

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS  
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
NOTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING HELD AT  
DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE ON 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

**SSG members present:**

Col G F Smythe	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Cllr C Albrow	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr P Crow	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr T Davison	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr A Dugdale	-	Food Standards Agency
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr N Gore	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr R Gordon	-	London Ashford Airport
Mr M Hassell	-	Government Office South East
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr M Kenward	-	Rother District Council
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr R Lukey	-	Veterinary Laboratory Agency
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Moules	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Cllr A Paul	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr M Pearce	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr S Pettitt	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr S Stevenson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Station Officer D Stock	-	Kent Fire and Rescue
Mr D Walker	-	Dungeness Bird Observatory
Dr C P Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Whitnall	-	Dungeness a Power Station
Mr W Wright	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

**SSG observers present:**

Mr L Blackwell	-	Det Norske Veritas
CI L Dodson	-	Kent Police
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway Regeneration Officer
Mr D Walker	-	Food Standards Agency

## **I INTRODUCTION**

2281 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest members to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). It had been a busy period since the last meeting with members involved with local and national issues as well as the Final End State Consultation relating to Dungeness A power station.

## **II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2282 The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr J Burrows	-	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate Dungeness A
Mr T Dapling	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Cllr V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Parker-Harding	-	Rother District Council
Cllr A Hills	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr M Martin	-	Ashford Town Council
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr S Palmer	-	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr T Preston	-	Shepway District Council
Mr M Tyrer	-	NII Dungeness B Power Station

## **III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

2283 The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 23rd November 2006 were agreed as an accurate record.

## **IV MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Road on Dungeness Estate: The Environment Agency have repaired the road mentioned in the previous meeting but repairs are now required for the road adjacent to it.**

- N Gore 2284 Nick Gore said that Dungeness A endeavoured to be a good neighbour over the years and suggested that the Dungeness Residents Association submit a proposal to Dungeness A as a Socio-economic request.
- 2285 2267 – Col Smythe stated that this item should now be considered complete.
- V TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AGM 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**
- 2286 Col Smythe explained that it was the first attempt at an AGM open to the public and it was disappointing to see the lack of attendance of any members of the public – however it was a requirement of the constitution. Overall it had been a good meeting.
- The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Site Stakeholder Group AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were agreed as an accurate record. Although there were three additional names to be added to the attendees namely Cllr. Lawton, Cllr W Richardson and Cllr C Albrow.
- VI MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM**
- 2287 None
- VII SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – A STATION**
- 2288 The Site Director's report was circulated with the agenda – There were no questions arising.
- 2289 Nick Gore informed those present that this was his last SSG meeting as Dungeness A Site Director and that he'd been at the site for nearly 5 years and thoroughly enjoyed his time here. His successor would be Bob Copp who has a lot of experience in decommissioning sites in the USA.
- 2290 Col Smythe Thanked Nick Gore on behalf of the SSG for his support and wished him good luck in the future.
- VIII STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B**
- 2291 The Site Director's report was circulated with the agenda – There were no questions arising.
- 2292 Steve Pettitt – Commented on the Energy Review and that nuclear had a role to play in future issues. There is a response from British Energy on the Energy Review available but they could give a presentation to the SSG if needed.
- IX NATIONAL SSG MEETING FEEDBACK**
- 2293 Louisa Whenday gave a presentation on the feedback from the National SSG Meeting (Presentation circulated to SSG members)
- 2294 Col Smythe presented the outcome of the Final End Use consultation and feedback from the other sites. (Presentation circulated to SSG members)

- 2295 It was suggested that the Shepway Youth Forum might be a route to use to gain young people's opinions for future.
- 2296 Jo Dear commended the group on the broad scope of the consultation and that the results would be useful to the Planners.
- X ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT UPDATE**  
2297 There were no questions or comments on the Environmental Update circulated prior to the meeting.
- XI FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY (FSA) PRESENTATION**  
2298 Andy Dugdale of the FSA gave a presentation on Sampling around Dungeness, Monitoring Results for Dungeness and Site Comparisons (Presentation circulated to SSG members)
- XII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A**  
2299 No questions or comments received
- XIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A**  
2300 No questions or comments received
- XIV COMMENTS ON REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JULY 2006**  
2301 No report was available for this meeting
- XV PRESENTATION ON DRAFT SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLAN**  
2302 Sean gave a brief of news items from the NDA:
- Outcome from Committee on Radioactive Waste Management – recommendation to be put to the government over the summer is that High Level Waste (HLW) should be disposed of in deep underground radiological facilities, the same as most countries.
  - The NDA have now been given the responsibility for HLW more information available on the [www.nda.gov.uk](http://www.nda.gov.uk)
  - Update on the new pensions scheme. As of October 2006 there were approx 1300 members.
  - Nuclear Skills Academy – Based in West Cumbria it is intended to bring in new blood, apprentices etc
  - Socio-economic funding - £18million pounds earmarked for a cottage hospital near Dounreay
  - Competition for Springfields & Low Level Waste Repository near Drigg well underway.
  - Sellafield holding an Industry Day on 28 & 29 November for potential contractors.
  - Further details and other information available on the NDA website.

- 2303 Sean Moules of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) gave a presentation on the Draft Socio-economic Plan (Presentation circulated to SSG members)
- 2304 Nick Gore informed the SSG that there was £100k of Socio-economic funds available from British Nuclear Group, Dungeness A where applicants would be short-listed against the criteria.
- 2305 Sean Moules explained that there was no reason not to submit requests for funding for next year (2007/08)
- 2306 **FEEDBACK FROM SSG STEERING COMMITTEE** from discussions:
- The amount of Soc-ec funding is related to what stage of decommissioning the site's are at e.g. the nearer the end of decommissioning the more money would be available to off-set job losses.
  - Priority areas on the NDA Draft Socio-economic Strategy do not reflect local area as East Kent is comparable to other priority areas identified in the document.
  - Local projects happening in the area may impact on specific areas e.g. expansion of Ashford could impact on plans.
  - Support for hospitals in certain areas so remote that when plants closes people will move away does not make sense. Support for local fishing fleet would be better in many areas.
  - Comments at National SSG indicate that Kent is considered a wealthy county regardless of any specific areas of deprivation within it.
  - Perhaps the policy needs to be changed or reviewed
- 2307 Understand that funding is derived from savings made from operational savings. If no savings are made, what would happen to the funding?  
Sean Moules replied that this was probably unlikely as the contracts are incentivised to deliver savings.
- 2308 How will smaller amounts be dealt with?  
Sean Moules said that a small amount of funds would be held at site for local projects
- 2309 Criteria for funding needs to be clarified for NDA, British Energy, British Nuclear Group and the Dungeness Charitable Trust.
- XVI UPDATE ON CORWM.** Louisa Whenday, SSG Representative at the National Stakeholder Meetings updated members on issues and outcomes from CORWM. (Presentation circulated to SSG members.  
Note : R & D = Research & Development)

- 2310 Sean Moules added comments regarding the progress being made on finding a National Waste Repository.
- There would be a remuneration package included which meant that communities hosting such a facility could ask “What’s in it for us?”
  - Proceeding with design of a repository
  - Research & Design Department would prove the integrity of the proposals
  - This was now an opportunity to move forward on waste issues

**XVII AOB:**

- 2311 Col. Smythe stated that since the formation of the SSG 18 months earlier, there had been a gradual enhancement of membership and involvement of the role of the SSG and would like a review the Constitution and the Codes of Practise to ensure they reflect the membership and the voting rights of these members.
- 2312 This was agreed by those present and would be looked at by the Steering Committee – of which any SSG member could participate.
- 2313 Steering Committee meeting to be held on 14 December at the Dungeness RNL Station to formulate a response to the Soc-ec Draft Strategy and the Final End State to the NDA
- 2314 **Date and Time of next meeting Thursday 26 April 2007.**