



Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group - notes

MEETING OF RECRUITMENT SUB-GROUP OF THE SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – Hunterston A SSG

Wednesday 14th March 2007 in Conference Room 1, Hunterston A, West Kilbride

PRESENT

North Ayrshire Council

Councillor Richard Wilkinson (Chair)

National Farmers Union

Mr Daniel Reed

Community Councillors

Mr Peter Macfarlane – Largs

Mrs Rita Holmes – Fairlie

Mr John Lamb – West Kilbride

Mr Kenny MacDougall – Ardrossan

British Nuclear Group

Mrs Jennifer Gillie

Mr Tony Bale

Members of the public were not in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr Peter Roach, Mrs A Russell-Stevenson, Mr A Cochran Patrick, Mrs Eleanor Lamont and Councillor J Moffat

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Councillor Wilkinson welcomed the members of the sub group of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). He announced that Mrs Eleanor Lamont had stood down as a member of the SSG with immediate effect and thanked her for her vast contribution to the SSG since its formation.

2. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES PLC REPORT

The sub group were notified by Councillor Wilkinson that thus far two relevant authorities had replied to the findings of the report. Firstly, the Office for Civil Nuclear Security said that they had “no objections to the recommendations”. Furthermore, the North Ayrshire Council replied to say that the recommendation of a fully de-licensed site “would not conflict with any long term plans the council has for the area”.

Ms Rita Holmes wished to highlight that she was unhappy with the report's opinion on the risks relating to soil cleaning.

The subject of “new build” was re-discussed, with the sub group concluding that there are no certainties with regards to this matter in the near or distant future, and that there was no more to add to this subject at this juncture.

It was agreed that the campaign to gain public opinion was a success, although there were some areas that could have been improved upon which will assist the SSG in any future public consultation. It was highlighted that the SSG had created an “open door” for the public to air their opinions and had advertised this opportunity well via the local press, road-shows etc.

The sub group concluded that it would be a good idea for the views of the individual members of the SSG to be collated and submitted to local libraries for the benefit of the local press and the general public.

3. CONSTITUTION

It has been agreed that the Civil Nuclear Constabulary is to become a new (non voting) member of the SSG.

The sub group concluded that it was the responsibility of Hunterston B (work force) to decide who from their 2 trade unions would represent them as a new member on the SSG.

It was decided that within the constitution Hunterston House should now be referred to as the “Hunterston Estate”.

When discussing the length of term that any one member can have within the SSG Councillor Wilkinson asked that with regards to the wording, rather than a comma after “four years” it was changed to a full stop.

On the matter of co-opting new members to the SSG, it was decided that “the SSG will have the power to co-opt up to five persons to maintain the continuity of the work of the SSG”.

The sub group also discussed the issue of attendance, a suggestion being “members who have not attended three consecutive meetings of the main group will be deemed to have resigned”, this not including those members who out of courtesy have issued apologies.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Wilkinson explained that he had enjoyed his time as chairman but as he had secured a senior position within a political party he did not feel that it was appropriate to stand again for chairman and that he would not wish to be considered for re-election.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

Councillor Wilkinson closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Councillor Richard Wilkinson
SSG Chair