

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Held at the Wylfa Sports and Social Club on Thursday September 10th 2009 at 4pm.**

Present:

A Morris Jones	Chair Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
S Law	Acting Wylfa Site Director Magnox North
G Vaughan	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
D Simister	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
K White	Magnox North – Wylfa SSG Secretariat
B Williams	Magnox North
L Jones	Magnox North
F Brookes	Magnox North
J Grant	Magnox North
M Humphreys	Magnox North
J I Jones	Magnox North
S Davies	Isle of Anglesey County Council, Economic Development
M Davies	Isle of Anglesey County Council (Planning Service)
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
W E Rowley	Cylch y Garn Community Council
J Jones	Mechell Community Council
G M Roberts	Mechell Community Council
J Honey	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
A Hall	Welsh Water
S Andrews	National Public Health Service
H Jordan	Federation of Small Businesses
J F Tripp	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
J C Jones	National Farmers Union
A E Williams	Merched y Wawr
T Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
J Honey	North Wales Fire & Rescue

In Attendance

N M Ackroyd	Magnox North
Lady Anglesey	
M O'Hara	Local Resident and Retired Employee
R Hubbard	Local Resident
HM Hughes	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
C Evans Thau	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
Cymen	Simultaneous Translation

1 WELCOME

2315 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and brought to the attention of the group that Greg Evans, Wylfa Site Director had since the last meeting resigned and left the Company for a new challenge. He went on to thank Greg for all his hard work on site and on Ynys Môn.

The Chair read to the group a letter that Greg Evans had written wishing the group success and hoping that they would keep in touch to update him with developments.

2316 The Chair gave a special welcome to the Acting Site Director Stuart Law. S Law introduced himself and explained to the group that he has been plant manager at Wylfa for 2½ years, which gives him guidance on how the plant works, S Law also thanked G Evans for his help and support and wished him the best for the future.

2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2317 Apologies were received from Ieuan Wyn Jones AM (attending Plaid Cymru Conference); T Poole (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales); B Pleasant (Magnox North); M Wise (Holyhead High School); Cllr John Byast; Cllr J V Owen; Cllr G W Roberts OBE; Cllr C McGregor; Cllr W Hughes, Cllr T H Jones and S Bell (Local Resident). J Tripp was attending on behalf of SSG member Mr T Poole (CPRW).

3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th JUNE 2009

2318 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Jac Jones; seconded Lady Anglesey.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2319 Referring to Paragraph 2213 from matters arising from the 4th June 2009 meeting, T Conway asked for information about the determination of the lifetime of Magnox stations. A Morris Jones assured T Conway that information would be provided to him.

2320 T Conway further commented about paragraph 2226 from matters arising from the 4th June 2009 meeting asking if a letter of proposal had been made regarding another SSG and also asked what was the NDA's role in the new build operation and asked if the NDA will be involved in any of the new build operation other than land sale. G Vaughan confirmed the NDA were not involved in new build.

2321 Lady Anglesey further added that she hopes the SSG will keep in contact with Greg Evans regarding the new build; Lady Anglesey hoped that other parts of the country will understand the importance of Wylfa build for the local economy.. A Morris Jones explained that Greg Evans still wants to be indirectly involved.

5 TO RECEIVE SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2322 The Site Director's report was sent out for review prior to the meeting

2323 S Law briefly highlighted the main points of the site director's report. He proudly stated that Wylfa has been presented with the British Safety Council's 5 star Environmental Award on the 9th July. S Law stated that the safety case to justify continued operation beyond December 2010 is due to be presented to the Nuclear Safety Committee in the Autumn

He commented that the outage had gone well and Reactor 1 was back to full service. S Law also explained to the group that Magnox North recently achieved accreditation with a Silver Award from the Investors in People (IiP).

- 2324 S Law reported that there were 6 minor events and 1 medical event throughout the last period. He stated that little could have been done to prevent the medical event as the medical treatment was due to a hand injury sustained as a result of a glass beverage bottle shattering whilst being opened - this had been purchased off site. In addition to the IiP accreditation, the site has been awarded Best Practice Award for Supply Chain and the British Safety Council have awarded Hertel the site scaffolding contractor a 5 star safety award and a 3 star safety award to Eures services who provide the support services on site. Hertel also reported a million hours worked with no loss time accidents on-site. Arrangements have also been put in place to cover the eventuality of a flu pandemic
- 2325 Regarding Site Operation, S Law stated that Wylfa was ahead of target up to the end of Period 4. Wylfa has generated 1.30 TWh against a target of 1.09 TWh. He added that efficient flask turnaround remains a top priority and stated that 26 spent fuel flasks were dispatched to Sellafield during periods 3 and 4. S Law also commented that Maentwrog Hydro Station were behind their generation target due to the lack of rainfall at the start of the year, but is now catching up.
- 2326 S Law mentioned that the summer student placement programme had given 35 young people the opportunity to experience working life at Wylfa. Feedback was very positive and they had all enjoyed their time on site. S Law was also very pleased to report that Wylfa's presence at the Anglesey Show was very successful and had given the opportunity for fantastic community engagement.
- 2327 T Conway asked S Law to explain what the cause was for a reactor trip on reactor 1 the previous day. S Law explained that there was no reactor trip; however there was a release of steam caused by a steam valve being opened.
- 2328 J Jones said that he did not fully understand the timetable and asked for more details regarding the permission to generate past 2010. S Law explained that they had to go through a number of processes. The first part of the process would be the safety case which would go to a Nuclear Safety Committee. The first part is to be completed by September 2009, the second part would be completed by September 2010 and then in October 2010 the cases would be assessed. S Law stated that there should be no last minute decisions and hopefully a decision will be made before December 2010.
- 2329 G Vaughan explained that a report would be sent to a sanction body for further approval of the business case by March 2010. He added that in order to have a site that is capable of continued generation, there is a requirement to go to the government for permission to plan to extend generation, not for the authority and then wait for the approval.
- 2330 T Conway asked, does the NDA committee realise the current UK situation regarding continued supply of electricity in the future. G Vaughan said that the NDA does not have a remit for electricity supply.

2331 J F Tripp, who was representing T Poole, commented that Wylfa should be commended for taking new apprentices and asked if they were going to be additional employees at Wylfa and if their training would help equip them for Wylfa B. S Law explained that 12 were being recruited making a total of 30 apprentices currently on site and that the skills that they were being taught were transferable.

2332 J I Jones further added that the new apprentice scheme was launched under the National Skills Academy for Nuclear (NSAN) with a consortium arrangement with local employers. He explained that Wylfa were taking the lead with this scheme. The Menai Apprenticeship scheme was committed to taking 12 students with the curriculum that is developed to serve them well. J I Jones explained that they wanted to maximise the benefits locally. J F Tripp congratulated Wylfa and NSAN again on this scheme with A Morris Jones adding that a letter from the SSG congratulating them will be sent.

6 TO RECEIVE THE SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2333 The SSG Chairman's report was sent out for review prior to the meeting.

2334 The Chair explained to the group that he had written to the NDA concerning the need for the NDA to support the development of an Energy and Fabrication Centre at Coleg Menai Llangefni. A meeting has been arranged for the NDA and members of IOACC to visit the Coleg Menai Site.

2335 The Chair informed the group that he met with Mr William Roberts, the Chief Financial Officer of the NDA and had attended a workshop in Birmingham to discuss Intermediate Level Waste (ILW). M Thornton the Waste and Decommissioning Manager also attended the workshop and gave a brief overview. M Thornton explained that both Magnox North and Magnox South are looking at various waste strategies which might change the current lifetime plan. Workshops will be staged to obtain stakeholder views on technical, environmental and social impacts. However the workshops will not be for the purpose of choosing an option regarding waste but to obtain stakeholder views in going forward. This will be included as an agenda item and discussed further at the November SSG meeting.

7 REVIEW OF WYLFA SSG CONSTITUTION FOLLOWING REVISION OF NDA DOCUMENT 'GUIDANCE TO SSG'S'

2336 The proposed revised terms of reference document was sent out for review prior to the meeting.

2337 T Conway requested that the Wylfa Retirees Association be added onto the list of non-voting members. SSG members had no objection therefore A Morris Jones agreed to this.

2338 M O'Hara asked why the constitution needed to change. A Morris Jones replied that it was recommended by the NDA to revise the current constitution and gain approval from the members. J I Jones explained that it was good practice to review the constitution, the changes would reflect the NDA best practice and the SSG would be looking at reviewing terms of reference on a 5 year basis.

2339 M O'Hara asked if he will be entitled to meeting minutes as a member of the public. J I Jones confirmed that he would as it was NDA policy to be transparent in its work. G Vaughan explained that the NDA wanted to bring all the SSG's terms of reference up to date to ensure consistency across sites as some SSG's did not have any terms of reference.

2340 T Conway raised his concerns that the SSG should be concentrating on the decommissioning of Wylfa A and not the new build of a possible Wylfa B. A Morris Jones explained that this discussion should not be opened now and asked the members if everyone was in agreement with the constitution in which the floor replied yes.

8 REPORT FROM WYLFA SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP

2341 The Wylfa Socio-Economic Sub-Group had met on the 30th July and in the absence of J Jones, A Morris Jones had chaired the meeting.

2342 A Morris Jones gave an overview of the meeting - advice was given on small grant applications and a review of the larger grant applications. The application for the part funding of a new Bus Shelter at Tregle was approved, which allowed funding to be released from Llanbadrig Community Council for other projects benefiting the whole community.

2343 J I Jones added that the Socio Economic Sub Group would also oversee requests made to the NDA who have already supported applications such as the Rural Development Plan and the launch of the North Wales Water Sports Project (Môr a Mynydd Development).

2344 J I Jones explained that other applications are being assessed depending on the match funding being sourced and meeting the required NDA socio economic criteria.

2345 A Morris Jones stated the importance of the SSG in pushing the NDA in regard to their support with the development of an Energy and Fabrication Centre at Coleg Menai Llangefni.

9 REPORT FROM WYLFA WASTE SUB GROUP

2346 A Morris Jones explained that the initial meeting of the Wylfa Waste Sub Group had been held to set up the group. He noted that as the work of the group progresses, a full overview of the developments will be made available to the SSG for information and opinions.

10 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE

2347 G Vaughan apologised to the group that the report was not distributed prior to the meeting.

2348 G Vaughan reported that Sizewell A started defuelling this month when the first spent fuel flask was dispatched to Sellafield. He added that the NDA's 2008 / 2009 Annual

Report and Accounts have been published for the public to see and was delivered within its £2.7 billion budget.

- 2349 G Vaughan reported that the NDA land made available around Sellafield was excluded but confirmed the successful completion of the auction process for the land adjacent to Wylfa, Bradwell and Oldbury and reported that £387 million from the sale of the three sites will be used by the NDA to help fund the cost of decommissioning and further its core mission.
- 2350 G Vaughan informed members that Tony Fountain, who is currently the Chief Operating Officer at BP's Fuel Value Chains business, will be the NDA's new Chief Executive as from October 2009 he will be taking over from Richard Waite who has been the Acting Chief Executive for the past 12 months following Dr Ian Roxburgh's departure.

11 UPDATE ON WYLFA LAND SALE

- 2351 A copy of the presentation is enclosed.
- 2352 G Vaughan gave a general update on the land sale and explained that the land sale had taken a little longer than anticipated, however things were starting to progress - the successful bidder for the land was Bow Bidco Wylfa Ltd and that the sale of the three sites was worth up to £387 million with Wylfa landsale realising £230 million. G Vaughan went on to explain that the sale at Wylfa has not yet completed due to the outstanding conditions relating to the requirement for EDF to divest itself of land at Wylfa. Through the use of an access license the consortium has access to NDA and EDF owned land to carry out initial survey work.
- 2353 R Hubbard asked why G Vaughan stated that the land sale was complete when it was not. He explained that he had not sold his house on the land but only received an offer. G Vaughan stated that he was not aware of this and that there was a legal process to go through before completing. He explained that there were tie-ins with EDF and that early access will have to be allowed in order to move forward. There would have to be an established arrangement for cooperation.
- 2354 Lady Anglesey asked the question were EDF pulling out of the new build entirely. G Vaughan explained that EDF needed to complete their part of the sale and are involved in new build elsewhere.
- 2355 S Davies updated the SSG members on the work being done by IOACC towards the National Planning Policy Statement S Davies stated that the SSG should not underestimate the work needed for new build and that EDF have not exactly pulled out. It was important to seek reassurance from the NDA for EDF not to undo plans regarding the new build. G Vaughan added that the NDA went into a legal agreement with EDF, he explained that Bidco were also seeking support. S Davies further added to G Vaughan's statement that the Isle of Anglesey County Council was seeking support also from Mark Hickson at the Department of Energy and Climate Change

2356 A Morris Jones suggested that the SSG write to the chairman of the NDA for support, J Jones requested that a letter also be sent to Mark Hickson

12 HM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTOR'S REPORT (1.4.09 – 31.6.09)

2357 A copy of the report was distributed prior to the meeting.

2358 D Simister explained to the group that there were key changes in the organisation of the NII, which was first formed in 1959. He added that there was a proposal to change status of the HSE's Nuclear Directorate to a Statutory Corporation which allows the Nuclear Directorate to better meet the challenges of a changing nuclear industry and allows greater flexibility but also increases accountability.

2359 He further explained that a public consultation was launched on the 30th June for a 12 week period for stakeholders to comment on the proposals, the consultation is semi autonomous. He stated that the main change was that the incorporated part of the department of transport will be included in the statutory corporation. September is the deadline for the input. D Simister noted that the proposal was developed to strengthen international reputation.

2360 Lady Anglesey asked how it was going to work and asked if she could have a copy. She also asked if the proposal is going to get a universal agreement. D Simister replied that the legislation basis will not change just the organisation, similar to a '*one stop shop*'. The objective was to join the operators together - a copy of this will be made available to the Chair, Lady Anglesey and Mr Tom Conway

2361 D Simister stated that externally, the environment will be a key regulator. He explained that other regulators e.g. France, are set up differently.

2362 D Simister commented again on the incident regarding the fire that was reported in the Daily Post which received a lot of public interest. He informed the group that he had invited specialist fire inspectors to a meeting on Monday 14th September 2009 and assured the group that the Site are doing everything possible to avoid an incident like this again.

2363 D Simister gave an overview of the inspections that had been taken by the NII.

2364 Regarding maintenance and testing, a large number of areas have been examined with specialist inspections. He reported that no significant issues were identified; however the NII has asked the licensee to prepare a programme of targeted improvements.

2365 The NII continues to monitor the licensee's arrangement to remove damaged fuel from Dry Store Cell 4.

2366 D Simister reported that the inspection of Operating Rules have been completed and considered satisfactory and added that he will be inspecting them on an ongoing basis.

13 OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

- 2367 The Chair opened the meeting for any questions. An individual of the group explained that several members of the SSG come from different backgrounds and organisations and asked if it was possible to obtain a sheet with explanations of the acronyms used in presentations e.g. MOP.
- 2368 The Chair explained that he would be more conscious of this and could attach a glossary of terms with the minutes on request. G Vaughan also added that if any member did not understand any of the terms to stop and ask what the term means.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 2369 A Morris Jones referred back to T Conway's earlier comment in the meeting about the separation of Site Stakeholder Groups dealing with the existing station and any possible new build. Aled thought that it was a bit too early to think of developing a new SSG for new build and would update the group of progress. He feared that developing another SSG would duplicate certain issues.
- 2370 T Conway disagreed with A Morris Jones and read aloud a RWE newsletter from A Smith dated September 2009 regarding Wylfa B. T Conway informed the group that A Smith had given him a programme which involves key items of work with RWE. All of the key items involve public consultation and T Conway emphasised that the group need to start now.
- 2371 J I Jones explained that it is a matter for the developer and that they are considering this idea, but it is all about the timing. EON and RWE are very keen to engage with the community. He assured the group that he would pass these points on to the developers.
- 2372 A Morris Jones will invite members from EON and RWE to the next SSG meeting; however it is up to them as developers to set up a new SSG and the process will take time.
- 2373 Lady Anglesey expressed her concerns that things should start moving and get Wylfa B new build as near as possible to the end of the generation date of Wylfa A. G Vaughan explained that the NDA have entered into an advance agreement prior to completion of the land sale to avoid loss of time in conducting environmental surveys etc.
- 2374 Lady Anglesey expressed how awful it would be to go backwards and was concerned that the new build would go to another location. She felt we needed to hang on to our main objective. A Morris Jones explained that there were certain steps to take.
- 2375 S Davies reminded members of the role the SSG has and urged members to lobby the Welsh Assembly Government. She assured the group that the Isle of Anglesey County Council was not allowing anything to hinder the new build and was also lobbying the WAG and had been for quite some time.

2376 J F Tripp showed his support to Lady Anglesey's comments and explained a little about his background, he thought it was a disgrace that there was no Wylfa B already. A Morris Jones assured the group he would write to WAG to ask for its support of new build on the Island.

2377 An individual in the group referred to the RWE newsletter which had been circulated to local residents, Lady Anglesey asked if the newsletter could be made available to a wider area. A Morris Jones assured Lady Anglesey that he will try to get a copy out to everyone in the group - subject to request. Lady Anglesey suggested placing the newsletter in local newspapers and that people might find it useful.

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

2378 The meeting closed at 5:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26th November 2009 at 4pm.