



WINFRITH SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG) MEETING

Meeting Reference **SG11**

Date Monday 26th April 2010
Venue Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mrs Sandra Ellis, SSG Chairman, welcomed everyone to the 11th meeting. Apologies were received from Steve Parkinson (Nuvia) and Malcolm Barents (NDA).

Mrs Ellis continued her introduction by giving an overview of the last two National Stakeholder Group Meetings (NSG's) attended since the last meeting in October. She explained that there have been many changes in NDA personnel and the meetings seemed a lot less confrontational. There were many issues covered at the NSG, and if members of the audience were interested there is a very good feedback on the events found on the NDA website. Sandra highlighted the idea that the NDA would like to re visit the end site states report, she was under the belief that WSSG could add nothing further to the original report and fed her comments back to the NDA. Mrs Ellis also reported that the NDA were beginning to review how to carry on with stakeholder engagement, she would report back any findings.

Since the last meeting the chair had responded to the draft business plan send out by the NDA, she explained that an email was sent to all members for comments, however disappointingly she received no comments. If members would like a copy of the letter sent to the NDA then please contact emma.burwood@research-sites.com. Sandra continued to explain that the NDA sent a response to her submission and they explained that in total they received 25 responses from a wide range of stakeholders. The response and consultation of draft business plan 2010-2013 can be found on the NDA website together with the now issued business plan. www.nda.gov.uk

2. Update from RSRL

Mr Andy Staples began his presentation by explaining that RSRL has had an interesting and very successful full year in its first year as a site licensed company. He continued to explain that UKAEA Ltd is now owned by private sector Babcock Group Ltd.

The Operations Director reported on RSRL's achievements during the last year;

- RSRL won a RoSPA Dilmun Environmental Award, a significant achievement.
- All the sludge processing has now been completed through the Waste Encapsulation Treatment Plant.

- The offices associated the ZEBRA reactor have been demolished, the area will be left to naturally regenerate back to heathland.
- Winfrith established a Very Low Level Waste route to deal with the remainder of the A59 rubble
- The internal PACE project and Management System Improvement Projects began

Mr Staples then began to explain how RSRL were responsive to customer requirements, showing the before and after photographs of the ZEBRA reactor which was taken down after receiving additional funding from the NDA. Also tanks were taken out of the Dragon reactor and cut up; they were then put through the WACM plant to reduce overall waste.

Forward Programme

Andy Staples presented the forward programme, at Winfrith it is the intention to;

- Clean out, final decontamination and then demolition of the EAST sludge tanks
- WETP – has now completed the encapsulation of the final sludges, this plant will be cleaned out and removed by the end of the financial year.
- SGHWR – ensure that it is structurally safe for a long period of care and maintenance
- Reduction of the emergency response team - a proposal has been made to reduce the team, this proposal is now with the NII and RSRL are awaiting a decision.
- Two business cases have been developed at the request of the NDA;
 - Fuel and waste transfer
 - RSRL Acceleration

Q) Can the equipment from WETP be used again?

A) Yes, potentially it can, Nuvia are currently exploring the opportunities.

Q) You mentioned the VLLW route; please can you tell us where this waste is disposed.

A) Disposal site at Wareham

Q) If the NDA come up with further money, what would you prioritise?

A) Speed up the decommissioning at Winfrith; it is up to the NDA to judge each business case. All 19 sites have been asked to submit cases as to what could be achieved if more funding became available.

Mr Staples finished his presentation by announcing an open evening event on the 20th July. If stakeholders are interested in attending please contact Emma Burwood 01305 203107 emma.burwood@research-sites.com

3. NDA Update - Andrew Davies

Mr Andrew Davies gave an update on the NDA's activities since the last meeting.

NDA Business Plan 2010-2013

The eight-week public consultation on the draft business plan for 2010-2013 closed in February and all comments have been carefully considered. The final plan, which sets out key objectives and plans for delivering priorities over the next three years, is now publicly available following ministerial approval.

As in previous years, the Plan sets out the work that NDA intends to deliver along with estimated expenditure over the next 12 months. It also summarises the work to be carried out in each of the following two years. For the first time, the NDA's work is grouped into six strategic themes: Site Restoration, Business Optimisation, Spent Fuels, Waste Management, Nuclear Materials and Critical Enablers.

At Winfrith, the work is focussed on only one of these themes, Site Restoration, with the completion of the outstanding decommissioning work followed by the continued care and maintenance of the remaining facilities. The total RSRL planned expenditure for this year is £67 Millions. The full document can be found and downloaded on the NDA website at www.nda.gov.uk/news/business-plan-2010-2013 .

Update on Competition

The next NDA competition to select a Parent Body Organisation (PBO) is for the Dounreay site. The current PBO for Dounreay is UKAEA Ltd as for the Winfrith site.

Work is progressing well for the Dounreay competition. Selection of a new PBO and contract award is expected at the end of 2010 and it is anticipated that the competition for a new PBO for Winfrith (along with Harwell) will follow a similar process and complete at the end of 2012.

NDA Management Changes

There have been a number of senior management changes within the NDA. Both Jim Morse, the Programme Assurance Director and Bill Roberts, the Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer have left the NDA. John Clarke, the current Commercial Director has moved to take over as Executive Director of Business Planning and Richard Waite, current Strategy Director has moved to take over as Executive Director for Delivery. These appointments are part of Tony Fountain's (CEO) Organisational Effectiveness Review and take place from 1 April 2010. The overall Executive team will be completed by Communications Director Jon Phillips, HR Director Jim McLaughlin and Chief Finance Officer yet to be appointed.

Information and Consultation

A useful website to keep in touch with activities and policy within the industry and government is the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). www.decc.gov.uk

NSG meeting reports available

Reports from the NDA's 10th National Stakeholder Group (NSG) are now available for downloading from the website. The two-day event brought together more than 150 of NDA's national stakeholders, including regulators, SLC representatives, Government representatives and Site Stakeholder Group Chairs.

Please Visit the NDA Website at www.nda.gov.uk

4. Regulators

a) Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) – Lyn Bevington

Mr Bevington introduced himself and explained that he has taken over from David Hanratty. He explained that until recently he had been working as the lead inspector at the Dounreay site. Lyn Bevington talked through the report issued for the period Oct-Dec, 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. Waste Management and transportation at Winfrith Michelle Skelland

Mrs Skelland began her presentation by explaining the importance of waste management, this is because all decommissioning activities results in waste and everyone involved in this process has to deal with the arisings.

Michelle explained that the potential capacity of the existing LLW repository in Cumbria (LLWR) is well below the forecast volume of LLW. Therefore in 2007 the Government issued a policy for the long term management of solid low level radioactive waste in the UK. Michelle summarised the policy and went on to explain that waste minimisation is the key to the policy, she explained how Winfrith deals with this through supercompaction, efficient waste packing, mixing of other RSRL waste and cleaning of certain wastes to reduce volume. The waste is categorized and the most appropriate disposal route chosen.

Michelle completed her presentation by giving an excellent overview of how the waste would actually leave the Winfrith site and be transported to the LLWR in Cumbria.

Q) How many waste movements do you have?

A) 8 ISO containers have been moved during the last financial year, during the working day.

Q) What happens to hospital waste?

A) It would be sorted, most of it would go to landfill incineration, and small amounts would go to Inutec.

Q) How was very high level waste dealt with years ago?

A) It went to Sellafield.

6. Update from Dorset Green Technology Park

An update was read out by Sandra Ellis on the current progress with the regeneration of the Dorset Green Technology Park.

Purbeck District Council resolved to grant Planning Permission for the first phase (known as Phase 1a) of new business space development at the site in December 2009. The consented development includes 3 new buildings providing 5028sq.m of new business accommodation catering for the full range of Class B1 type uses.

ZBV has also commenced the intensive marketing of the site to attract new businesses to locate to the Park. This has included the re-branding of the site (as the Dorset Green Technology Park), the installation of new hoardings at the site entrance, the launch of the Park's new web-site (www.dorsetgreen.co.uk <http://www.dorsetgreen.co.uk>), and the re-naming of the existing buildings and roads within the site. ZBV are also in the process of fitting out the new marketing suite (at the site), which should be fully open for business during Spring 2010.

A planning application has also been submitted jointly by New Earth Energy and ZBV to install a 'Low Carbon Energy Facility' at the site. The new facility will process biomass fuel to generate 10MW of electricity and 10MW of heat. The intention is that the new facility will

assist in meeting the Park's current (and future) energy requirements - as well as serving the wider Purbeck area. A decision on the planning application is expected in June 2010.

ZBV is also in advanced discussions with Purbeck District Council's Economic Regeneration team about the prospect of providing new 'business starter units' on-site. Rummey Design have been commissioned to undertake preliminary design work and ecological survey to progress this next phase of development. It is hoped that a planning application will be submitted during the Summer 2010.

ZBV and the HCA are still actively pursuing the wider Masterplan vision for whole site. The vision continues to be focused on delivering the economic/business regeneration of the Park in conjunction with the provision of a mix of uses (including new residential development) to improve the sustainability of the site and wider location. Rummey Design (along with the rest of the masterplanning team) will continue to liaise with the Council, local businesses, the parish councils and residents during 2010 to explain how the masterplan vision is developing in-light of the feedback received to-date.

7. Any other Business

Mrs Ellis mentioned that David King had been in contact with John Larkin about the naming of the roads on the Dorset Green site. Mr King would have liked the names to reflect directors from the past; the meeting was asked if anyone else had any opinions? Mrs Ellis said it would nice to have some history of what the site was although felt that the stakeholder group could not influence the decisions on names.

The Chair concluded the meeting by reading out some snippets from the Hanside report which was issued on the 30th May 1957, detailing some of the issues which occurred whilst development of the site took place.

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