

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING

DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE

THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2009

Attendance:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mrs L Barry	-	Minute Taker
Mr B Botley	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Cllr Mrs V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr B Gadd	-	East Sussex County Council
Mr T Ganner	-	Environment Agency
Mr R Hinds	-	London Ashford Airport
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway District Council
Mr D Jackson	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Cllr M Kenward	-	Rother District Council
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Cllr Mrs M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Ms T McRoberts	-	University Folkestone
Mr D Murphy	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chairman
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Cllr T Preston	-	Dymchurch Parish Council
Mr C Richards	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr S Shaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Mr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr I Squire	-	NDA
Ms M Stott	-	Environment Agency
Ms M Stuart	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Mr R Thompson	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr P Warham	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr Mrs C Waters	-	Shepway District Council
Mrs D Webb	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Dr C Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents' Association

I INTRODUCTION

- 2625 Col. Smythe welcomed members and guests to the 8th meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were received:

Ms L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mr J Burrows	-	NII (Dun A)
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Earnshaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr M England	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Gilliland	-	Office Civil Nuclear Security
Mr T Hills	-	Varne Boat Club
Mr D Jackson	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Mr N Johnstone	-	Kent County Council
Cllr D Kersey	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mr G McHale	-	Veolia Water Southeast
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Mr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Mrs J Newton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr M Tyrer	-	NII (Dun B)
Mr D Warner	-	NDA
Mr T Wells	-	Dungeness A Site
Mr J Wiggins	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2009

2626 The minutes of the 7th Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 9th April 2009 were agreed as an accurate record.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

2627 A list of correspondence distributed to SSG members was circulated.

V MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 7th MEETING

2628 None.

VI SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS A SITE

2629 Carl Richards, Engineering Manager presented the Site Director's Report for Dungeness A.

2630 Col. Smythe advised that Socio-economic funding had benefited some deserving causes locally despite there being a lot of competition from the North.

2631 Tracey McRobert, Bridge to Business Project Co-ordinator for the University Centre Folkestone and University of Greenwich explained how she had twice successfully bid and won funds to set up community outreach workshops allowing people over 18 years of age to benefit from 18 hour university ‘taster’ courses.

2632 The application from Socio-economic Funding is available on www.magnoxsouthsites.com/communications.

2633 Q - Information on the MXD is being shared across the Magnox estates, is this all we are sharing or will their waste be coming to Dungeness?
A - No, we are only sharing information.

2634 Q - Is Dungeness still discharging out to the buoy?
A - Yes Dungeness A is still discharging to the sea. The buoy is the position of what was the sea-water intake which is no longer used by us.

2635 Q - Could the CW system be re-opened if another station is built?
A - It is probable that a new station would use a different system.

VII NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESESS A SITE

2636 No issues

VIII NDA UPDATE

2637 Iain Squire presented the NDA Update Report for Magnox South Ltd.

2638 Iain explained that due to funding restrictions there were many innovations being explored and that these are the pillars of decommissioning.

2639 Col. Smythe gave a brief overview of the recent National Stakeholder Group (NSG) meeting and explained that a report is available which summarises what happens at these meetings and also contains information on Dungeness, this is available from www.nda.gov.uk/stakeholders.

IX SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESESS B POWER STATION

2640 Graham Finn, Site Director presented the Report for Dungeness B.

2641 Q - There are concerns that the beach feeding has been stopped.
A - Planning permission for the beach feeding was granted for a 10 year period and has now expired. Our planning application to continue Beach Feeding was not supported by Natural England, who have concerns that continued gravel extraction from the Borrow Pit is impacting on an internationally important area as it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
This case is long standing and complex and KCC have the application under review, actively considering an alternative source of shingle.

- 2642 Q - Is this being treated as urgent?
A - The application to continue beach feeding was made over two years ago, two years before the permit ran out.
- 2643 Q - If this application is refused will it be forever?
A - KCC will make the final decision.
- 2644 Q - Is the bund around the stations sufficient?
A - The bund is sufficient to protect the stations.
- 2645 Q - What is the timescale for a solution?
A - The Stations have spoken to KCC who are trying to help.
- 2646 Q - If the application is approved by KCC will Natural England abide by the decision?
A - A Natural England spokesperson answered - it is not possible to answer this as it will be done on a case by case basis.
- 2647 Q - Natural England has objected to the application for shingle extraction, but have you suggested alternatives?
A - A Natural England spokesperson answered – we are very much involved and have gone through alternatives suggested.
- 2648 Q - The shingle bank is being erected to protect against tidal surges, but won't they go through it?
A - No, shingle is a good absorber although it will be damaged. Also, there are bunds placed around the sites.
- 2649 Q - Six apprentices have been taken on, are they local to the Marsh?
A - Three are from the Marsh the remainder from Ashford and other areas.
- 2650 Q - What are the entry requirements for the apprenticeships?
A - Apprenticeships are open to anyone at any age; there is no academic level only for the Graduate intake. Applicants are tested using an industry standard. We are due to meet with the Marsh Academy and are hoping to forge close links with them.

X NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B POWER STATION

- 2651 No issues.

XI ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR DUNGENES POWER STATIONS

- 2652 Q - Are there any long term effects from the reported leak?
A - Ground water flow means that it will flow out to sea; it is not possible for it to feedback to drinking water supplies.

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Suggest future dates be agreed a year in advance on a rolling programme so that EA can attend.

XII CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY (CNC) OVERVIEW

- 2654 Q - There are two concerns regarding movement of spent fuel from Dungeness. One is that there appears to be a weak link at Lydd i.e. the train has to stop and open the gates; shouldn't these be open?
A - On transportation days there are officers observing the train. The CNC do not have powers to open the gates but it can be raised.
- 2655 Q - The other concern is the old Station building at Lydd which isn't checked.
A - There is no requirement to escort shipments of spent fuel.
- 2656 L Whenday thanked the CNC on behalf of the residents at Dungeness for their support.
- 2657 Q - Hopefully we'll be chosen as a site for new build, could these sites be targeted?
A - Operationally this is a great concern, but isn't seen as a bigger threat radiologically. Does it present opportunities for derailment of nuclear power – of course, but it can be dealt with. It doesn't present more of a target at Dungeness.
- 2658 Q - Do you liaise with the Range Boat?
A - Yes, we also liaise with the Coast Guard, Range Rangers and other agencies.

XIII ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

2659 No issues.

XIV REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (EPCC) HELD ON 23RD JULY 2009 AND UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SCHEME TRAINING FOR DUNGENESS A SITE.

- 2660 Comment/request: Stop using the abbreviation 'KI' for Potassium Iodate tablets, it's confusing.
- 2661 Q - Will the new tablets be delivered as previously we have had to collect them?
A - This will be reviewed and the 'best fit' found.
- 2662 Q - Have provisions been made for visitors to the area?

A - Supplies of tablets have been made available at public houses and other Reception Centres. If a major event occurred, people would be taken to Reception Centres.

2663 Q - Would evacuation be carried out by the Police and Army?

A - Help would be enlisted from all the agencies.

XV FEEDBACK ON ILW WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop was to consider potential simpler and cheaper solutions to the current Lifetime Plan for Magnox South sites' interim storage of Intermediate Level Waste ready for final disposal. The current Nirex boxes used have to be housed in purpose built stores on each of the sites costing many millions of pounds. An alternative considered was the Ductile Cast Iron Container (Yellow Box). Summary attached.

2664 Q - Where are the 'Yellow' boxes going?

A - After interim storage on site for some tens of years, they would go underground into a geological disposal facility (location yet to be agreed and facility constructed).

2665 Q - At what point will these decisions be made as a lot of members of the public don't know the difference between fuel rods and radiological waste?

A - The workshop was very good at avoiding jargon and the final report will be published and shared with the SSG in the next few months.

2666 Q - Are the boxes already being used on site?

A - Yes, there are three boxes on site, but they are being used to store spent resins for an interim storage period until 2012.

XVI REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

2667 An observation was made that LLAG have been afforded stakeholder status at Lydd.

A - They do have an established membership and are concerned with safety should another building go up.

2668 Q - Kent and Essex Fisheries are listed together.

A - Yes they are joint. Kent does not have a stand alone organisation.

2669 The changes to the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group Constitution were accepted and agreed. They will be forwarded to the NDA as required.

XVII ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2670 Articles for Shepway Today can also be included in local papers. They also have funding available.

XVIII DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next Site Stakeholder Group Annual General Meeting is **Thursday 3rd December 2009** at 19:00 hours, venue The Old School, Church Lane, New Romney.