

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING

DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE

THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2009

Attendance:

Mrs L Barry	-	Minute Taker
Cllr Mrs V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr K Franks	-	Independent Member
Mr M Hassell	-	Government South East
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway District Council
Cllr D Kersey	-	Lydd Town Council
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr K Lees	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Mr N Levinson	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Cllr M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr D Murphy	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Cllr Mrs J Newton	-	New Romney Town Council
Cllr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr R Parker-Harding	-	Rother District Council
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr D Roseaman	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Ms R Saunders	-	New Romney, Lydd & Greatstone Residents Association
Col G Smythe	-	Chairman
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Squire	-	NDA
Mr S Tipping	-	Kent County Council
Mr P Warham	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr S Warner	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr C P Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Mr T Wells	-	Dungeness A Site

I INTRODUCTION

- 2583 Col. Smythe welcomed members and guests to the 7th meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG), which had been postponed from 26th February due to unforeseen events. Unfortunately the NII representatives are unable to be

present today but it is hoped they will be available for the next meeting in September.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were received:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mr B Botley	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Mr J Burrows	-	NII Inspection (Dungeness A)
Mr M England	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr T Ganner	-	Environment Agency
Mr D Clarke	-	Office of Civil Nuclear Security
Sgt J Bloomfield	-	Lydd Police
Mr R Johnson	-	Channel Chamber of Commerce
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mr R Murray	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Ms M Stuart	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Mr R Timpson	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr M Tyrer	-	NII Inspector (Dungeness B)
Mr D Webbe-Wood	-	Food Standards Agency
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr J Wiggins	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th JUNE 2008 AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 2008

2584 The minutes of the 6th Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 26th June 2008 and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th October 2008 were agreed as an accurate record.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

2585 A list of correspondence distributed to SSG members was circulated.

V MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2586 Col. Smythe advised that Safe Secure Sites (S³) had been added to the Agenda.

VI SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS A SITE

The report covered:

- Safety & Environment
- Defuelling progress
- Site news and updates on projects

- Visits to site
- Staffing
- Restructuring across Magnox South
- Community relations including Socio-economic support and Sponsorship & Donations round-up for 2008/09 and launch for 2009/10.

2587 Tony Wells, Assistant Site Manager looking after the Fuel Route and Projects presented the Site Director's Report for Dungeness A.

2588 Col. Smythe thanked Dungeness A, Magnox South for their very significant support of the local community. Cllr. T Preston also thanked Dungeness A for their support of local community groups and congratulated the company on achieving Investors in People accreditation.

2589 Iain Squire, NDA advised that restructuring of the SLC would take place on a voluntary basis and that there would be no compulsory redundancies.

VII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A SITE

2590 No issues

VIII SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B POWER STATION

2591 Graham Finn, Plant Manager presented the Site Director's Report for Dungeness B.

This report covered:

- Safety
- Environment
- Generation
- Emergency Exercises
- Staffing
- New Nuclear Build
- Company news
- Community – including visits to site
- Charity of the year

2592 Q – When will the apprenticeships begin?

A – Letters have been issued and apprenticeships will begin in September. Recruitment for next year's intake will begin just after Christmas with adverts in the press and local schools.

2593 Q – Will the NDA make more money available to fund apprenticeships?

A – The strategy for NDA apprenticeships will have to be answered by the NDA I am unable to comment on this.

2594 Q – A lot of the Graduates will be from outside the local area, what we need is something for the locals will you be supporting this?

A - The Graduate programme is open to all Graduates both local and national.

- 2595 Q – Col. Smythe advised that Sean Moules, NDA had said there would be a whole career in decommissioning and that recruitment would come from the local area.
 A – The NDA are funding the new starters, but it only provides the funding for it and is not involved in the recruitment process that is the responsibility of the Site Licensing Company (SLC).
- 2596 Q – The proposed new build site is owned by EDF Energy but that doesn't mean they will build the new station?
 A – The EU have made steps to try and ensure competition within the electricity market so land at the sites Dungeness and Heysham will be put up for sale. They can only be sold to a credible nuclear builder for the purpose of building a Nuclear Power Station; the land cannot be used for any other purpose.
- 2597 Q – There is talk that Maintenance staff working for Balfour Beatty being restructured.
 A – The Station's core staff is employed by British Energy, Facilities Management which includes a very small proportion of minor maintenance works, provision of canteen services etc is currently undertaken by Balfour Beatty. This contract has been in place for a year and a review of that contract is now taking place.
- 2598 Q – How long do the apprenticeships last?
 A – The apprenticeships last four years during which time they attend the Navy Apprenticeships scheme at Portsmouth to learn basic skills.
- 2599 Q – If they show aptitude can they go onto further learning and, do Graduates come in over and above apprentices?
 A – Yes, if someone shows aptitude they will be given the opportunity to develop. Graduate trainees are taken on in a technical position, given experience which includes spending time with the people on the tools.

IX NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B POWER STATION

2600 No issues.

X ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT FROM DUNGENESS A SITE

- 2601 Q - How close to the site were the people who complained about the noise from the Generator?
 A – Haf Morris explained that there had been quite a few complaints from residents of the Dungeness Estate and that it had been justified, it also depended on the weather as to the amount of nuisance caused.
- 2602 Q – Is the Effluent Discharge Line (EDL) still in use on the station?
 A – Yes, it is now pumped out through a longer pipe.
- 2603 Q – Does the sewerage go through a secondary treatment before being pump out?

A – Yes it is also sampled prior to discharge.

2605 Q – Is there a carbon reduction process in place?

A – Yes a carbon footprint of the site has been undertaken for the Environment Agency.

2605 Q – Did the blower pipework going off site provide a saving to the Company?

A – Yes.

XI NDA UPDATE

2606 Q – Is it possible to obtain copies of the NDA Business Plan?

A – Copies are available on request and on the NDA Website. The NDA are trying to save money by limiting the number of hard copies it has to print.

2607 Q – What is the NDA's response to Unite Union's claim that the NDA is not working and should be restructured?

A - Funding is a big issue for the NDA especially with the increased funding demands of Sellafield which why competition will help. Yes we are under funding pressures which are increased because we no longer have any generating sites. There is an £18.7m restructuring budget, plus budgets for voluntary severances and we are honouring the funding plan for graduate intakes and yes, it's a problem.

2608 Q – NDA restructuring

A – The NDA currently has 230 staff plus 150 Nirex personnel managing a £2.6b business, with funding done on an annual basis.

2609 Q – Has the Unite response to the NDA Draft Business Plan been sent out locally or nationally?

A – It has come down from the National Union in response to the NDA Business Plan.

XII REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (EPCC) HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2009 AND UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SCHEME TRAINING FOR DUNGENESS A SITE.

2610 Q – Is it possible to reduce the number of abbreviations used?

A – Yes it is, and in future a list of abbreviations used will be included in the Report.

2611 Q – Warning and Informing – has there been any thought given to an audible system such as a compressed air siren which could sound to warn the local area of an emergency?

A – The Emergency Planning Consultative Committee (EPCC) made the decision for signage; this was not an easy decision. Initially they thought of two Klaxons one each site and this was accepted but it would have had to be tested twice weekly, which would have meant the local area would

have got used to it and probably ignored it. It would also have environmentally unfriendly.

- 2612 Q – Transportation of spent fuel, are the different districts it travels through notified that the fuel is going through their areas?
A – Those that need to know are informed.
- 2613 Q – The Coast Road, which is designated as an escape route. Would the Stations support the Local Councils in urging the KCC to repair the road?
A – There are two escape routes one via Lydd and the other the Coast Road. Bryn Roberts, Dungeness A advised that he has written to the KCC about the state of the Coast Road.
- 2614 Signage – There are Natural England signs re the Nature Reserve. The KCC have no jurisdiction on Dungeness Point and the Stations should ensure that other land owners are aware. This point was noted.
- 2615 Q – Have the access difficulties over rough terrain been considered during the exercises at the airport and involving the railways?
A - Yes, 4 x 4's are used.
- 2616 Q – What extent of warning would the people of Lydd get?
A - The Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) would be the first priority, second would be to look at the emergency in detail following which the 999 system would cut in.

XIII UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SCHEME TRAINING FOR DUNGENESS B POWER STATION

2617 No issues.

XIV ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 2618 Q - A request was made that the Stations request their employees to slow down when travelling to and from work especially at the entrance to the RSPB where visibility is poor. There should be a speed restriction on the Lydd to Dungeness Road, 60 is too fast.
A- Check with KCC and try to obtain a response prior to the next meeting.
- 2619 Q – There have been a lot of media statements regarding the EDF and plans for new build land. It would be a good idea for either the SSG or Communications to put something out or to have a Press statement in the local paper.
A – SSG members and those nominated will be receiving information from British Energy on the possible new build. The press will speculate so the better route is to receive information direct from British Energy.
- 2620 Q – We have representative groups attend the SSG, could the information be marked as to whether it can be passed on?
A - Anything said or handed out to the SSG will be in the Public domain.

- 2621 Q – There are a lot of issues which Joe Public gets the wrong end of the stick.
A – It is possible to add something into Shepway Today, maybe a summary edition could be produced as interest will increase with publicity for the new build etc.
- 2622 Col. Smythe advised a small survey of Lydd and Greatstone residents had been carried out and that 98% had come out in favour of a new nuclear build.
- 2623 The SSG is being encouraged to re-write the constitution with NDA guidance, some of which will be incorporated. A draft will be ready prior to the September meeting and will be sent out for comment. It will then be formally presented at the NSG in November/December.

XV DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next SSG Meeting is 10th September 2009 at Dungeness B.

The proposed date for the next Site Stakeholder Group Annual General Meeting is 3rd December 2009, venue to be agreed.