

Life Cycle Base Line Sub-Committee

Thirteenth Meeting: 24th March 2005

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Sellafield Local Liaison Committee

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1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr E Woodburn (Chair)
Mr F McMorrow
Ms S Williams
Prof S Jones
Mr G Williams
Mr A Whittaker
Mr P Kane
Miss A MacMillan
Mrs F Wilson
Mr R Hargreaves
Mr P Hallington
Mr T Bishop

Apologies were given from: Mr R Roper, Mr K Thompson, Ms S Brown, Mr J Knox, Rev J Hetherington, Mr P McKenna, Cllr C McCarron-Holmes

2 Ratification of minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting (12) were ratified without any further changes.

3 Actions from previous meeting (12)

Action 12.1

SW and FMcM to feed back comments into the group meeting on the 7th March 2005. Feedback to the group, providing clarification on the issues raised.

Completed. Agenda item at meeting 13 on the 24th March 2005.

Action 12.2

Calendar of events and generic presentation to be distributed, highlighting geographical spread and range of locations. Awareness raising over next 12 months. Persons to volunteer to give presentation in community.

Completed. Agenda item at meeting 13 on the 24th March 2005.

Action 12.3

Presentation at next meeting to discuss single issue topics further.

Completed. Agenda item at meeting 13 on the 24th March 2005.

Action 12.4

SW to obtain examples of model selections from Richard Harris. Distribute to group. Ongoing.

4. West Cumbria & the Nuclear Industry Presentation & future events calendar population

Presentation

Alter presentation to read Windscale (remove s). Ensure any name changes are incorporated into the presentation.

Calendar of events

Add: Millom Neighbourhood Forum, Barrow Neighbourhood Forum, Youth Networks, Schools, St.Bridgets Parish Council (RH), Allerdale, Sellafield TU (PK).

All offered assistance if required in advance.

5. **Prioritisation process**
- 6 **Feedback from the trialing of the single issue process discussing the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg**
- 7 **AOB**

Discussion surrounding the single issue process centred around issues of concern. It was felt it might not be appropriate to tackle some of the issues that had been raised at the workshop by using the single issue process. Some are hard to take as a single issue e.g jobs, as this is more of a consequence or a property of an issue.

It was suggested that the eventual end-state of the site would make a good single issue topic. This would mean undertaking strategic action planning to determine what consequences would occur from decisions made from what the community would like to see happen to the Sellafield and Windscale Site ultimately. Simply what would the community like to see happen to the sites and the consequence?

- Establish a range of options for the end-state for the sites.
- Investigate the route by which one arrives at these points.
- Create variants to the LCBL.
- Highlight where the uncertainties lie
- Identify where decision points are and who has responsibility
- What additional issues are created on the path to end-state of the sites?
- Stimulate further discussion

It was noted that the analysis created during investigation into the single issue topics would not result in a final decision being made but would produce a range of options and community perceptions. It was highlighted that more work may be required as a result of findings.

The single issue group will build up an understanding of the topic and associated issues will no doubt be identified. Detailed focus group will consider certain properties (jobs, safety) at all times.

The requirement to ensure professional facilitation and organisation was identified. SW suggested investigating the benefit of an external facilitator. This would require to be competed as a competitive tender in line with procurement procedures.

The question was asked - is there a time limit, can things be taken out of the NTWP, that people can influence now? SJ reiterated that the single issue group would not result in key decisions being made but would identify where the community felt the key decision making points were and create an influence with decision makers.

The LCBL is the integrated strategy for a site. The NDA has a responsibility to illustrate and inform stakeholders of this strategy and engage on issues that will affect the community.

The LLW Sub- committee identified a concern, which they wished to investigate as a single issue. This was the Transport arrangements of the LLW Repository at Drigg. This is a major concern to the local community.

Action 13.1- A.Mac to circulate to members of this group the outcomes of this meeting, including the framework, which outlined the issue and the background).

- The stakeholder group looked at the questions: what do you see as the issue; the consequences and what would be an agreeable solution.
- The next step is for the Management Team at the site to analysis the outcomes and determine reality of costs, decision making power and barriers.

Mr Hargreaves expressed concern that there was no joined up thinking within the councils and wanted to ensure county involvement. SW reassured him that Cllr Sue Brown (CCC) was chairing this particular sub-committee. SW suggested John Hetherington is invited to the next LLWR at Drigg sub-committee.

The importance of identifying what is strategically important in the county has been noted. A group has been set up (ONION) to discuss and distribute issues around a network of stakeholders to identify a position and how to best influence decision makers, using the strength of united voice. SW commented that an action plan would be drafted to identify influence and interest.

RH cautioned some assumptions being made short-term may not be static long-term i.e. sea erosion in relation to the south railway.

Question was raised as to how we were going to monitor actions i.e. highlighting weather issues to the County Council. **Action 13.2 - JH to comment and identify feedback mechanism.**

ONION will co-opt persons are required. The result will be a joint pooling of officers with an interest in the submissions. Decision making will be feed out to encourage joined up thinking. FW asked the question should the Site Licence Holders be included in this group?

Presentation was given by Phil Hallington, British Nuclear Group.

Action 13.3 - A.Mac to distribute the presentation to the group electronically.

PK commented he had concerns about who would be doing the work. Are out staff being trained to carry out de-commissioning work? Challenge must be to look at tasks and resources to identify training plans and determine availability of trained staff to carry out work.

The impact of the end points to the Site Licence Company (SLC) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Targets have been set for interim safe storage etc. pre NDA.

It is important to gain acceptance from stakeholders of decommissioning strategies and agreement. Often projects have been started when stakeholder acceptance was not such a high priority or have interest to them.

Strategic decisions have been made prior to NDA, important to state them and recognise the industry is not starting from a blank sheet of paper.

Tony Bishop from the UKAEA mentioned plans for a nuclear brownfield. For clarification this is different from civil brownfield site. This identifies how the foundations will be left and characterises land and water contamination. BPEO acceptable while site remains licensed.

Single Issue Programme

Both British Nuclear Group and UKAEA as the SLLC will participate in a stakeholder engagement process. The proposed transition of the SLLC to the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group will be discussed on the 7th of April. This will be big opportunity to engage with the community and develop an understanding of the real flavour of issues that are of importance.

Action 13.4 - Publication and circulation of proposed changes prior to the 7th April 2005 for comment.

Suggested Issue Programme

1. End Point of the sites (certain options will not be available). Finding out about the difference decisions will make before it is too late and the decisions are imposed.
2. Transport to the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg
3. Integrated Waste Strategies (British Nuclear Group & UKAEA)
4. Interim storage of ILLW not generated on site. What is the community feeling about storage of waste coming in from other areas? Under what conditions will the community find this acceptable?
Opportunity to assist NDA when making a national decision whilst informing of the benefits, opportunities and threats. Co-ordinate with DEFRA provide an opinion that is based on the local community opinion. Recognition there could be a perception of the area becoming a nuclear dump (cash for storage). Note: not associated with final waste disposal (CoWRM)

Action 13.5 - Identify a programme of consultation outputs and where they can be fed into stakeholders throughout West Cumbria. I.e. timescale for DEFRA consultation is 22nd April. Include submission timescales and identify critical path decisions.

Action 13.6 - Propose a detailed issue programme with clear questions, targets and measurable outcomes for ratification at the main meeting. Include an action plan to target decision makers. NB - the comment from the community does not have to be rushed it will be sufficient to communicate that the community is thinking about the affect of decisions.

GW commented that the group was missing a key player i.e. the NDA. When will they join the membership of the group?

Action 13.7 - Produce a draft terms of reference for the LCBL sub-committee and review the membership prior to the 7th April 2005. Comment on the scope and role of this group.

The output from the LCBL sub and the single issue groups will be feed into the WCSSG providing a check on broader issues and endorse any findings and outcome representation. There was a suggestion the LCBL change their name to the "Community Engagement Group".

Corporate Culture

SW reported on a visit to an external image consultant.

Action 13.8 - A.Mac to distribute web-site design for comment.

Aim is to update the identity to underpin the values and attributes of the group depicting openness and transparency.