

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
NOTES OF THE 4TH MEETING HELD AT
ST PETER'S HALL – GREATSTONE ON 6 NOVEMBER 2007**

SSG members present:

Col G Smyth	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chair
Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mrs L Barry	-	Minute Taker
Ms N Carter	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr M Cozens	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr M England	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr K Hartley	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Cllr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr A Paul	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Mr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr G Roberts	-	Environment Agency
Mr D Roseaman	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr R Saunders	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr M Tyrer	-	NII Dungeness B
Cllr C Waters	-	Shepway District Council
Station Officer T Waters	-	Kent Fire & Rescue
Cllr D Watts	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr P Wells	-	NHS
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents' Association
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

SSG observers present:

Mr A Dugdale	-	Food Standards Agency
Mr N Fry	-	Food Standards Agency
Dr D Warner	-	NDA

I INTRODUCTION

2356 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest members to the 4th meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). The Annual General Meeting of the SSG had been held in September, and there had been very few changes to the handouts since that time. The National Site Stakeholder Group (NSSG) will be held at the end of the month, in Newcastle and hopefully the meeting will be constructive, and any issues raised will be taken forward.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2357 The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr B Botley	- Shepway Friends of the Earth
Cllr J Commerford	- Lydd Town Council
Mr P Crow	- Dungeness A Site
Mr T Dapling	- Sussex Sea Fisheries
Ms J Dear	- Natural England
Mr G Finn	- Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Forrest	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr K Franks	- Sussex Police
Mr J Gilliland	- OCNS
Supt. S Harris	- Kent Police
Mr R Johnson	- Channel Chamber of Commerce
Mr N Jury	- HM Coastguard
Cllr M Kenward	- Rother District Council
Mr G McHale	- Folkestone & Dover Water Services
Cllr A Ryder	- Lydd Town Council
Mr D Webbe-Wood	- Food Standards Agency

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2007

2358 The minutes of the 3rd Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 26 April 2007, and those of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th September were agreed as an accurate record.

IV MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE AGM

2359 There were no actions arising from the previous meeting, however the following issues were discussed:

2360 One issue stemmed from an article which had been published in the Herald concerning Dungeness B's Holding Objection to the Lydd Airport extension on Safety Case grounds. Mr M Pearce, Dungeness B has written to the Herald stating British Energy's position on the Holding Objection.

2361 Q: Lydd Airport application will be heard on 30th January, will British Energy have a decision by then?
A: British Energy believe that their Safety Case issues will be have been resolved by then, but can't rule out that future 'new build' may also influence their objection.

2362 Q: Which authority will take the decision to grant the application?
A: Shepway Council, unless the application goes to a Public Enquiry.

2363 Col Smythe advised that although the SSG is interested in the result, their main concern remains Dungeness A & B Stations. If the application is approved, reports will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

V SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS A SITE

2364 The Site Director's report was circulated with the agenda.

2365 No issues were raised on the report.

2366 Dungeness A has now achieved 6 million man-hours/5 years without a lost time accident; it is a great achievement for the Site.

2367 NDA Business Plan is due to be published within the next few days.

2368 Q: Will the station be recruiting more staff for decommissioning works and if so, will they be aimed a locals?

A: Recruitment will largely depend on the speed of defuelling, deplanting and NDA funding. Current staffing levels around 400 with staff being retrained/re-skilled to carry out the deplanting and demolition works.

2369 Q: Could you differentiate between Magnox Electric and contractor's staff?

A: There are 380 Magnox Staff and approximately 60 contractors on site including canteen staff, cleaners and the contractors building the New Accommodation Complex.

2370 Q: Could the delays in removing the fuel from the Reactors, cause another 'holding objection' to the proposed extension of the Lydd Airport to be submitted?

A: This work is only just being undertaken, a formal response and assessment is due in November.

2371 A Oulton advised that the 'holding objection' has been submitted by British Energy, not Dungeness B and is based on requirements for new build and the operating station.

2372 Q: Once the reactors are empty of fuel, will the security and terrorism threats be down-graded?

A: This will only happen when all the fuel has been despatched to Sellafield.

- 2373 Q: The visit to Dungeness A's Magnox Dissolution Plant (MXD), by Bradwell personnel was mentioned earlier, what do they do at present, and will they be sending waste to Dungeness A?
A: Bradwell and some other sites are looking at building their own MXD plant. Our current discharge licences are for the discharging of Dungeness A waste products only.

VI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B

- 2374 The Station Director's report was circulated with the Agenda.
- 2375 A Oulton introduced Dave Roseman, Community Liaison Officer, he will be contacting local councils and groups to introduce himself, attend events and to learn about any issues etc to promote Dungeness B.
- 2376 Following a leak of clean CO₂, the CO₂ storage tank area is undergoing a refurbishment programme with £600k improvements taking place. The NII has raised an 'Improvement Notice' on the site for the works to be completed by end January 2008.
- 2377 Dungeness B's sponsorship of the Pilgrim's Hospice in Ashford will continue for a further year.
- 2378 The possibility of new build was discussed, and the outcome is expected December/January.
- 2379 Q: If Dungeness B has generated enough electricity this year to supply the whole of Kent, why do we need a wind farm?
A: We have to have a balance, and Dungeness B has to close down for outages, so other sources of electricity have to be found. However renewables due to weather constraints can only produce 30% of the time.
- 2380 Col Smythe advised that during the End State Consultation the largest group were supportive of new nuclear build.

VII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A

- 2381 The NII report was issued with the Agenda.
- 2382 Col Smythe asked for clarification regarding Item 7 – Emergency Arrangements, and whether the reduced the manning levels would only apply following defuelling.

VIII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B

- 2383 The NII report was issued with the Agenda
- 2384 Item 3.1 Leak of carbon dioxide gas had been covered by A Oulton.

**IX PRESENTATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
NUCLEAR REGULATION REPORT SEPTEMBER 2007**

- 2385 The report was circulated prior to the AGM, and the following questions were raised.
- 2386 Q: Can you explain what the be EA's brief is?
A: The EA regulates Environmental matters and works closely with the sites on and radioactive discharges and storage.
- 2387 Q: Is there another body which looks after the flowers and fauna on the site? Is that the sort of thing looked after by the Lab on the Approach Road?
A: The Denge Laboratory carries out sampling of what is in the environment; it also carries out quality checks. Natural England is responsible the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and they work closely together.
- 2388 Q: Will the Government decide on locations, planning for new build or will it come down to County level?
A: A Oulton advised that new build will have to go through due process.
- 2389 Q: Dungeness must be one of the most surveyed sites in the UK.
A: The way forward is awaiting finalisation of government and NDA plans etc. Locally the SSG is in favour of new build, but we are only a small part of this and recognise that there are difficult planning decisions to be made.

X CORRESPONDENCE

- 2390 None forwarded for discussion.

**XI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
UPDATE**

- 2391 Niall Fry of the Emergency Planning, Radiation and Incidents Division of the Food Standards Agency gave a presentation to the SSG. He also advised that the Department had been carrying out low level monitoring in the area.
- 2392 Q: Why weren't Dungeness Residents asked what they eat?
A: N Fry advised that researchers had been in the area, and looked at allotments etc. and would be looking at the large allotment area in Lydd in the future.
- 2393 Q: What other agencies do you look at?
A: The Environment Agency is our main partner for sampling requirements.

XIII PRESENTATION OF NDA BUSINESS PLAN

2394 David Warner, NDA Programme Manager working with Magnox South was introduced to the SSG. He looks after the risk management, socio-economic planning and stakeholder issues, and hopes to attend site once or twice a year. He explained that he was hoping to present the Draft NDA Business Plan to the meeting, but unfortunately it wasn't available. Once issued, the consultation period will run until January. A list of available monies would be submitted for the next SSG meeting.

**D.Warner/
I. Squire**

2395 The NDA Annual Accounts and Reports have been published and are available to be downloaded from NDA website.

XIV ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2396 L Whenday proposed Cllr C Albrow be co-opted onto the SSG. The motion was carried.

2397 A Parry asked if Cllr Albrow would have full voting rights.

H Morris 2398 Voting rights for co-opted members to the SSG to be added to the next Agenda.

2399 Q: What are we proposing to do about the Draft Business Plan?
A: Col Smythe advised that the document will be issued for comment and discussed at the NSSG.

2400 SSG members will be sent a copy of the guidelines included in the NDA documents as soon as possible.

2401 Col Smythe advised that an 'Extraordinary' Meeting could be convened if required.

2402 Q: The SSG only has two meetings a year plus the AGM. Should we consider holding four meetings a year, one of which would be the AGM? These meetings do affect local people, and the AGM in theory is the only one which is open to the public.
H Morris A: Col Smythe suggested that the issue should be added to the next Agenda and a vote held.

XV DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A date of Thursday 20th March 2008 has been set for the next SSG Meeting at Dungeness 'B' Station Training Building.