

Life Cycle Base Line Sub-Committee

Eleventh Meeting : 14th January 2005

Attendees :

Cllr E Woodburn (Chair)
Mr F McMorrow
Ms S Williams
Prof S Jones
Mr G Williams
Mr A Whittaker
Mr P Kane
Cllr C McCarron-Holmes
Miss A MacMillan
Rev J Hetherington

Apologies were given from Mrs F Wilson, Mr P McKenna, Mr R Hargreaves, Mr R Roper, Mr K Thompson, Ms S Brown, Mr J Knox, Mr P Hallington

Agenda

- 1 Welcome and apologies
- 2 Actions from previous meeting
 - Schedule of meetings - Distributed for discussion at meeting
 - Arrange discussion meeting (SW, FMcM, SJ) - SW to arrange
- 3 Dates for 2005/open venues
- 4 Selection of panel membership
- 5 Single Issue Topics
- 6 AOB

3 Dates for 2005/open venues

Discussions around should the sub-committees and LCBL sub-committee be held in public (press)?
Will this be compulsory?

- General thoughts were a degree of flexibility must be maintained depending on agenda items due to commercial sensitivity and security issues. Important to state the conditions that would require a meeting to be held in private (part of terms of reference?).
- Suggestion to advertise agenda on the web-site and invite those interested in attending to state an interest prior to the meeting. Ability to predict the audience.
- Single issue meeting, advice would be to hold as a closed meeting, with participation from known (invited or requested) membership?
- **Action 11.1 - SW to discuss with NDA to obtain a view or steer.**
- Suggestion to use Chatham house rules, not attributing comments to individuals (or organisations) in minutes or media.
- Freedom of Information - investigate ability to request minutes, raw data and personal notes and implications and exceptions. How will this affect cultivation of open speech. **Action 11.2 - SW to discuss issue with R Harris)**
- Requirement to look at different geographical venues but size may alter depending on decision to open meetings up. **Action 11.3 - Determine and discuss suitable meeting venue at the next meeting.**
- Discussions still to take place to finalise framework of committees going forward. EW commented vision of having separate committees for each of the 4 sites (LCBL's). Framework would recognise the different site groups and perception is this will give more recognition to West Cumbria, representational increase. Four different committees would feedback through the Site Stakeholder Group, recognising the Sellafield complex is not just 1 site.

- Clarification of proposal of framework to be completed being discussing with NDA. Much will depend on the national framework and % influence allocation. Numbers of persons representing will provide strength of knowledge and information even if no additional influence allocation is obtained by this.
- The DTI paper clarifies what SSG's position will be - what is the output and position from local community for NDA to take into account. Where will the issues be debated. **Action 11.4 - SW to discuss with RH and invitation extended to attend meeting to explain framework.**
- How are discussions from committees and SSG going to be fed into national discussion levels. There are currently gaps in government policy. (*will NDA PR/comms be setting up strategic plan to address these?*)
- Cumbria needs to ensure they have the correct influence in the national process and decision making. How can we take this forward. **Action 11.5 - SW to speak to Richard Mrowicki to discuss and invite to attend meeting.**
- Suggestion drop August and December meeting from the programme. Note to change date of March meeting as falls on Good Friday.
- **Action 11.6 - SW to co-ordinate and distribute programme to communication presentations.** Suggest generic presentation then single issue discussed. Members to forward availability and recommended venues.

4 Selection of panel membership

- Discuss how to manage manning of the single issue panels.
- Suggestions included database of persons interested in receiving information and volunteering for panel membership.
- JH suggested investigating abundance of literature of how to generate panel membership. Information may be available from the Environment Council.
- Investigate gaining geographical spectrum on the panel also balance of views (negative, positive, uninterested)
- EW suggested using membership of LSP (?). Community interest rather than nuclear focused. Shell used citizen panels with a facilitator used to tease out key issues, questions and concerns wish raised.
- Question was raised will NDA fund techniques to bring forward how to select panels, literature review? What might fit best. Inform SSG, influence NDA national level.
- Consider advice from NDA what will be done on a national site wide level to promote commonality across all sites (*industry must unite to produce procedure to allow same issues/different sites to be compatible at a national level*)
- Revisit the panel selection next meeting, report back for comment - Urgent!
- Try different techniques to determine how best way to select panel membership. Use case study from Env. Council as a trial.

5 Single Issue Topics

Remember the concept of the Single Issue Topics is not to make any decisions but to engage in stakeholder dialogue to determine views. This is a process will not have any power to make decisions only influence them.

- Preservation of Calder Hall reactor as part of national heritage, tourist attraction
- Plutonium Stores (Env Council)
- Contaminated Land (Env Council)
- Wet Silos (Env Council)
- Transport (LLWR sub-com)
- Drigg Vault 9 (proposals in public domain)

Recommendation a group review the LCBL for each site to highlight issues current and future. Identify dates and schedule. What expertise should be in the taskgroup to identify issue that is worth influencing, provide information and public issue topics. **Action 11.7 - SW to arrange meeting with FMcM, SJ to discuss further. To be held before next meeting.**

Action 11.8 - Amac to distribute Envios report & summary from John Hetherington.

Next meeting will be held on the 25th of February 2005 at Copeland Borough Council Offices.