

Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group - Notes

SUB-GROUP MEETING OF THE SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP - Hunterston A SSG meeting to discuss invitation to tender on Site End State.

Monday 28th August 2006 in Conference Room 1, Hunterston A, West Kilbride

PRESENT

North Ayrshire Council

Councillor Richard Wilkinson (Chair)

National Farmers Union

Mrs Eleanor Lamont (Deputy Chair)

Community Councillors

Mrs Rita Holmes - Fairlie
Mr John Robertson - Largs

British Nuclear Group

Mrs Alyson Russell-Stevenson (SSG Secretariat)

Hunterston Estate

Mr Angus Cochran Patrick

British Energy

Mr Kenneth Brearley

Members of the public were not in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr Peter Roach, Mr Kenneth MacDougall, Mr John Lamb, Mr Tom Ungi, and Mr Ian Frame.

1. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Mrs Eleanor Lamont welcomed the members of the sub-group of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). She explained this was a follow on from the last sub group on the 19th July 2006 where a start was made on agreeing on public consultation on Site End State.

2. MEMBERS

The minutes of the last Sub Group meeting on the 19th July 2006 were amended and agreed as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Mr Robertson stated that he had attended a meeting of the Largs Community Council and had informed them that the SSG were planning to expand. He said that they had concerns that the SSG might get the wrong sort of people from what they wanted. Mr Robertson informed them that he did not see this happening.

Councillor Wilkinson inputted that at the last meeting it was agreed that the SSG was going to expand and adverts would go in the press. This did not happen over July and August as he felt that it was not the right time what with summer holidays. He felt that it should be left till after the next SSG meeting on the 19th September with the hope that the SSG would have expanded for the SSG meeting in November.

Mrs Lamont added that this was now on going and in Councillor Wilkinson's hands.

Councillor Wilkinson moved on to discuss expenses. He informed the group that himself and Mrs Lamont had had a meeting with Mr Roach, with the outcome being that Mr Roach was putting a proposal together to put forward to Mr Bargelt but there had not been any more feedback. The proposal is for a higher amount of money for the deputy chair and the chair to keep them in line with other SSG groups. Also remuneration for members of the SSG that attend the MIG's and WIG's meetings.

4. INVITATION TO TENDER

Mrs Lamont started with the fact of the good progress was being made to date and it was agreed that there would have a public consultation on Site End State. She moved on that the SSG Subgroup needed to agree on the tender document and the list of tenders.

Mr Robertson informed the group that he has put the Site End State information that he has received to a consultancy that he will not name as yet. Waiting until the consultant gets back to him whether or not he has an interest.

The group discussed the tender document that Mrs Russell-Stevenson had produced for the group on behalf of the SSG with the help of the procurement department at Hunterston A. There was the question of if one company would do the whole job – BPEO and the public consultation (PR, leaflet drops etc)

The result of the discussion was in the scope of work there would be two phases. The first phase would be for the BPEO study and the second phase would be to carry out the public consultation. It would be up to the possible tenders if they wished to tender for both phases or just one.

The group went through the document and the scope of work wording was changed so that it was worded to say 'Magnox Electric Ltd on behalf of the Hunterston A SSG'. To make aware to the tenders that it was the Hunterston A SSG that are leading this project.

The discussion went on to the timescale that the SSG have to complete the Site End State Consultation. Mrs Lamont addressed the meeting that she, Councillor Wilkinson, Mr Roach and Mrs Russell-Stevenson attended with the Scottish Executive on the 9th August 2006. If the group do not submit their proposal to the NDA by the deadline of March 2007, the Hunterston A view would not be taken into account with the NDA.

Mrs Russell-Stevenson stated to the group that there is a tight schedule for the group to follow to meet the compulsory 12 week public consultation and make the deadline.

The group then moved on to the discussion of the list of Invitations To Tenders, the list was agreed and the members were given till 12pm on the 29th August 2006 to contact Mrs Russell-Stevenson with any further options to be added to the list.

Mrs Lamont added that Mr Lamb wants the winning tender to provide a CV of any additional companies that they may use to produce the information asked from the SSG. This was noted in the tender.

Mrs Lamont moved on to the date of the 8th September 2006 at 11 o'clock to have the tenders back in. This was put to Mrs Russell-Stevenson that Mr Lamb wanted to make sure that the tenders would be secure. Mrs Russell-Stevenson pointed out that the security on the nuclear site is paramount and that they would be totally secure. She then pointed out that a member of the SSG could be there to witness the event.

Dates were agreed on the timescales for the suggested programme. The contract would be awarded by the 14th September 2006 with the signing of the contract on the 18th September 2006. On this date a member of the SSG is required to sign.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Lamont asked the group if they wished to discuss the issue of the independent consultant at this time.

Mrs Holmes said that she would like to make sure that John Large was a possibility, as in her view he is a superb expert and not giving the industry line.

Mrs Russell-Stevenson stated that the independent consultant would need to produce an unbiased report. Also that the group would need to wait and see who puts in for tender.

Mrs Lamont stated that she was interested in getting information from a university. Mrs Holmes stated that she has no faith in universities as they do not know the pitfalls of the nuclear industry.

It was agreed by the group to postpone the discussion of the independent consultants.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

Mrs Lamont closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their continued support and commitment for attending meetings, and their preparation beforehand in reading the 'mountains of paperwork' which had become part of being a member of the SSG.

Mrs Eleanor Lamont
SSG Deputy Chair