impact
    - Enabling the mission
    - Lifetime costs
    - Resources
    - Logistics
- The stakeholder engagement has led to a revised Magnox Reactor Decommissioning strategy. There is now intent to bring forward reactor decommissioning at Trawsfynydd as the lead Magnox site. Trawsfynydd scored

the highest against the Value Framework especially around condition of reactor buildings and socio-economic factors. The NDA understand that this will be disappointing news to Dungeness, as the SSG and local stakeholders would have liked for Dungeness A to be considered for the first site. It was a close judgement, and the good news is that we are reviewing the strategy across the fleet. There will be a mix of deferred/ non deferred approaches at remaining Magnox sites and this will be looked at on a site-by-site basis. The main aim of this strategy is to develop a rolling programme of decommissioning across Magnox fleet – subject to the necessary approvals and availability of funding.

- Expectation to develop the site-specific strategies for all reactor sites over next 12-18 months. Ongoing strategy development will be informed by lead site experience. This will need to be underpinned by several business cases:
  - To implement revised decommissioning strategy at Trawsfynydd.
  - Programme-wide cases for remaining site-specific strategies
  - Separate business cases to implement revised strategies at each remaining site.
  - Ongoing strategy development will be informed by lead site experience.

3749 Jonathan Jenkin invited questions from the SSG

Chairman thanked Jonathan for his presentation and expressed that it cleared up a lot of issues.

Chairman: End state, at other sites it has been indicated that when a site becomes available for other use, the previous owners would have a call on the rights of the land. His question for Dungeness was, when and if it becomes available, they are locked into a SSSI situation, will they be able to use the uncontaminated land for other use. It does impact what future use would be. Could someone dig into the archives and see what the commitment was?

Jonathan Jenkin answered that the principle is, if it was compulsory purchased then the previous owner should have first refusal. This does apply to some of the land. They have to offer the land back at market rate. At Dungeness, they would need to look at the historic ownership.

**Action:** Jonathan will come back to the group with a more considered answer when he has spoken to his Land and Property colleagues. Dungeness is in a SSSI, and important considerations would need to be made.

Louise Barton asked following on from the SSSI, is she right in thinking it would not be possible to use the site for 100 years + due to the contamination and they would be unable to build on that footprint. How could they go back to that site within 50 to 100 years, as she thought even after decommissioning it would not be used.

Chairman said the land that runs adjacent, that has not had the reactor on. He agreed that they cannot build on the actual site but there is a large amount of land that can be used.

Phil Fahey: As part of the GRR process, which is the guidance on how the Operator can surrender their radioactive substances permit and depends very much on what the end state looks like, the Environment Agency expects engagement from the Operator to the stakeholders. There is a lot of work ongoing on this within Magnox.

Jonathan Jenkin: This is a complex area, firstly it may be helpful to look at this in the different levels of regulation. They have Nuclear safety, security and conventional Health and Safety which is the NDA remit, Environmental impact which comes under the EA and land and planning issues. Phil mentioned the GRR, the guidance was issued following trials at specific sites (Winfrith and Trawsfynydd). This guidance is designed to encourage site operators to consider how sites can be released from radioactivity. BEIS has been leading a review on nuclear safety legislation which dates

back to the 1960s, a policy consultation and have agreed in principle that this needs to be updated. They are awaiting a parliamentary slot as this requires changing current legislation. Hopefully, this will encourage people to think in the longer time on how they can release sites in a safe manner. The NDA wants to release sites and do this safely and have the sites being used by the local community. Magnox has been reviewing the site end state, and he is not sure when this is taking place for Dungeness. It may be helpful for an update to be delivered to the SSG.

Louise Barton asked if she could have a map which shows the boundaries for the SSSI and the current site?

Jonathan Jenkin said he would speak to the team.

David Illsley added that the government had produced a map, and it can be found under magic and more locally Kent Landscape information system shows very clearly the boundaries and environmental designations.

David Illsley asked if there is scope for interim use?

Jonathan Jenkin said this is something that the NDA is giving more attention to. The scope for interim end states will vary from site to site. It will be part of the review and discussions.

## **XII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN**

3750 Chairman delivered his report on Socio-Economic updates. There has been a great deal happening and there have been successes recently for example the Mountfield Road project is looking like it will go ahead as money has been allocated. This is a big project, and should be delivered by March 2022.

There have been questions around the changes around applications for grants. It has changed and Haf has put together the new plans and this can be found on p14 of Paul's report. Further information can be found via [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/magnox-ltd](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/magnox-ltd).

Unless bids are made, offers will not be made – when there is a large sum you will need to speak to Haf early on as the RMP can work with you to get the application correct and detailed on the five criteria which the NDA have implemented.

There has been a huge amount of work completed in order to get the Business Centre and Skills hub off the ground, and this will be due for completion in Autumn 2021.

In May, Magnox issued its annual infographic round up of funding support for 2019/20: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summary-of-socio-economic-funding-201920>.

In July, the NDA published the latest version of its local social and economic impact strategy for 2020. The strategy outlines the current approach to socio-economics and includes a consolidated view of improvements and amendments made over the last few years with the launch of the new grant funding scheme – which is similar in principle to the previous Magnox criteria for good Neighbour level applications (up to £1,000) with the small applications including those up to £10,000. The next level (medium) is £10,000 to £200,000 where the application form has additional requirements and any potential applications over £200,000 need to be discussed first with Haf Morris: [haf.e.morris@magnoxsites.com](mailto:haf.e.morris@magnoxsites.com) or tel: 07912799820 This information along with the NDA Strategy and Guidelines is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/magnox-working-with-our-communities>

More recently we issued the Magnox Socio-economic Plan 2016-20 (Interim) which takes a look back at Socio-economic support provided over several years and broad plans for the coming 12 months or so. To view please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/magnox-socio-economic-plan-2016-21-interim>

For further information or to discuss a potential application please contact Haf Morris.

#### **XIV CHAIR'S UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN**

3751 Chairman has had Zoom meetings with fellow SSG chairs, and more are scheduled for coming months. In November, there will a meeting on Integrated Nuclear Waste and the RMP is taking place on 26 November, and SSG chair zoom on 27 November. The Chairs are still operating and working together virtually.

#### **XV ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

3752 Chairman thanked Tracey and Janine for making this meeting work and go smoothly.

Chairman took the opportunity to talk about Paul Wilkinson, and thanked him for his work, communication and support of the SSG and the local community during his tenure as Site Director.

#### **XVI DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3753 Next meeting to take place on Thursday 18 February via Zoom. Invites will be sent out separately.