

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
NOTES OF THE 1st MEETING HELD AT
DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE ON 10 MAY 2006**

SSG members present:

Col G F Smythe	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Cllr C Albrow	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr B Botley	-	Shepway Friends of the Earth
Mr P Bridgeman	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr P Crow	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr T Cruttenden	-	Kent County Council
Mr T Davison	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Ellis	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr K Hartley	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Hinds	-	London Ashford Airport
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr C Lloyd	-	Environment Agency
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Moules	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr M Pearce	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr R Timpson	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

SSG observers present:

CI L Dodson	-	Kent Police
Mr T Jones	-	British Nuclear Group
Mr M Tyrer	-	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness B
Mrs A Weir	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Dr C P Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Ms J Whiteman	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
CI D Worsell	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary

I INTRODUCTION

2223 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest members to the 2nd meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2224 The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr J Burrows	- Nuclear Installations Inspectorate Dungeness A
Mr T Dapling	- Sussex Sea Fisheries
Ms J Dear	- English Nature
Mr G Finn	- Dungeness B Power Station
Mr B Gadd	- East Sussex County Council
Mrs J Gadd	- Rother District Council
Mr N Gore	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr M Hassell	- Government Office South East
Mr P Kennedy	- Food Standards Agency
Mr R Johnson	- Channel Chamber of Commerce
Mr O Leyshon	- Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Mr G McHale	- Folkestone & Dover Water Services
Stn Officer D Stock	- Kent Fire & Rescue Service
Mrs V Tully	- New Romney Town Hall
Mr P Warham	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr D Webbe-Wood	- Food Standards Agency

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2005

2225 The minutes of the 1st Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 10th November 2005 were agreed as an accurate record.

IV MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Beach feeding, pot holes and sewage outfall: paragraph 1969 and 2056

Ms Whenday and Mr Lloyd	2226	It was noted that this action had been ongoing for the last three meetings and Col Smythe asked whether any progress had been made. Ms Whenday explained that the road is un-adopted, and owned by the Dungeness Estate. Dungeness Residents will obtain a quote for the repairs and apply to the NDA for the necessary funds, although it is outside their official remit.
C Lloyd	2227	2184 - Ms H Morris had sent a copy of the slide presentation to Cllr Martin.
CI Worsell	2228	2207 - The meeting was informed that the signs saying that armed guards guarded the premises would not be erected, but signs in line with the new trespass laws had been erected.

V SITE MANAGER'S REPORT – A STATION

2229 The Site Manager's report was circulated with the agenda.

2230 Mr Crow, Engineering & Projects Manager advised those present that there were two 'stop press' items:

- Dungeness A has been awarded a ROSPA Gold Medal for our safety performance.
- As we move towards Deplanting and Demolition, it will be necessary to demolish the Admin Building. The area will be used as an additional laydown area. Discussions are taking place with Shepway Planning Department regarding the erection of a new Administration Building on the East of the site. The building will go on the Contractors Car Park, which is within the station fence.

2231 The following items from the Site Manager's Report were discussed:

2232 Page 4 – Drilling of Bore Holes

Mr Crow advised that the bore hole drilling had been undertaken to check for soil contamination. It also allowed soil and ground water samples to be taken. Drilling of bore holes are standard procedure as we approach decommissioning.

2233 Page 4 – Lug Retrieval Project Success

Clarification of the terms splintering and delugging was requested. Mr Crow explained that two types of fuel had been used in the life of the Dungeness A. The fuel elements had their fins, and later lugs removed allow more elements to be put into the boxes. Commissioning of the modified Magnox Dissolution (MXD) plant will start within the next month.

VI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B

2234 The Station Director's report was circulated with the Agenda.

2235 Mr Oulton, Station Director advised that the R21 Outage starts on Sunday 14th May, and will last for 10 weeks. During this period, R22 will be shutdown on two occasions, to allow isolation of equipment to be taken out or put into service. He also advised that there would be increased traffic locally because of the increased numbers of personnel on site.

VII SSG STEERING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK MRS L WHENDAY

2236 Ms Whenday gave feedback on the two meetings, which have been held since Christmas, the first on 24 January and the second on 25 April.

2237 At these meetings, it became clear that this is a developing picture, which the SSG should be ready to participate in future dialogue and that it would be desirable for more Parish councils and local residents groups to become involved. The following points were discussed:

- 2238
- Formation of the Waste Issues Group (WIG).
 - Government will be restrained by planning laws.
 - NDA will discuss end state.
 - Protection included in EA strategy.

2239 Ms H Morris has compiled a list of voters and non-voters and it was agreed that anyone wanting a vote should apply through SSG Chairman for consideration by the SSG.

2240 Sean Moules, NDA Programme Manager for Dungeness gave presentations on socio-economic support, the funding criteria and a presentation assessing options identified end state for the site. It was suggested that the PESTLE (Political, Economic, Social, Technical, Legal, and Environmental) approach be used as a tool to assess each proposal.

2241 The proposed Website for the Dungeness SSG, through the NDA Website was discussed including requests for information and the willingness of members to be identified concerning the Data Protection Act.

2242 One of the prime duties of the Steering Group is to finalise items for this meeting, and as Chairman of the Steering Group, I should like to express pleasure in the way it is working and the excellent input of the members and speakers. It is understood that the Steering Group will meet on 15th June to consider the feedback from this SSG.

VIII FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL SSG CONFERENCE BY MRS L WHENDAY

2243 Mrs Whenday explained the background to NSSG and that she had been involved since 2004 when in October plans were drawn up for the Reform Group from which we now have our SSG. The SSG were intended to facilitate stakeholders groups, which were independent of the Station with Independent chair etc., in this we are the most successful so far.

2244 There have been two NSSG's, the first in October 2005 was mainly concerned with setting the 'Ground Rules', evaluations and reviews resulting in the setting up of two Issue Groups:

- 2245
- Management of Nuclear Waste Materials Issue Group (MIG)
 - Management of other materials such as Low Level Waste (LLW) and Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) and the end of site states Waste Issues Group (WIG), which should bring clarity on roles, relationships and responsibilities of the different organisations dealing with waste materials and help the NDA explain their decisions, policies and timetables.

2246 Among the items discussed were:

- Terms of Reference – National and local
- The overall aims
- Membership and communications
- Work patterns

2247 Discussions and debates centred on the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM).

2248 The process is becoming more cohesive, with many strands being woven together to complete the process of decommissioning.

2249 Col Smythe requested comments from the quorum, and asked whether minutes were available from the National SSG. Mrs Whenday advised that minutes are not available, but that she would put together a bullet point list of items discussed.

S Moules 2250 S Moules to talk to organisers regarding a summary of output, and making the presentations available.

IX PRESENTATION ON FINAL END STATE CONSULTATION BY SEAN MOULES, NDA PROGRAMME MANAGER

2251 S Moules presented the End-State Consultation, an extract from the NDA Strategy Document to those present. Copies of the draft consultation paper were circulated to members prior to the meeting. The NDA would welcome suggestions and feedback.

2252 The following questions were tabled:

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- What is going to happen to the site, and had any thought been put to the equipment going to museums? Requests of this nature should be directed to S Moules.
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- National Nuclear Museum may be at Berkeley, National archive – suggestions to the SSG.
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- Who has the final say on the End State of the site? S Moules advised that the NDA would consider the wishes of the local population.
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- Will money be available to have a professional poll, maybe distributed by mail shot?

2257 It was noted that this should be included in the Shepway Long Term Plan stating that the site will be used for re-development.

X CORRESPONDENCE

2258 A list of correspondence that had been sent out since the last SSG meeting had been circulated.

2259 Col Smythe informed those present that a meeting would be held with J Rogers Waste Manager at Dungeness A to discuss Low Level Waste (LLW). A Working Group would meet on 26th May and it was agreed that the following would attend to represent the SSG - Col Smythe, Mr A Parry, Mrs L Whenday and Cllr C Albrow. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the management of waste from Dungeness A Power Station.

XI ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT BY K HUDSON

2260 The Dungeness B Environmental Review was circulated prior to the meeting.

2261 Mr Dicker the Environmental Co-ordinator for Dungeness A, advised the meeting that he had an addition to the Agenda – Environment Report Content Questionnaire to the SSG. The questionnaire is designed to get SSG members views and requirements for the Environmental Report, which is presented, at the SSG meetings.

XII REPORT ON MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2262 A report prepared by P Warham, Emergency Preparedness Engineering Dungeness A was circulated with the Agenda. There were no comments or questions.

XIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT

2263 No issues.

XIV DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLOCATING A PRESS OFFICER FOR SSG

2264 The increasing volume of media interest was raised, especially on the views of residents and SSG members. He suggested a Press Officer attached to the SSG and able to field these enquiries on behalf of the SSG. The Stations have good press officers, but as the SSG is an independent body it was felt that it should have an independent Press Officer.

2265 The SSG needs someone locally, for this role and Mrs Whenday was elected as spokesperson.

XV PROPOSAL for AGM

2266 It was noted that an AGM had not been held previously, although it is included in the SSG constitution. It was suggested that the next meeting could become the AGM and opened to the public. It was considered that the meeting should be held in the evening. Possible venues were also discussed.

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2267 Steering Group to consider; venue, dates and make recommendation.

XVI NDA UPDATE – SEAN MOULES, NDA PROGRAMME MANAGER

2268 Sean Moules gave a presentation on the NDA Strategy and Annual Update.

2269 The meeting was advised of the considerable achievements had been made over the past year:

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- Real decommissioning progress at all sites
 - Early cost savings achieved of 7%
 - Progress on skills including a National Nuclear Skills Academy
 - Better understanding of liabilities, a lot of work has been done, but there is still a long way to go.
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Socio-economic support
 - The MXD plant at Dungeness is the first in the UK

2271 The following questions were asked:

2272 Q: Who will run the Sellafield Site?

A: S Moules advised that the sites would go to competition to decide who runs it.

2273 Q: Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) – How much of an impact will this have on the NDA strategy.

A: Quite a considerable impact, it is believed that deep geological storage is the way forward. The cost range will be £11 – £16 Billion for a lifetime repository.

XVII ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2274 An SSG Website was discussed and whether it would be administered by the NDA. The following queries were also raised:

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- What would go on it?
 - Should SSG committee members be listed on it? By name and group representing only. (A Proforma was circulated in the Agenda pack, which should be forwarded to the Communications Team at Dungeness A.)
 - Should Steering Group/SSG minutes be added to it?

- 2276 It was agreed that SSG involvement could be expanded, as we grow in confidence.
- 2277 One suggestion was for a two-tier website: one aimed at schoolchildren, because it would too easy to tie it up with acronyms, and another at a higher level.
- 2278 Mrs Whenday suggested that the SSG begin participating in the Website as a way of letting people know that we are here.
- 2279 Cllr Snoad complimented Dungeness A station and staff on obtaining the ROSPA Gold Award.

XIX DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 2280 Steering Group to agree date of next meeting.