

**OLDBURY ON SEVERN
POWER STATION SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE GABLES INN
ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:

Mr M Lynden (in the chair)	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr D Burgess	-	Alkington Parish Council
Cllr D Dovey	-	Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr C Evers	-	Glos Assn of Parish and Town Councils
Cllr R Griffin	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Dr L Hales		
Cllr N Halsall	-	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr P Hassell	-	Bristol City Council
Cllr M Hawkins	-	Aust Parish Council
Cllr G Vaughan-Lewis	-	Alkington Parish Council
Mr J McNally	-	Staff Representative
Cllr Mrs P Parsloe	-	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr M Pirie	-	Falfield Parish Council
Cllr M Riddle	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr J O'Neill	-	South Gloucestershire Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr M Ghannad	-	Office for Nuclear Regulation
Cllr R Birch	-	Forest of Dean District Council
Mr M Lester	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Ms C Iemboli	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Dr R MacGregor	-	Environment Agency
Ms G Ellis-King	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Mr N Haycock	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Dr P Sprague	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr M Castle	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr M Pratt	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Ms Z Young	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mrs E Vaughan Lewis	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Ms L Jones	-	Wylfa Power Station
Mr B Delve		
Mr W Gill		
Dr K Graupner		
Mr J Chare		
Ms L Hutchinson		
Ms M Sauvebois		
Cllr Mrs J Lyons	-	Olveston Parish Council
Ms V Tutin	-	Olveston Parish Council
Mr D Wride	-	Lower Severn Drainage Board

I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 Mr Lynden welcomed members of the Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group to the meeting which was being held following the annual joint meeting of the Oldbury and Berkeley groups.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bloomfield, Ms A Chapman, Cllr C Clifford, Mr P Harrop, Mr M Johnson, Mr J Kempster, Mr P Kennedy, Cllr G Locke, Ms A Paine, Cllr J C Rawlinson and Cllr B Wilcox.

III MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Accuracy

- 3 The minutes of the SSG meeting held on 20 July 2011 and the minutes of the Socio-Economic Sub-Group meeting held on the same date were approved as accurate records.

(b) Matters arising

- 4 There were no matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings.

IV PUBLIC FORUM

- 5 Mr Lynden invited members of the public to raise any issues which might not arise in later discussions.
- 6 Cllr Hawkins asked two questions that were based on items in the NDA report given at the earlier joint meeting. These were on the items entitled 'Future of Sellafield MOX plant' and 'Sellafield performance plan published'. It was agreed these questions would be forwarded on to the NDA representative, who was not present at this meeting, to answer.
- 7 Cllr Griffin commented that Oldbury was a site originally built with a 25 year lifespan. Following the announcement that the final reactor will be shut down in 2012, Cllr Griffin would like to congratulate the site for safe operations for over 40 years and the engineering capabilities that had allowed this to happen.
- 8 Cllr Hassell asked for an update on the long term progress of development of a national geological repository for radioactive waste. It was agreed that the site would send on to Cllr Hassell a copy of the NDA's recent interactive DVD that covered this topic.
- 9 Cllr Mrs Parsloe asked what effect the slightly earlier than planned shutdown of Reactor One at the site would have on employment. Cllr

Mrs Parsloe asked if some jobs would be at risk or if natural wastage would cover any redundancies or if retraining of staff was possible.

(i) Mr Sprague replied that there was currently a high age profile on the site and that retirement would be an option looked into. He went on to discuss the long timescales involved with defueling and that the site would be unable to reduce staffing numbers on site without prior agreement from its regulators, and that emergency schemes would be maintained. Mr Sprague added that the site would be engaging with its workforce and the trade unions, but that Magnox had dealt successfully with exactly this situation in the past and that the site would apply the same principles as had been used before.

V REPORTS NOT COVERED AT JOINT MEETING

(a) Office for Nuclear Regulation

10 Dr Ghannad reported on his activities as ONR Site Inspector for Oldbury, drawing particular attention to the following:

- (i) Referring to the recently announced decision to cease generation at Oldbury, he said this decision had been made on economic grounds and that the ONR were involved in the preparation of a new safety case.
- (ii) Inter-reactor transfer of fuel continued at Oldbury to allow Reactor One to continue to generate.
- (iii) Dr Ghannad reminded the group about the changes taking place within ONR and that more information could be found in his written report.

(b) Environment Agency

11 Dr MacGregor presented a report from the Environment Agency, drawing particular attention to the following:

- (i) A revised permit has been issued for Oldbury site. This does not change the discharge levels allowed for the site but represents a change to an updated format of permit, with a minor alteration in relation to the solid waste disposal route.
- (ii) Copies of the RASCAR reports for Oldbury are available on the public register. Recent site inspections have included topics such as environmental monitoring and disposal of radioactive effluents with no non-compliances.

- (iii) An end of permit review will be undertaken for Oldbury in the coming weeks. This is a legal requirement placed on the EA as a regulator.
- (iv) The EA require the site to do a programme of work around its environmental impact, but the EA also do their own independent monitoring and details of these results can be found in the RIFE 2010 report, which is now available from the EA's website. The monitoring undertaken allows a more accurate report of doses to the public from the site's activities to be calculated.

VI ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12 No business.

VII DATE TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT JOINT MEETING

13 It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 18 January 2012 at 1pm at Oldbury Conference Centre.

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15 November 2011