

**OLDBURY ON SEVERN POWER STATION
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT
EASTWOOD PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008**

PRESENT:

Cllr M Lynden(in the chair)	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr C Evers	-	Glos Assn of Parish and Town Councils
Cllr K Graupner	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr N Halsall	-	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr M Hawkins	-	Aust Parish Council
Ms R Kitson	-	Hill Parish Meeting
Ms M Bitton	-	Hill Parish Meeting
Cllr Mrs J Lyons	-	Olveston Parish Council
Rev D Primrose	-	Oldbury Power Station Chaplain
Cllr M Riddle	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr V Shenoi	-	Forest of Dean District Council
Mr J Stanton	-	Stroud District Council
Cllr Mrs V Tutin	-	Olveston Parish Council
Cllr M Whiteside	-	Stroud District Council
Mr B Willcox	-	Alveston Parish Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr S Barker	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr M Lester	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Dr M Ghannad	-	NII
Dr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Ms A Lillycrop	-	Environment Agency
Mr J Lamonby	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr J C Bishton	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr P Clarke	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Ms M Hausrath	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Ms S Postans	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Ms E Vaughan Lewis	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr M J Davis (Secretary)		

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 Cllr Lynden welcomed members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Billing, Mr P Booth, Mr M Dalziel, Dr L Hales, Mr A Jardine, Mr B S Kirk, Mr G Laverack.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Accuracy

3 The minutes of the following meetings were approved as correct records:

SSG Meeting held on 6 August 2008

Socio-Economic Sub-Group Meeting held on 6 August 2008

(b) Matters arising

Socio-Economic Funding

4 Cllr Lynden reported that a further meeting of the Socio-Economic Sub Group had been held on the morning prior to this meeting. Recommendations had been made to the station on funding to be invested in various local organisations.

QUARTER 3 REPORTS (Issues not dealt with at Joint Meeting)

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

5 Mr Barker drew attention to the following issues which had not been addressed at the preceding joint meeting:

- (i) He was pleased with the continued good performance of the station. He felt that the industrial safety performance, with two years since a lost time accident, was a particularly creditable achievement and he expressed his congratulations to the station.
- (ii) The business case for extending generation at Oldbury beyond the end of 2008 had been endorsed by the NDA Board.
- (iii) Consultation on the draft business plan was invited via the NDA website.

6 Mr Barker pointed out that he was in due course to take up a post as Lead Site Programme Manager with responsibility for Magnox South. He would continue to act as a point of contact for this Group until his successor was recruited.

Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

7 Dr Ghannad reported on the NII's inspection activities at Oldbury Power Station, drawing particular attention to the following:

- (i) Routine inspections had continued throughout the period and there had been a number of visits by specialist inspectors.
- (ii) The station's good safety performance had been maintained and there had been no significant nuclear safety events or accidents.

- (iii) Good progress had been made in the assessment of the reactor core graphite safety case. The licensee had supplied additional information to support the case.
- (iv) The inspection of channels within the reactors gave additional confidence in the reactor core graphite safety case. An undertaking had been given to carry out additional inspections in the event of a reactor trip from power.
- (v) A proposed additional fuel integrity monitoring system had been approved by the NII. Its installation was a condition for the return to service of Reactor 1. The licensee intended to install the system on both reactors.
- (vi) A safety case to justify operation beyond the end of 2008 was currently with the NII's assessors. No major issues had been identified to date.
- (vii) The Level 1 emergency exercise carried out in July had been considered an adequate demonstration of the arrangements and had identified some excellent practices and procedures in a challenging exercise scenario.
- (viii) Separate licences had been granted for Magnox North and Magnox South on 1 October.

8 In reply to a question from Cllr Whiteside, Dr Ghannad explained that additional reactor core inspections were to be undertaken in the event of a reactor trip due to the possible effects of a temperature transient which followed such a trip.

Environment Agency

9 Dr Mountford-Lister reported on current issues including:

- (i) The necessary consents had been given by the Agency to allow the separation of Magnox North and Magnox South on 1 October.
- (ii) The Agency had asked the operator for a statement of the environmental impact of extending operation at Oldbury beyond the end of the year. This assessment had included the saving of the carbon dioxide emissions which would otherwise result from generation of the output at a fossil-fuelled station and the use of the facility to its design end point; no adverse environmental impact had been identified.
- (iii) A team inspection had been carried out recently. The staff at the station demonstrated a positive safety culture and they were prepared to respond to valid comment and work together to bring about identified improvements. Issues identified would be pursued during routine inspections.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No Business

DATE TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

10 Dates for future meetings were noted as follows:

It is proposed to hold the next SSG meeting on the same date as the site's community event.

The SSG will take place on 21 January 2009 at 7.30pm and the location will be the Orangery at Tortworth Court. This will be preceded, at 5pm, by a community event looking at the site's plans for the next period. All SSG members are invited to the community event and will receive an invitation in due course.

22 April 2009, commencing at 1pm – venue TBC

22 July 2009, commencing at 1pm – venue TBC

MJD

17 November 2008