

NEWS Committee

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Welcome to the June edition of the committee news. This is the eighth edition of the information bulletin designed to keep you up to date with activities occurring in between the quarterly meetings of the WCSSG.

In this edition you will find information on progress against the re-structure of the WCSSG, our Chairman's award and the meeting of the National Stakeholder Group Chairs forum held in May in Edinburgh.

Our Chairman is a pillar of the community:

Our Chairman, David Moore as many of you know is also Watch Manager at Seascale Fire Station having been employed there as a retained firefighter for the past 37 years; and his commitment has been recognised as he has been awarded the 'Pillar of the Community' award at Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's recent awards evening.

The awards, now in their second year, are to recognise those employed by Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and their commitment to public safety. The award is given to an employee who also serves the community in other ways.

For the past 20 years David has been doing work in the community as both a parish and district councillor and also chairs our very own West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group as well as the Emergency Planning sub committee.

David joined the fire service in 1971 when he was 18 years old. He became crew manager and then, for the past 10 years, he has been watch manager.

Speaking of his award David said: "It's always nice to be recognised for what you do and I was honoured to receive the award, there are a lot of people working for the fire service who are all pillars of the community."

The Together Towards Success Awards paid tribute to some of the hundreds of people whose dedication and innovation have made Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service the organisation that it is today. The winners in each of the twelve award categories were chosen by an independent panel of judges made up from Cumbria Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Nuclear Management Partners, who also sponsored the event.

Gerry McGill, Deputy Chairman of Nuclear Management Partners said: “ Nuclear Management Partners are committed to safety as its number one priority throughout its operations, but we know that it cannot be taken for granted and outstanding safety performance is only achieved through the commitment of every person concerned. We are delighted to honour these teams who have led the way in keeping their communities safe.”

The WCSSG would like to offer its Chairman, David Moore many congratulations on winning his award.



REWARDED: David Moore and his wife Caroline at the awards ceremony

WCSSG Re-structure

As reported in the March newsletter, the WCSSG was undergoing a re-structure to better reflect the changes to the nuclear industry such as the transition of Windscale into Sellafield and the deferral of decommissioning of Calder Hall.

The restructure involved creating three new sub committees as follows:

- Socio economic sub committee
- Commercial sub committee
- Decommissioning sub committee

The secretariat has worked hard to establish the three committees which have all now been established and Chairs appointed.

The Socio Economic sub committee was the first to be set up and has held two very productive meetings. The new Chair of the committee, Cllr Elaine Woodburn commented 'The committee has been

a long time coming, but now it is set up, I feel that it will bring a huge benefit in terms of keeping track of the socio economic implications for Copeland.'

Cllr Mike Davidson, Allerdale Borough Council is the new Chair of the Commercial sub committee, which has held its first meeting and has agreed its terms of reference.

The Commercial sub committee was set up primarily following requests from Martin Forwood from CORE who when asked what he thought of the first meeting responded: "closer scrutiny of the commercial operations has been something that we've pushed for over the last couple of years. I thought the meeting was refreshingly good, particularly the contributions from Sellafield Ltd. It provided the opportunity to ask questions and get detailed answers back which was a huge improvement on what has gone before."

The third and final new sub committee, the Decommissioning sub committee held its first meeting on Monday 9th June. Norman Clarkson was elected as the Chair and Ron Hargreaves as the Vice Chair.

Speaking about the re-structure WCSSG Chairman David Moore said, "we promised to deliver these new sub committees to better address the way in which the Sellafield site is structured and that is precisely what we have done. I would like to thank the representatives who have volunteered to sit on these committees and the representatives from the sites and the NDA who have agreed to sit on the committees in an advisory capacity and update members on a regular basis."

National stakeholder group chair's forum

West Cumbrians turned out in force for the NDA's 6th National Stakeholder Group meeting in Edinburgh last month. WCSSG chairman David Moore was joined by five WCSSG members, alongside representatives from organisations including Nuleaf and Sellafield Ltd.

The two-day programme was intensive and covered topics ranging from the NDA's new Strategy Management System to socio-economic issues.

David commented: "There was an impressive turn-out and I'm delighted to see that the NDA continues to take its commitment to stakeholder engagement very seriously.

"There was a feeling, however, that we were covering a lot of the same ground as in previous meetings. I'm encouraging the NDA to focus future dialogue on key strategic decisions so stakeholders can see how their contribution is moving debate forward."

For the NDA, Bob Churchill said: "The NSG provides the opportunity for Site Stakeholder Groups to meet with other groups of stakeholders, including Government Departments and Regulators. It is pleasing to receive positive feedback from the NSG and this will be used to further improve our stakeholder engagement process as we move forward together."

Chairmen's sub-committee

The group held its second meeting ahead of the Edinburgh NSG and, again, every NDA site was represented.

The main agenda item was to capture the group's response to the NDA's revised local arrangements document on stakeholder engagement. Their feedback can be read in the minutes of the meeting (www.wcssg.co.uk).

Cllr Elaine Woodburn, WCSSG vice-chair said: "The group provides a great opportunity to share experiences, concerns and learning across communities hosting NDA facilities. I was particularly struck by the appetite for new build and the desire to see a Government body take responsibility for moving this forward. The representatives of the SSGs clearly see decommissioning as a step towards other economic possibilities, whether it be new reactors, exploitation of spin-off technologies or other industrial uses."

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the WCSSG will be on Thursday 3rd July 2008 at the Ennerdale Country House Hotel, Cleator.

The meeting will cover the very important and topical issue of the Sellafield site's new Parent Body Organisation (PBO) and the processes that have been gone through in order to identify who the PBO will be.

An NDA representative will give a presentation on the process gone through to identify who the PBO will be and Sellafield Ltd will address what the Sellafield site has done and is doing to prepare for the new PBO.

Future Meetings

Thursday 3rd July 2008	WCSSG meeting Ennerdale Country House Hotel, Cleator	1300-1600
Monday 8th September	Emergency Planning sub Committee, Cleator Moor Civic and Masonic Centre	1400 - 1615
	Commercial sub committee Ennerdale Country House Hotel, Cleator	1230 - 1500
Wednesday 10th Sept 08	Low Level Waste sub committee Drigg Village Hall	1900 - 2100



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