



**West Cumbria Sites**  
Stakeholder Group

**Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> Socio-Economic Sub committee**  
**Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011**  
**At the Ennerdale Country House Hotel**

**Attendees**

Cllr Elaine Woodburn	CBC
Mr J.A. Clark	S.A Robotics
Mr Steve Nicholson	Prospect Union, Sellafield Ltd
Mr Steve McClure	BEC Business cluster
Mr Peter Kane	GMB Union, Sellafield Ltd
Mr Gary McKeating	NMP
Mrs Cath Giel	Low Level Waste Repository
Mrs Carol Leak	Sellafield Ltd
Mrs Louise Tyson	Secretary to group

**Apologies**

Cllr Henry Wormstrup	Whitehaven Trades Council
Ms Deb Muscat	Cumbria Community Foundation
Mr Dick Raaz	LLWR
Mr Brian Hough	NDA
Mr Iain Irving	Sellafield Ltd

**Agenda Item 1 :- Welcome introductions and apologies by Cllr Elaine Woodburn**

Cllr Woodburn started proceedings by welcoming members and noting apologies.

**Agenda Item 2:- Actions arising from the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Action 02/11 and 01/10 are to roll over to the next meeting – Mr B Hough.

### **Agenda Item 3: General update, NMP socio economic plan and Sellafield**

Mr McKeating began by saying that the Sellafield Ltd Plan had been issued to the NDA. The plan includes the outputs which NMP, Sellafield Ltd and NDA will be measured against.

He reported that in terms of the plan, the criticisms at the January meeting were aimed at the outputs of deliverables. He went on to say that the socio economic section of the performance plan is due for completion at the end of May. Due to regeneration changes the socio economic charter agreed by the three parties (NMP, NDA and Sellafield Ltd) will be dispersed through Britain's Energy Coast. The NDA contribute £2.5 million annually, NMP, £4.5 million annually, and Sellafield Ltd contribute £3.1 million annually with £300k to the centre for leadership performance, contributing towards socio economics, community enterprise, business support and new enterprises, education resources, Gen II and the supply chain.

Q. Mr McClure asked what the current situation was in terms of local weighting.

A. Mr McKeating commented that work is ongoing with socio economic and commercial procurement weighting.

Mr McLure commented that SME's in local area's are unhappy.

Mr Clark commented that the weighting needs to be looked at in a different way; the carbon footprint could be included.

Mr McKeating replied that this was being pursued.

Cath Giel commented that there is a need to monitor and control outputs from contractors, this is how LLWR operate and it has increased weighting by up to 10%.

Mr McKeating commented that things are progressing and work will be ongoing to brief suppliers, encourage and support projects, help new innovative businesses and support the supply chain.

Cllr Woodburn asked how much of the money which goes out to tender, remains in the community?

The response was that 28% remains in West Cumbria.

Mr McKeating continued by saying that, via the Energy Coast supply chain support project, the money that the supply chain spend, can be monitored, and that NMP money is supporting that. He noted that as part of NMP funding they would commit to carry out a survey annually.

Mr McClure commented that he felt Sellafield Ltd could gain a lot by looking at the measures Low Level Waste Repository have implemented.

#### **Agenda Item 4: The future of the Socio Economic Sub Committee, Cllr Elaine Woodburn**

Cllr Woodburn stated that this discussion was to look at the future of the group. She relayed that her past frustrations had led to Socio Economics being the focus of the full WCSSG meeting in January.

Mr McClure commented that he felt as far as the business community is concerned; the socio economic sub committee is most important to them.

Cllr Woodburn commented that her plan was to ensure that socio economics featured high on the agenda of the WCSSG meetings.

Mr McKeating agreed, he stated that if socio economics was elevated to the main WCSSG meetings as an agenda item, given time there would be benefits.

Cath Giel added that she believed the main WCSSG meeting would be a more suitable platform for the topic.

Mr Clark commented that he believed it was important that the unions continued to have input into the meetings.

Cllr Woodburn replied, that having socio economics as a WCSSG agenda item would not reduce the unions input. Further socio economic meetings could be held to discuss the indicators and monitoring of the socio economic section of the Sellafield Performance Plan, and therefore we could ensure socio economic indicators are given the stage they need to ensure it features as one of the first items on the WCSSG agenda.

Steve Nicholson, agreed that socio economics would need to take priority on the agenda.

Peter Kane stated his agreement as long as the topic remained on the WCSSG agenda he was comfortable with the group disbanding.

#### **Item 5: Any Other Business**

Cllr Woodburn confirmed that the next meeting of the Socio Economic Sub Committee was on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Mr McKeating has agreed to discuss how the levels of spending of the suppliers are monitored, and bring along a 'dummy' procurement plan to show to the group.

Mr McClure asked, if tier 1 and 2 companies could be incorporated into the document?

Mr McKeating responded that they want to create a solid base where the Executive, Tier 2 and procurement are on board.

Mr McKeating stated a date for the workshop is needed so advice on what can be done is given as opposed to stating what we can't be done.

Action Reference	Action	Status
01/12	NMP to Present how monitoring at levels of spend of the suppliers and bring along a dummy procurement plan to show members of the group.	Secretary to liaise with Mr McKeating
02/12	At the next socio economic meeting to discuss information about indicators and monitoring of the socio economic section of the Sellafield Performance Plan	Secretary to ensure included on next agenda
01/10	NDA to bring delivery performance to September meeting	Action to roll over to next meeting
02/11	NDA to distribute investment figures	Mr Hough to bring investment figures along to next meeting

#### **Agenda Item 6:- Any other business**

The chairman closed the meeting.