



WINFRITH SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG) MEETING

Meeting Reference **SG10**

Date Tuesday 13th October 2009

Venue Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mrs Sandra Ellis, SSG Chairman, welcomed everyone to the 10th meeting; she extended a warm welcome back to Kitty who was once again able to produce the refreshments for the meeting after an accident earlier in the year. Apologies were received from Susan Adams, Malcolm Barnes and Mark Sturgess.

Mrs Ellis continued her introduction by giving an overview of the last National Stakeholder Group Meeting (NSG) attended in May. She explained that all the Chairs from the Site Stakeholder Groups meet the day before the main meeting and discuss any issues they would like raised and put directly to the NDA. She asked the meeting if they would like any issues raised by her, there was no response but stakeholders can contact Mrs Ellis or raise any questions through the secretariat emma.burwood@research-sites.com. The next NSG is in Manchester on the 18/19th November.

Since the last SSG the site held an open evening for stakeholders in July, the Chair wanted to thank all those involved for arranging an informative and interesting evening, in all approximately 60 people attended.

Also since the last meeting a sub group met and visited Arish Mell (during August), again Mrs Ellis expressed her thanks to RSRL for facilitating this visit.

2. Research Sites Restoration Ltd Update – Mr Andy Staples

Mr Staples began his presentation by explaining that he is now the Operations Director (RSRL) which means that he is now working between the Winfrith and Harwell sites.

The Operations Director continued to explain who the RSRL management team are, see link for further information, website <http://www.research-sites.com/about-research-sites-restoration/management-team>, they operate Winfrith under contract to the NDA. He explained that Babcocks Ltd has now purchased UKAEA Ltd and now Babcocks have a parent body contract to the NDA.

RSRL Update

- The last safety incident at Winfrith was in July 2008. Fundamental goal of RSRL to go to work and go home safely.
- Cost – spent £26.06 million pounds, strive to deliver good value.
- Scheduled Performance Index – .91%, this means that out of the work scheduled RSRL achieved .91% of it.
- Cost Performance Index – 1.13%. Work achieved was achieved 1.13% less than was budgeted.

Update from the Site

- Relatively high levels of Zinc identified in discharges, these are non radioactive. The cause being that when the soil was brought in from 'Purbeck Gate' levels were slightly higher and the rain water has since washed it out.
- 20/30 drums left to complete at WETP, very successful project.
- Over 55 tonnes of metal waste has been cleaned through the Winfrith Abrasive Cleaning Machine (WACM)

Forward Thinking

- Emergency Services - currently reviewing what we require on terms of cover. The hazard on site has reduced dramatically.
- Effluent services – rationalisation of effluent system on site.
- Reviewing options for the overall programme for RSRL. Currently care and maintenance at Winfrith, some operations at Harwell. Various options have been looked at and this will be taken forward to the NDA, this will hopefully be concluded early in the new year.

Mr Staples concluded his presentation by explaining where facilities on the site had been decommissioned and what was still to do.

3. Update from the NDA – Malcolm Barents

Mr Barents who is the site programme manager for RSRL, gave a short presentation on NDA issues;

- NDA Business plan 2010 – 2103, will shortly be going out for public consultation, it is an opportunity for comment.
- 2008/2009 Annual report published – New report is now available on the NDA website www.nda.gov.uk
- New Chief Executive appointed – Tony Fountain took up his post as CEO on the 1st October.
- Low Level Waste strategy – Mr Barents reported that the NDA are one step closer to finalising the UK strategy for the Management of Solid Low Level Radioactive Waste from the UK Nuclear Industry.
- Mr Barents informed the meeting that Winfrith has had significant international interest in particular from Japan. Japan has a reactor similar to SGHWR and representatives from Japan have visited on a number of occasions to try and learn about the decommissioning already performed on SGHWR. A secondee is currently working at SGHWR for a few months.
- National Stakeholder Group Meeting – reports from the NDA's 8th NSG can be found on the website www.nda.gov.uk

4. Regulators

a) Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) – David Hanratty

Mr Hanratty gave a brief summary of his written report a copy of which can be found at <http://www.research-sites.com/archived-records?folder=/Stakeholder%20Groups%20Minutes%20and%20Papers/Winfrith%20Local%20Stakeholders>

b) Environment Agency – David Prescott

Mr Prescott gave a brief summary of his written report a copy of which can be found at along with his contact details.

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5. History of the Pipeline – Steve Withers

Steve Withers gave an informative overview of the waste effluent system on and off site. He explained about the maintenance of the pipeline and the route it took to reach the final destination at Arish Mell.

The presentation concluded by showing a historical DVD on the construction of the pipeline.

6. Update on the Technology Centre

Ben Flatman from Rumney Design submitted a written report on the progress at Dorset Green since the last meeting, Sandra Ellis read out the main highlights as follows;

Consultation Event at Dorset Green 30 – 31st July

Zog Group and Rumney Design hosted a consultation event at the conference centre on the Dorset Green site during the summer. This was divided into a day aimed at tenants and a day aimed at stakeholders from the local community and wider region. Both events were well attended, with presentations made by Zog Group on the masterplan and a brief overview of the rebranding process.

The response from tenants was generally positive with a widespread enthusiasm shown for the idea of regenerating the site. Comments from the stakeholder day included the need to emphasise green and sustainable transport and the desire for direct benefits to flow from the Dorset Green development to the local community.

A representative then gave a brief overview on the recyclable waste plant proposed for the site, he reported that the planning was in the preparation stage and it is intended that they make an application Jan/Feb 2010.

7. Any other Business

Nick Holt, from Inutec Ltd, formally Waste Management Technology Ltd (WMTL) gave a brief presentation on the name change and rebranding of the company. He explained that there was no change of ownership or management.

Q) Do you bring radioactive waste on to the site?

A) Yes, subject to the NII and Tenant Safety Requirements.

Sandra Ellis thanked Nick Holt for his presentation and concluded the meeting by thanking all of those who attended, she highlighted the NDA website and RSRL Website as excellent sources of up to date information and encouraged people to have a look.

Mrs Ellis explained that as her role as Chairman of the SSG she would be attending the National Stakeholder Group meeting and asked if any member of the audience would like her to raise a question directly to the NDA? No response was given from the audience.

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