

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING
26th JUNE 2008**

SSG members present:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mr D Bailey	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Ms L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mr J Berry	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr B Botley	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr B Gadd	-	East Sussex County Council
Mr J Griffin	-	Environment Agency
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr D Kersey	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr Mrs M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Murray	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Mr C Richards	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr D Roseaman	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms R Saunders	-	NR, Lydd & Greatstone Residents' Asso
Mr S Shaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Squire	-	NDA
Mr D Walker	-	Dungeness Bird Observatory
Mr D Warner	-	NDA
Cllr Mrs C Waters	-	Shepway District Council

SSG Observers present:

Mrs E Sassone	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr P Hetherington	-	Magnox South

Guests

Mr T Jones	-	Magnox South
Mr P Matthews	-	Magnox South
Mr J Tott	-	Sizewell A Site

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I INTRODUCTION

2484 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest to the 6th meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

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II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:

Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Burrows	-	NII Inspector (Dun A)
Mr P Cornish	-	SE Region NFU
Ms S Covey-Crump	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr T Dapling	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Cllr Mrs V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr M England	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr K Franks	-	Sussex Police
Mr J Gilliland	-	Office for Civil Nuclear Security
Rt Hon M Howard	-	House of Commons
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Ms K Muller	-	Kent Health Protection Unit
Mr D Murphy	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Cllr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chairman
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Mr G Roberts	-	Environment Agency
Ms M Stuart	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Mr R Timpson	-	Dungeness A Site
Dr M Tyrer	-	NII (Dungeness B)
Mr D Whitnall	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Wiggins	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr D Webbe-Wood	-	Food Standards Agency
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents' Association

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH 2008

2485 The minutes of the 57th Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 20 March 2008 were agreed as an accurate record.

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IV CORRESPONDENCE

2486 A list of correspondence distributed to SSG members was circulated.

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

2487 Col. Smythe commented on the points raised in the previous minutes (2441) on SSG Response to NDA Draft Business Plan where the Steering Committee felt that at Dungeness, hopes of receiving socio-economic support was slipping through the net as the vast majority was geared for the northern sites and Sellafield in particular. The concerns of the group had been raised at the National Stakeholder Group (NSG) meeting.

VI SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS A SITE

2488 Carl Richards, Engineering Manager presented the Site Director's Report for Dungeness A

2489 Q – What is through-wall bushing?

2490 A – It is a large insulator.

2491 Q – For a station that is shut down, a lot of money is being spent on the fabric of the buildings.

2492 A – Yes it is. The reason being is that the turbine hall still has essential plant operating within it which needs electrical supplies. These have to be protected from water ingress and made safe for people to operate and maintain the plant; this will be the same for other areas around site. The other reason being is that decommissioning is a long term project which will take a number of years to complete before the site is left cold and dark for final site clearance - currently planned for 2035

2493 Q – You mention stakeholders in the S3 Project. Is this referring to the SSG?

2494 A – No. The stakeholders in this instance are mainly our regulators.

2495 Q – Because of the reduction in funding, does this mean delays to the end state date?

2496 A – Care and Maintenance preparations originally scheduled for about 15yrs will now take longer.

2497 Q – Delays to defuelling – does this affect decommissioning on top of the funding issues?

A – The delays in defuelling are due to technical difficulties at Sellafield. The safest place for the fuel is in the reactors.

VII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A

2498 The NII report had been previously circulated to SSG members.

2499 Q – Can both station managers update us on the availability and safety of their respective spent fuel flasks since they were out of use for a time following safety concerns

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- 2500 As the NII Inspector was not present, Carl Richards, Engineering Manager responded in the first instance for Magnox South.
A - There were concerns regarding the Quality Assurance (QA) of some of the components' auditable trail therefore a conservative decision was made to embargo all flask movements
- 2501 Graham Finn, Plant Manager responded for British Energy
A – AGR components have been checked and replaced. There is also an investigation being undertaken.
- 2502 Q – If something is better then why not replace?
- 2503 A – Any changes have to be investigated, engineered and agreed before implementation so that all angles are covered.

VIII NDA UPDATE

- 2504 Iain Squire, Site Programme Manager gave the update:
- Brian Burnett, Magnox, Research Sites Restoration Ltd (RSRL) and Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Programme Director visited Sizewell A, Bradwell and Dungeness A. His feedback was very positive in as much as he hadn't been to any better sites in terms of housekeeping and attitude of management and staff in saving money and innovations.
 - Efficiencies – Dungeness A exceeded targets and achieved over £7m savings
 - Competition – the contract for the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) has been awarded. It has been let to a consortium of Arriva and Westinghouse.
Vaults being constructed with £10m being given to the community Programme for the Sellafield competition programme – there is a paper in July for Management Contract
Others – NDA pausing to consider options.
 - The NDA has been reorganised to streamline the organisation.
- 2505 Q- Has Dr. Ian Roxborough has been replaced?
- 2506 A – Richard Waite is Acting Chief Executive.

IX SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT – JAMES TOTT, Sizewell A

- 2507 James Tott, Socio-economic Co-ordinator for Magnox South explained that the Energy Act 2004 required the NDA to consider the impact decommissioning has on an area.
The company, Magnox South, has been looking at the consequences and in the middle of last year regionalised the funding to standardise the process. Four projects were funded last year – two for Bradwell, one for Sizewell and one for Dungeness A namely Adult Education at Folkestone who received £36k.
Decisions taken on a multi attribute process.
This year £175k is available across Magnox South i.e. Sizewell, Bradwell, Dungeness, Hinkley and Berkeley. The assessment day will be at the end of September with a possibility of a second in December.

- 2508 Q – Marsh Councillors are looking at Marsh needs since various funding is drying up and there is a need to attract funds.
How transparent is the process? Who sits on the panel? And how is it assessed?
- 2509 A - The panel consists of : David Warner, NDA, Mark Lesinski, Managing Director Magnox South, James Tott, Soc-ec Co-ordinator, Tim Jones, Communications Manager.
Favoured Projects? The criteria reflects/mirrors the NDA Policy Transparency? Currently not as transparent as it could be but we are working to improve the situation.
Involvement of SSG – Something for us to consider for the future.
- 2510 Q – Appreciate local support through Sponsorship and Donations.
Would it not be better to support local industry to replace jobs?
- 2511 A – No jobs have been lost. However, the organisation may be able to help mobilise local people to develop skills for the future.
- 2512 Q – Is this just for new projects?
- 2513 A - No
- 2514 Q - £36k allocated to a project last year. What about sustainability of such projects? Will this money be allocated annually and therefore mean that £36k already spent for this year?
- 2515 A – The first quarterly review is due – there are no guarantees
- 2516 Q – How are these sustainable over the period?
- 2517 A – Each project will have to reapply each year.
- 2518 Q – Were any environmental projects supported last year?
- 2519 A – Not last year
- 2520 Q – Does the document tell us what’s not included? Salaries and maintenance not usually acceptable – refreshing to hear that it is not excluded.
- 2521 A – Each application is considered on its own merit.
- 2522 A – NDA has £10m also available as specified in the Socio-economic policy.
- 2523 George Smythe commented that the issue of Socio-economic support had been discussed at the NSG and got quite emotional. Monies were allocated “North of the Watford Gap!” with a small amount allocated to the decommissioning sites in the south.
Last year we (Dungeness) put forward a proposal with support from Shepway District Council, but received no feedback.
Previously money had been allocated locally and had resulted in several successful projects being funded. The southern sites need money locally. This process makes it more difficult to accommodate smaller projects.
- 2524 Q – The Socio-economic pot – is it equalised North and South? If so, by how much?
- 2525 A – No – there are 4 prioritised areas.

X INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE MINI BOXES – Presentation
by Phil Matthews, Project Lead Magnox South

- 2526 Q – Are the cylindrical stores similar to flasks?

- 2527 A – Yes and no - they are made of cast iron.
 2528 Q – Are they manufactured in the UK?
 2529 A – No manufactured in Germany as they have the patent.
 2530 Q – They've been used in Germany for 20 years. Why has it taken so long to come to the UK?
 2531 A – They had been considered previously but not pursued
 2532 Q – What are the potential problems?
 2533 A – Safety in the long term in underground storage
 2534 Q – What about stackability?
 2535 A – 10 high with a possibility of up to 100 being stored at Dungeness A
 2536 Q – How will they be delivered?
 2537 A – By road at present; an environmental assessment will be part of the process.
 2538 Q – Has any place on site been identified?
 2539 A – Not yet. Each site will consider individually possibly using existing buildings.
 2540 Q – Dungeness is a SSSI, will these containers affect this?
 2541 A – They will be within the security fence. They have a lifespan of 500yrs and currently in use in Germany.
 2542 Q – How many will be needed at Dungeness A?
 2543 A – It is estimated that Dungeness A will need no more than 100 boxes
 2544 Q – Are the boxes only associated with Dungeness A and not Dungeness B?
 2545 A – Correct – only for waste produced at Dungeness A.
 2546 Q – What are the next steps?
 2547 A – To work with the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII), the Environment Agency (EA) and the Department of Transport to look at the repository design for storage and type of waste to be stored. Also work with the NDA to change the strategy for ILW disposal and storage.

XI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B

- 2548 Graham Finn, Plant Manager presented the highlights of the Dungeness B Station Director's Report previously circulated.
 2549 Q – You mentioned an unplanned trip, what does this mean?
 2550 A – The reactor is automatically shut down by the protection system.
 2551 Q – What is the monetary value of the electricity generated last year?
 2552 A – Apologies – unable to give out this commercially sensitive information
 2553 Q – Congratulations on your safety achievement. How has this been achieved?
 2554 A – Programme of Nuclear Safety Culture training with an emphasis what part each member of staff has to play, in nuclear safety.

XII COMMUNITY UPDATE – DUNGENESS B

- 2555 Report given by David Roseaman, Community Liaison

Dungeness B has had a busy period with visits from:

- Kent Business Magazine,
- South east Regional Council (Unite reps from various industries),
- Channel Chamber of Commerce,
- Army Warrant officers
- Donald Worsley (prospective Labour party candidate).

In April a public meeting was held in Lydd to let the community know what new nuclear build would mean for Dungeness. Feedback from that meeting was very positive and encouraging. The notes and details of this meeting can be found on the British Energy website www.british-energy.com - click on About British Energy and then Our Power Stations. British Energy plan to hold more of these meetings later in the year.

The outstanding event in May had to be the Schools Engineering Challenge, in which five local schools came to Dungeness B for the day and took part in various engineering tasks aimed at three age groups ranging from 5yrs to 11yrs. This was a very rewarding day that the children really enjoyed.

The Talks Service has been out and about giving presentations to interested groups. If you know of any organisation that would like a presentation please get in touch.

An assessment day for new apprentices was held recently and from that six apprentices are being recruited to start in September. They will attend HMS Sultan at Fareham for their first two years to learn workshop and engineering practices before returning to site.

Dungeness B is starting its outage period and will have upward of 1000 contractors coming to site to work. Most of these will be staying locally and becoming part of our community. If you do have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact me.

XIII BRITISH ENERGY NEW BUILD – PRESENTATION GIVEN BY MARTIN PEARCE, PRO

- 2556 Q - What process is gone through before an announcement is made?
A number of decisions are being made or put off in the area based on Dungeness C decision.
- 2557 A – We believe the government’s siteing assessment process will report in about 12 months. British Energy is carrying out its own assessments on its sites with a view to nominating sites.
- 2558 Q – What are the timescales?
- 2559 A – We believe we could be ready to put in a planning application by 2010 with an outcome expected by approximately 2012.

- 2560 Q – Is there land already identified for Dun C?
 2561 A – Yes between Dungeness B and the National Grid building.
- 2562 Q – Is a Dungeness C further up the pecking order?
 2563 A – No decisions on which sites will be put forward and when, have not yet been made.
- 2564 Q – Would the new build go ahead all together or separately?
 2565 A – Not all together. They will probably be staggered every 12 months apart.
- 2566 Q – Will this be restricted if reliant on investment?
 2567 A – The Government has stated that the market will decide on how much nuclear investment there will be. There are a number of interested parties.
- 2568 Q – According to the newspapers, the pylons required would cover the Marsh
 2569 A – The contract for the pylons is with National Grid Transco. There shouldn't be a need for new pylons locally just maintenance of the existing ones.
- 2570 Q – Is British Energy talking with the media to correct inaccuracies?
 2571 A – We do attempt to correct inaccuracies when necessary.

NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B

The NII report had been previously circulated to SSG members.

- 2572 Q - The Safety Case on A & B states that there is a small risk to the nuclear power station. Has the station responded to Lydd Airport?
 2573 Graham Finn responded on behalf of Dungeness B as the NII Inspector was unable to attend.
 A – The NII look at the small risk to an operating power station and respond accordingly. British Energy look at it from an operations point of view and new build where no risk is acceptable and therefore put forward an objection to the expansion of Lydd Airport.
- Action:** 2574 George Smythe to write a letter to the NII Inspector to attend the next meeting to respond to the concern.
G Smythe

XIV COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

- 2575 There were no issues on the Environmental Update previously circulated.

XV FEEDBACK FROM SSG – GEORGE SMYTHE

2576 George Smythe, SSG Chairman represented Dungeness SSG at the National Stakeholder Group Meeting in Edinburgh on 21st & 22nd May 2008.

It starts with the Chairman's meeting prior to the main NSG conference

This discussed:

- Charter rewrite which is nearly finalised.
- Paper presented by the NDA on local stakeholder engagement with amendments put forward – output expected soon.

The main NSG meeting is for all site representatives to discuss outstanding issues and future proposals. The meeting can sometimes be a case of 'them and us' when it should be partnership.

The structure of the workshops/meeting did not lend itself to full participation of each attendee. I attended Final End State and Socio-economic Policy Workshops.

NDA had been in the past bullish about decommissioning in 25years but this was not confirmed or resolved in the meeting and is still not clarified or agreed – and this did therefore affect the Final End State as this was derived from Final End Use based on a 25 year strategy.

- The NDA are not involved in new build but have to acknowledge the fact that they do have an input into new build. This was acknowledged at the final discussions.

Overall a difficult meeting in trying to input into NDA Strategy for the next 5 years due to the number of workshops running at once.

The NSG was addressed by the new Chairman of the NDA this was interesting and optimistic.

2577 Q – Did you conclude that 25 years for Final End State was not viable?

2578 A – Trying to bottom-out if decommissioning can be achieved in 25 years was difficult. I believe the NDA has stepped way from the 25 year concept although the impression given to local communities that it was achievable this matter requires clarification.

2579 Barrie Botley stated that 2.5 years had been spent looking at decommissioning issues and the recommendation to the NDA was for 25 years

XVI COMMENTS ON REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2580 The EPCC Report was previously distributed to the SSG – there were no comments or issues.

XVII DISCUSSION ON REPORT BY NDA ON FINAL END STATE – G. SMYTHE

- 2581 The report produced by the NDA was not accurate and the wishes and outcome of the survey were not reflected i.e:
1. New Build
 2. Nature Reserve
- A letter had been sent to the NDA on behalf of the Dungeness A SSG highlighting the inaccuracies in the report. This report will be submitted to the government.
- 2582 Members of the SSG thanked the Chairman for responding to reinforce the views of the community back to the NDA.

XVIII AOB

There were Magnox South Achievement brochures available for members to take away.

XVIV DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **30th OCTOBER 2008**
Time: **18.30hrs for 19.00hrs start**
Venue: **LYDD GUILD HALL**

SSG observers present:

Ms A Banjoko	-	Foods Standards Agency
Mr S Dentten	-	Shepway Primary Care Trust
Mr A Dugdale	-	Foods Standards Agency
G Illinsworth	-	G.O.S.E.
CI S Kehily	-	Kent Police
Mr P Milne	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
DCI D Murphy	-	Kent Police
Ms A Russell-Stevenson	-	British Nuclear Group
Mr T Squire	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr C Temple	-	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness B
Mr S Thompson	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Ms P Waterman	-	British Nuclear Group
Mrs A Weir	-	Dungeness A Power Station
CI D Worsell	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary

Those present were informed that a site tour of Dungeness B would follow the meeting.

2132 Mr C Temple, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness B informed the meeting that he and Mr R Campbell, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness A attend the meeting as observers not members.

2133 **Item 2079**

Should have read: "Mr Campbell the Site Inspector for A Station, explained to those present how the nuclear industry was regulated; that the stations were subject to 36 licence conditions and team and theme inspections."

Inclusion in SSG Code of Practice, organisations representation to be limited to three: Paragraph 2102

2135 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Publication of Key Points raised by community representatives: Paragraph 2104

2136 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Expanding membership: Paragraph 2108

2137 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

2138 **Placing a limit of three representatives from organisations:
Paragraph 2109**

Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

**Proposal that a summary of key points and questions raised at the
SSG could be distributed in the fortnightly Site Newsletter:
Paragraph 2112**

2139 Item to be investigated with the Communications Team.

2140 **Publication of the minutes expansion: Paragraph 2117**

Actioned in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.