

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

**NOTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, NEW ROMNEY on TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

SSG members present:

Col G F Smythe	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Commerford	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr P Crow	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr K Franks	-	Sussex Police
Mr K Hartley	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr A Paul	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr M Pearce	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Town Council
Mr B Roberts	-	SJC Dungeness A Site
Mr G Roberts	-	Environment Agency
Mr S Shaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr D Walker	-	Dungeness Bird Observatory
Station Officer T Waters	-	Kent Fire & Rescue
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward
Cllr M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council

Guests:

Mr P Hetherington	-	Magnox South Berkeley
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1 INTRODUCTION

Col Smythe welcomed those present to the Second Annual General Meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). Since the last AGM a lot has happened; Dungeness A has ceased generation, The Final End State Study has been completed and SSG members have attended numerous meetings and seminars to ensure that Dungeness was represented.

Col Smythe gave a brief overview of the SSG, which is an independent, community-based body that is funded by the NDA. It operates under the principles of openness and transparency, with the aim of being accessible to its communities, the site operators and the NDA. It is primarily site-focussed, but takes account of the wider policy issues and developments. The SSG constitution allows for members of the public attending the AGM to ask questions during the meeting, should they wish to.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were issued prior to the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the SSG held on 26th April 2007, were approved as an accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD MEETING

Col Smythe advised that there was one 'Matter Arising' from the third meeting, which was for the Communications Team to explore and report back at the next meeting on advising local Residents Associations of future meetings.

Voting Rights – these are listed as an Agenda item, later in the meeting, although it is worth noting that the Steering Committee still have not taken this higher, it needs to be actioned locally.

Col Smythe advised that the SSG had been informed of that Dungeness B had placed a 'holding objection' to the proposed extension of Lydd Ashford Airport, at the last meeting and requested an update on the current status.

G Finn, DNB advised that the 'holding objection' is still in force and will remain so, until such time that they can confirm there are no safety implications to the Site Licence Conditions and Safety Case. In particular Dungeness B have requested further information on the type, size of planes, number of planned flights and what effect the proposed expansion will have on the Emergency Planning Zone and assembly areas.

The meeting was informed that an article had been published in The Herald, stating that British Energy had no objection to the proposed extension of Lydd Airport on safety grounds, and that any future development would not be a concern if a new build were to go ahead at Dungeness. Mr Pearce of British Energy responded that the article did not report factually what had been said and that BE would respond through the 'Letters Page'.

L Whenday said that it was fair to say that Silver City operated out of Lydd, before the power stations were built. She felt that the SSG could be a stronger forum as it is important that the people are represented as well the Company.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of Correspondence received was circulated prior to the meeting.

6. DUNGENESS A SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

P Crow, Engineering Manager gave apologies for Mark England, the new Site Director who couldn't attend as he was on paternity leave at present.

The Site Director's Report was circulated with the Agenda.

A few of the items noted in the Site Director's Report were:

- No Lost Time Accidents (LTA's) – Dungeness A has achieved in excess of 6 million man hours without an LTA.
- Working at Height Awareness Workshop Sessions had been held
- Successful transition to Phase 2 of the Post Operation Preparation, which means we are now officially a Defuelling and Decommissioning site.
- EnergySolutions of Salt Lake City, Utah, USA was named as the successful purchaser of British Nuclear Group – The Reactor Sites' Management Company. They will now hold the shares for Magnox Electric Ltd for the duration of the contract.

- In July the new brand of Magnox South was introduced at Dungeness and the other sites within the group, Bradwell, Sizewell A, Hinkley Point A and Berkeley. The most noticeable change will be the signage as you approach the site. The remaining sites were also re-branded as Magnox North. This is in anticipation and preparation for the proposed split of the company into two site licence companies – Magnox South and Magnox North instead of the current Magnox Electric Ltd. This will be subject to regulatory agreement.
- All legacy waste from 2006 – 2007 was successfully removed from site.
- Demolition of the Romney Hut
- Removal of four CO₂ tanks from site
- New Accommodation Complex – Planning consent to proceed received on 8th August.

Col Smythe asked what the effect would there be following re-designation of parts of the site to Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) if this land was ever required to be re-used or in indeed for the site to be redeveloped for a new nuclear power station?

Col Smythe felt that the designation of the site as SSSI contradicted the Final End Use survey, although returning the site to nature had been in the top three, it was not the first choice.

Answer: There are already parts of the site which are SSSI, and prior to any work taking place, Natural England have to be consulted.

7. DUNGENESS B SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G Finn gave apologies for G Oulton, Site Director who was away and could not attend.

The Site Director's Report was circulated with the Agenda.

A few of the items noted in the Site Director's Report were:

- The site has received the President's Award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) for the third year in succession.
- A site incident had been declared following a small release of clean Carbon Dioxide during a routine tanker delivery. The release was due to a faulty control valve that has now been repaired. The Carbon Dioxide plant is currently in a significant investment programme to ensure events like this are not repeated.
- The station has produced 3.39 TWhrs (3,390,000,000 units of electricity), which is enough for approximately 735,000 homes, more than enough to meet the domestic needs of Kent.

There were no questions on the report, but L Whenday congratulated British Energy on their Community Relations, and the cascade of information during their recent CO₂ leak incident.

8. FEEDBACK/COMMENTS ON FINAL END STATE REPORT

Col Smythe explained that the SSG had been asked by the NDA to come up with Final End State or use following consultation with the local communities and stakeholders and to collate their views as to their preferred End Use Option for the site. A Steering Committee was formed, to find out what the local population would like to happen and the final questionnaire gave a choice of eight possible options. Local events and Drop in Days were attended by the Communications Team, and Questionnaires were available for completion. Dungeness was the only group that didn't use a professional company to circulate their questionnaire and collate the responses; it was also one of the most successful.

The eight options given were as follows:

- Minimal remediation to make the site safe (some buildings and below ground structures will remain).
- Desalination Plant
- Mixed uses e.g. industrial/office units
- Residential
- Recreational and Camping
- Nature Reserve/Site of Scientific Interest
- Wind Farm
- Nuclear Power Station

The chosen uses in order of preference were as follows:

- 1) Nuclear Power Station
- 2) Nature Reserve/SSSI
- 3) Desalination Plan
- 4) Wind Farm
- 5) Minimal remediate to make site safe
- 6) Recreational and Camping
- 7) Mixed Uses
- 8) Residential

The Final End State Final Report will be issued to the Government in October.

B Roberts ask whether the committee were surprised that a new nuclear power station had topped the list. Col Smythe advised that the Steering Group weren't really surprised, they had had very positive responses and people locally have learned to live with the stations, they are large employers and good neighbours. B Roberts commented that it was good news for the nuclear industry.

Q – Key factor was employment in the area, and this came out very strongly. Col Smythe confirmed that there had been employment worries following decommissioning.

Q – Is a breakdown of the End State percentages available? - A copy of the Final End State Report was handed over.

9. ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT

There were no questions on the Environmental Update which was circulated with the Agenda.

10. EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (EPCC)

There were no questions on the Report of the EPCC held on 8 February 2007, which was circulated with the Agenda.

11. SSG VOTING RIGHTS

A Parry, SSG Vice Chairman advised that the issue of SSG voting rights had been discussed over the past two years and he had circulated a document. He explained that there were one or two organisations with no voting rights at present, but if required this could be changed. He felt that employees of the power stations should have voting rights as they too are important stakeholders.

Q – Are there any proposals for independent members?

A – None, membership would be restricted to democratically elected organisations.

L Whenday said that more people were becoming interested, i.e., the Women's Institute.

Proposed subject to Resident Association being included.

L Whenday seconded adopting the voting list and amending it as required in the future.

Proposal carried.

12. FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER

M Pearce, British Energy Public Relations, gave a general overview on the future of new build and the need for increased generation.

Q – If the Conservatives get in, what is their view on new build?

A – They are beginning to change their views and agree that the way forward is new nuclear build.

Q – L Whenday – Having seen the designs are you constrained by the size of the sites as to which one you chose?

A – No. The technology for new nuclear stations has moved on and is now much smaller and more efficient. The AP1000 design for example has a much smaller footprint – although no new reactor design has yet been approved.

13. WASTE ISSUE GROUP REPORT

L Whenday gave feedback on the Waste Issues Group (WIG) which discusses items relating to Intermediate Level Waste (ILW), and very Low Level Waste (LLW).

The meeting was advised that the WIG and Materials Issues Group (MIG) have given their final reports to the NDA for perusal, following which they will go to the government. Both groups were set up by the National Site Stakeholders Group (NSSG). The NSSG meets twice a year, and the NDA are currently reviewing their Stakeholder Strategy and Engagement Plan.

14. RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM I ROXBURGH OF THE NDA

Col Smythe advised that it had been suggested to hold a meeting of the SSG Chairs, where they could discuss issues which would then be taken back to their respective SSG meetings. It was felt that the SSG Chairs were independent and that they should remain that way. Following the meeting I Roxburgh of the NDA had submitted a letter requesting that the SSG Chair, approach the Site Licence Company and ask them to reduce funds, which would then be given to Winfrith or Harwell.

Col Smythe advised I Roxburgh that the SSG were happy with plans at Dungeness, and felt they should not be approached to reduce their current funding levels.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Q – Is the beach feeding going to be stopped?

A – The beach feeding will go ahead.

16. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next SSG meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November 2007 at St. Peters Hall, Greatstone.