

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS  
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

**SSG members present:**

Mr B Botley	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Cllr F Wood-Brignall	-	Kent County Council
Ms N Carter	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr M Cozens	-	Dungeness A Site
Ms T Croucher	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr Ms V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr R Flynn	-	NDA
Mr K Franks	-	Sussex Police
Mr M Griffin	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Parker-Harding	-	Rother District Council
Mr K Hartley	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr M Hassell	-	Government Office South East
Sgt L Howse	-	Lydd Police
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr D Kersey	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr K Lees	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Cllr Mrs M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Mr D Murphy	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Cllr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chairman
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr G Roberts	-	Environment Agency
Mr D Roseaman	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Squire	-	NDA
Cllr Mrs C Waters	-	Shepway District Council
SO Tim Waters	-	Kent Fire & Rescue
Dr CP Wells	-	NHS
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

**SSG Observers present:**

Miss T Croucher	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Flynn	-	NDA

## **I INTRODUCTION**

2403 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

## **II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mr J Burrows	-	NII
Mr T Dapling	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr M England	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr B Gadd	-	East Sussex County Council
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms R Saunders	-	Greatstone Residents Association
Mr R Timpson	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr. M Tyrer	-	NII
Mr J Wiggins	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr D Webbe-Wood	-	Food Standards Agency

## **III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

2404 The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 6 November 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

## **IV CORRESPONDANCE**

2405 A list of correspondence distributed to SSG members was circulated.

## **V MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE AGM**

2406 There were three matters arising:  
2398 - Voting rights. This was agenda item XVI  
2399 - NDA Draft Business Plan. This was now agenda item X  
2402 – To consider the number of meetings help per year. Col. Smythe explained that the SSG Steering Committee had discussed this issue and the conclusion was that the number of meetings should remain the same i.e. Two meeting per year plus a public AGM as is currently the case. Additional meetings can be called if needed at short notice to respond to emergent issues. However, this year there would be four meetings in total in order to re-align and even out the frequency.

**VI SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS A SITE**

2407 The Site Director's report had been previously circulated to SSG members.

2408 No issues were raised on the report.  
Cllr. Kersey commended Dungeness A on the re-cycling of the redundant CO<sup>2</sup> Tanks.

**VII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A**

2409 The NII report had been previously circulated to SSG members.

2410 No issues were raised on the report.

**VIII NDA UPDATE**

2411 Iain Squire, NDA Site Manager introduced himself and gave an update which included: (copy of presentation enclosed)

- Appointment of New Chairman
- National Nuclear Archive – Caithness, Scotland
- National Skills Academy for Nuclear
- NDA Response on New Nuclear Build
- Socio-Economic Policy
- West Cumbria Community Fund - £10m
- Competition update – Sellafield on track four tenderers at present. Contract to be awarded in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Some leavers due to streamlining.

2412 : NDA website had publicised the Magnox Operations Plan v8 (MOP8) on 20/03/08

2413 There had been a lot of media hype regarding the “sale” of NDA land including Dungeness A. This was not the case – it was for those interested to express an interest in NDA assets. There will be no for sale sign outside Dungeness A. The only asset here was Lloyd's Cottage. There were other opportunities at other sites however.

2414 The Business Plan was currently with the Government and the Scottish Government and is due to be published in April.

2415 Q: The local papers mentioned that the land could be sold for general building. Land is already available for a Dungeness “C” location therefore there's nothing to sell here at Dungeness A and not being looked at in new build programme only gauging interest in assets. Are there constraints on building near an operating nuclear site?

2416 A: Site is surrounded by a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and its former use will also be taken into account; currently the plan is to remove structures to 1m below ground and cover with shingle - this would limit the re-use of the land for buildings.

2417 Q: Lloyd's Cottage has been empty for a long time – it seems a pity to have it empty in the future?

2418 A: Iain Squire explained that the future of Lloyd's Cottage was being looked at with Natural England.

2419 Q: There are local concerns regarding flooding and the survey carried out on Final End Use was positive. When will we (the public) know if Dungeness is being considered?

2420 A: Can't comment on new build; however if new build at Dungeness was announced then beach feeding would continue.

- 2421 K Hartley added that the beach feeding is carried out in case of a 1 in 10,000 year Tsunami event taking place not for general flooding in the medium term.
- 2422 M. Pearce also stated that a study by the Met. Office and Halcrow consultants were looking at the climate change over the next 100 years considering new build. Upgrading of the sea defences would need to be taken into account for any future new nuclear build.
- 2423 Q: Can you confirm - If beach feeding is maintained, will that mean that Dungeness site is still in the running?
- 2424 Q: There are seismic problems with the “C” Site. Would it be more viable to build on Dun A?
- 2425 A: No, not really.
- 2426 Q: Cumbria is receiving loads of money. What are we getting?
- 2427 A: All areas considered on individual merits. Drigg Low Level Active Waste (LLAW) Facility has been there for some time then was extended. The money is compensation for having this facility on their doorstep. All business cases are put forward and considered individually.
- 2428 Q: Where did the money go and how is this accessed
- 2429 A: There is still a limited amount of Sponsorship and Donations available (both sites). Requests can be made for small amounts. For bigger projects a new Soc-ec Plan is due out soon with limited funding against set criteria.
- 2430 Q: Rumour has it that Dungeness A could store LLAW from other sites. If so would there be money available for the local community
- 2431 A: There will not be any LLAW or Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) from other sites coming to Dungeness. This was considered during optioneering but rejected.
- 2432 Q: We must have a long term solution – Sweden has a long term storage facility. Is there anything being considered locally?
- 2433 A: This has been researched for a long time and yes a national repository is being considered but no site has yet been identified and wouldn't be available until 2036.

## **IX SAFE SECURE SITES PROJECT**

- 2434 Mike Griffin, Deputy Site Director. The project is still in its infancy and is linked to the NDA Business Plan. Magnox South also had a view on the Business Plan but accepted the rationale regarding dealing with high hazards as a priority around the country which in turn put pressure on the funding. The company has discussed these issues with the NDA and is looking at a programme of work to reduce the high level hazards. The main objective is to keep Dungeness A safe and compliant as is the same at all sites. Currently the plan is to decommission Dungeness A over a period of around 100 years. Magnox South is currently looking at a range of options – these include the current three box model or just to make the site safe and walk away but there are many other options in between. What the project has been set up to do is:

- Consider a number of options in decommissioning the Magnox sites
- Work out the costs against each option
- Work out the resources needed to carry out any of these options

The development of these options, to enable fairly sound estimates of cost and resources, will take time (approximately 2 – 3 years). Viable options will then be put forward for agreement with our Regulators, NDA, Stakeholders etc. We will keep the SSG aware of any developments or progress with this project. M Griffin stressed that these were hypothetical options at the moment but need to be looked at.

Defuelling is now the focus for Dungeness A and this commences in April.

2435 Q: Will you clear the site completely before you sell it?

2436 A: The NDA owns Dungeness A site and currently the plan to decommission will take around 100 years.

2437 Q: You (Dungeness A site) haven't got as much money. Is it enough to move forward?

2438 A: Costs approximately £40m to basically run Dungeness A. We have £45m allocated for 2008/09.

2439 Q: What about the "What ifs?"

2440 A: The number one priority is still to maintain a safe and compliant site. Not just about the monetary issues but also engineering assessments of assets to maintain a safe secure site for the future.

## **X SSG RESPONSE TO NDA DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN**

2441 George Smythe, SSG Chairman explained that following an outline briefing with David Warner of the NDA in the November meeting he had attended a National SSG in Newcastle on 21<sup>st</sup> of November where the plan was discussed in greater detail. The NDA Draft Business Plan had been circulated to SSG members and included a comment sheet to be returned to the NDA. An SSG Steering Committee was then arranged, open to all SSG members, to formulate a response on behalf of the SSG. A letter was produced and is in the folder. The five main points were:

- Overall disappointed with the plan
- Expected more on Research and Development – anything being looked at to aid decommissioning
- Sellafield receiving bulk of money. Need to better understand the needs of Sellafield.
- Although the NDA is not in the business of new build, their work will impact on it.
- More stakeholder involvement in the future – especially Soc-ec. Also better understanding and involvement of SSG funding/finance

Q (to NDA): What responses and comments were there?

2442 A: There were over 120 responses to this, compared to previous consultations. Anybody who responded will get a reply in the next couple of months.

## **XI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B**

- 2443 The Station Director's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Keith Hartley, Dungeness B updated the SSG on a couple of emergent issues:
- A marine survey was being carried out along the coast in front of the power stations over the next few weeks
  - There was an unplanned shutdown on Unit 22 early morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Apologies for any noise disturbance.
- 2444 Q: Can we have an update on the objection to Lydd Airport Expansion?
- 2445 A: British Energy has lodged an objection on the airport expansion and the decision sits with the local authority.
- 2446 A: The objection has been lodged. Several points have been raised by the Planning Department and they are awaiting responses on several points from Lydd Airport.
- 2447 Q: Under Community Relations you state that a presentation was given to Shepway District Council. When was this and who was invited to attend?
- 2448 A: Shepway Councillors came to site and given a presentation and tour.
- 2449 Q: Officers or Councillors?
- 2450 A: Officers came to site at their request to help their understanding and aid decision making.
- 2451 A: Councillors make decisions not officers.

## **XII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B**

- 2452 The NII report had been previously circulated to SSG members.
- 2453 No issues were raised on the report.

## **XIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

- 2454 The NII report had been previously circulated to SSG members.
- 2455 No issues were raised on the report.

## **XIV CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY (CNC) OVERVIEW**

- 2456 Dave Murphy introduced himself as the Operational Unit Commander and Ken Lees as his Deputy. D Murphy explained that the work of CNC is mostly through counter-terrorism and intelligence. The events of 9/11 changed how they operated and the government decided to deploy them to sites as a deterrent. There are armed response units within the Dungeness area 24/7
- 2457 Ken Lees continued – The Atomic Authority Constabulary was formed in 1954 from the Military Police, differentiating between the civil and nuclear process. In 2004 the national constabularies were formed. Here as a police force, they can act as normal police within 5km of sites to respond to a criminal event. They work well with Kent Constabulary to respond when they are able.
- 2458 Q: Does the 5km extend seaward? To react to rogue boats etc?
- 2459 A: CNC only have the marine capacity to escort ships. There are arrangements/agreements in place with Kent Police and the Coastguard for a quick response if required.

- 2460 Q. Will you be supplementing local police and are there any reductions in local police numbers as a result of your presence?
- 2461 A: No
- 2462 A: Sgt. Lee Howse, Lydd Police agreed with CNC statements and hoped that the relationship would develop.
- 2463 Training for armed response is the same for CNC and Kent Constabulary
- 2464 Q: Are both involved in Emergency Exercises?
- 2465 A: Yes
- 2466 Q: If arrested by CNC would person have the same rights?
- 2467 A: Yes
- 2468 Q: Where does the funding come from for CNC?
- 2469 A: Stakeholders i.e. British Energy, BNFL/Magnox/Urenco
- 2470 Q: Have CNC the powers to pursue outside the 5km boundary?
- 2471 A: Yes if the person/persons have been to steal nuclear material. On civil matters no and would hand over to Kent Constabulary.
- 2472 Q: Dungeness has a large number of visitors – tens of thousands. How does this work?
- 2473 A: A lot of work is done through the summer months. CNC have to account for their actions and progress accordingly. It is intelligence led and CNC cannot stop randomly, we must have a reason.
- 2474 Q: What about traffic?
- 2475 A: If they saw something untoward, I hope that morally they would respond.
- 2476 Q: Are the vehicles the same?
- 2477 A: Yes, except for the badges.

## **XV EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (EPCC)**

- 2478 The EPCC report had been previously circulated to SSG members
- 2479 Q: Mixture of amusement and bemusement on the cancellation of the exercise due to operation stack.
- 2480 A: The participants for the exercise would have been directly involved with operation stack.
- A: Although the exercises are important, priority in cases such as this have to be given to the real incident.

## **XVI SSG VOTING RIGHTS**

- 2481 Andrew Parry explained that this issue had been going around in circles for a couple of years now and had been discussed a number of times at the SSG Steering Committee Meeting. The last meeting agreed the following proposals:
1. Co-opted members has full voting rights
  2. Specialist or subject matter experts would not have any voting rights.
  3. Trade Union Representatives\* currently have no voting rights. Propose that they now do have full voting rights.
- \*Trade Union Representatives are members of the Sites' Joint Council. Usually 2 nominated members from each site.

All three proposals were agreed.  
The SSG Constitution etc would be checked and updated accordingly.

**XVII AOB**

2482 Peter Woolston representing Marsh Forward offered his resignation as Marsh Forward has ceased to exist.

2483 George Smythe responded with a vote of thanks for Peter for his support and participation over the last 3 years since (George) becoming involved with the SSG.

**XVIII DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next SSG meeting is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Date for AGM is Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at The Assembly Rooms, New Romney 18.30hrs for 19.00hrs

