

DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

NOTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, LYDD on THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 2008

SSG members present:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mrs L Barry	-	Minute Taker
Ms L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mr B Botley	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Cllr F Wood-Brignall	-	Kent County Council
Cllr Mrs 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 Kersey	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr Mrs M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
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
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr D Roseaman	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms R Saunders	-	NR, Lydd & Greatstone Residents Assoc
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Squire	-	NDA
Ms M Stuart	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Mr D Whitnall	-	SJC Dungeness A Site

Guests:

Mrs P Burt	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr M Chevis	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Flynn	-	NDA
Mr J Harvey	-	Food Standards Agency
Ms P Hatt	-	NDA
Mr P Matthews	-	Magnox South
Ms L Sharp	-	Food Standards Agency
Mr S Shaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr T Wells	-	Dungeness A Site

1. INTRODUCTION

Col Smythe welcomed those present to the Third Annual General Meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and was pleased to see so many had attended.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Burrows	-	NII Inspector (Dun A)
Mr T Dapling	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Mrs J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr B Gadd	-	East Sussex County Council
Mr T Ganner	-	Environment Agency
Mr M Hassel	-	Government Office South East
Mr G Holt	-	NHS
Cllr M Kenward	-	Rother District Council
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Mr R Murray	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr M Tyrer	-	NII Inspector (Dun B)
Mr D Webbe-Wood	-	Food Standards Agency
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr J Wiggins	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Second AGM held on 25th September 2007 were approved as an accurate record.

The minutes of the 6th Meeting of the SSG held on 26th June 2008 were approved as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 6th MEETING

Item 2574 – G Smythe took an action to write a letter to the NII Inspector to attend the next meeting to respond to the concerns of the Lydd Airport expansion plans and the effect on the proximity to the Dungeness Power Stations. Those present were informed that 200 letters had been received by the NII Inspector and Col Smythe had been advised that all letters had been answered by the NII.

Mrs Barton responded that she had not received a letter from the NII Inspector, but has seen a copy of the letter and feels that the response is totally inadequate.

A copy of the NII Inspector's response to be attached to these minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Q – Normally an AGM is held to elect members but there is no mention of this in the agenda.

A – Col Smythe reported that voting on committee members has not been decided upon. This point was brought up at the London Conference, Mr Parry and Col Smythe himself had been voted in for a three year period and had been re-voted in again last year.

6. DUNGENESS A SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark England, Director of Dungeness A Site presented the report. Mark has now been Director at Dungeness for a year and advised that the real focus on site is safety. Some of the areas covered are:

- DNA will have been shut down for two years at the end of December.
- We have moved into the new office accommodation.
- The focus will be defuelling R1.

- MXD process fuel element debris dissolution is unique to DNA and the programme is due to finish in 2011.
- The big focus is on decommissioning and waste removal.
- Repairs to R2 roof are on target for completion in 10/12 weeks.

Q – You are spending money on the Turbine Hall, why what purpose does it serve?

A – There are hazards such as asbestos in the Turbine Hall and it still has supplies which run through it and these need to be protected from the elements.

7. DUNGENESS B SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alan Oulton, Director of Dungeness B Power Station presented the report for Dungeness B which included:

- Almost 2 year since last lost time accident
- NII approved 2nd period safety review
- Generation for 07/08 was 6.34 TWhrs against a target of 5.19 TWhrs
- Unit 21 returned to service in October following a refuelling outage.
- Unit 22 statutory outage approaching conclusion.
- Public consultation meeting on new nuclear build held in Lydd and more meetings are planned for early 2009.

Alan Oulton advised that he was glad Dungeness A are looking at protecting the Turbine Hall as there some cross connections between the station which run through it.

Q – R21 thought it could be re-fuelled on line.

A – Dungeness B cannot carry out on-line refuelling.

Q – Apprenticeships – is there a link up with local colleges?

A – Yes, through South Kent College at Ashford and Folkestone.

Q – When is a new build likely to happen?

A – In A Oulton's view not until 2018 before earliest completion.

Q – Dave Whitnall, Dungeness A congratulated Dungeness B on their apprenticeship scheme and asked whether jobs would be available on completion of the apprenticeships?

A – Yes, if they attain the standard required.

Q – What about the EDF take-over?

A – The take-over is now going through all the permissions and if all goes well it could be agreed by the end of the Calendar year.

8. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A

No Issues

9. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B

No Issues

10. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON EA REPORT DUNGENESS A & B

No Issues

11. FEEDBACK/COMMENTS ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FROM 30/10/08 – ANDREW PARRY

Mr Parry advised that the NDA Guidance which includes the Constitution for the Site Stakeholder Groups (SSG) had been updated and would be available shortly on the NDA

Web Site; <http://www.nda.gov.uk/stakeholders/> . This would also be discussed at the National Stakeholder Meeting on 4th or 5th November 2008.

Q – Were the problems at Sellafield mentioned?

A – Sellafield has specific legacy problems which are costing a lot of money to correct. Mr Parry added that it was an amazing feat of engineering.

Q – Does this affect the decommissioning sites?

A – Mark England responded that the biggest hazards are at Sellafield but the NDA/Sites are looking at maximising the money available. From a Regulatory (NII/EA) perspective the highest risks are at Sellafield but there is also a need to ensure that all the sites are safe.

Mark England/Iain Squires (NDA) to attend the SSG meeting when the Safe Secure Sites (S³) report is published.

Action: H Morris Safe Secure Sites (S³) to be added as an agenda item.

12. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON DUNGENESS A SITE'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008

No Issues

13. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

No Issues.

14. FEEDBACK FROM MAGNOX SOUTH INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW FROM 16/10/08

The presentation included various options including:

- Storage of 3m³ stainless steel waste packages in purpose built ILW store. (Nirex Box Option)
- Storage of Ductile Cast Iron Container waste packages in a purpose built weather-proof shelter (Mini-store Option). A typical Ductile Cast Iron Container. Holds 2.83m³ and weighs 18Te when empty. Wall thickness 150mm with ability for additional lead lining if required. Can be made using 30% of recycled materials.

Q – These boxes have been in use in Germany for 20 years, but are not licensed for use in the UK. NIREX boxes are vented, these boxes aren't, how can you test the pressure with a box?

A – It is an important consideration as there are no seals where pressure tests can be taken but, there are procedures for reducing pressure in a controlled manner. We may have to carry out inspection regimes to satisfy the Regulators. The boxes are used in Europe but we need to satisfy the UK Regulators that it's good for our waste.

The Environment Agency Inspector for Dungeness A confirmed that the mini storage boxes were being considered and were going through due process.

15. RADIOACTIVITY IN FOOD & THE ENVIRONMENT (RIFE) REPORT BY JOCELYN HARVEY, FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY

Included items on:-

- UK monitoring – RIFE, which is a collaboration between the Food Standards Agency, Environment Agency, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and Northern Ireland Environment Agency. Together we assess the impact of radiological discharges on public health.

- Dungeness sampling – Terrestrial (crops and grass), Aquatic (fish and seafood), and Milk collected from 2 local farms on a weekly basis and bulked into quarterly samples for analysis
- Dungeness dose assessment – Monitoring carried out in 2007 around Dungeness shows low levels of radioactivity in food and the environment
- Estimated doses are well within recommended limits
- Comparison of dose figures
- RIFE 13 – The RIFE Annual report to be published in December.

Further information on RIFE is available at: www.food.gov.uk/science/surveillance/radiosurv/

Q – How do the results compare with areas around a power station?

A – 250µSv without a power station; 257µSv with. The Limit for public exposure to all artificial sources of radioactivity excluding doses from medical practices is 1,000 µSv per year.

Q – Will the results published at the end of year just show the figures?

A – Yes.

Q – Where are the foods tested sourced from?

A – Analyses food which is grown, caught or bought from local producers.

16. **FEEDBACK FROM PRE-NSG WITH MAGNOX SOUTH FROM 29/10/08 – COL. GEORGE SMYTHE**

- The NSG were made aware of the split from Magnox Electric Ltd into two separate companies; Magnox South Ltd and Magnox North Ltd.
- The meeting was informed that Magnox South Ltd would like to attract funds to keep decommissioning the sites.
- Safety remains the No. 1 priority, but that does not mean that we can't be innovative.
- Value For Money (VFM) remains a priority with the taxpayer.

The Socio-economic Funding available to Magnox South has been through its first assessment of applicants but the two from the Dungeness area had been unsuccessful. The amount is £175K with three projects totalling £125 having been put forward for final assessment there is still £50K available. The next assessment is in early December and the final in January 2009. The Money is a combination of NDA and Energy Solutions funding. The SSG Chairmen at this meeting also persuaded EnergySolutions to give an additional £5K into the local Sponsorship and Donations fund for Magnox South which includes Dungeness A. This additional amount needs to be spent by the end of December 2008. Applications giving details of what the funding would be used for should be sent to Haf Morris, Communications Officer, Magnox South, Dungeness A Site, Romney Marsh TN29 9PP or email haf.e.morris@magnoxsouthsites.com

Q – British Energy have been generous in the past, is this going to continue in the future?

A – Alan Oulton, Dungeness B advised that this years spend was £10k, for next year from 1st April they will be continuing to support local activities.

Funds may also be available from the Dungeness Trust which is donated to by the staff; it does have funds available for spending locally. This will be taken forward to the NSG.

Requests to the Dungeness Charitable Trust should be made to:

Phillipa Burt, British Energy, Dungeness B
Pat Campy, Magnox South Limited, Dungeness A

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Q – Are ex-Navy/service personnel employed at the Station?

A – Alan Oulton, Dungeness B – Ex-Navy in particular is a good source of recruitment.

Q – What plans are there to maintain the health of the shingle?

A – Alan Oulton, Dungeness B; the health of the shingle is good and there are no issues at present, it is well within our Safety Case limits.

Q – If EDF by British Energy how will this affect attendance at the SSG?

A – British Energy would want to continue, but cannot answer for EDF.

Q – Is it possible to visit the power stations?

A – Alan Oulton advised that requests for a site visit should go through Dave Roseaman for Dungeness B.

Mark England also added that a site tour could also be arranged for interested parties for Dungeness A site and to get in touch with Haf Morris to make arrangements.

Alan Oulton also advised that if there were any issues with charitable donations, these should also be routed to Dave Roseaman.

18. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next SSG meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th February 2009 in Dungeness B's Training Building.