

Chairman's report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Cleator Moor Civic & Masonic Centre  
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As previously reported the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group has undergone a re-structure to reflect the changes to the nuclear industry such as the transition of Windscale into Sellafield and the deferral of the decommissioning project at Calder Hall.

The re-structure has also brought about the introduction of three new sub committees, the Decommissioning sub committee, the Commercial sub committee and the Socio-Economic sub committee.

The Socio economic sub committee has held three meetings now and Cllr Elaine Woodburn, the Chair of the committee will give a report later on.

The Decommissioning sub committee has held two meetings. Norman Clarkson has been elected as Chair of the group and Ron Hargreaves as the Vice Chair. Again we'll hear their report later.

The Commercial Committee has appointed Mike Davidson as its Chairman and Ranald Stewart as the Vice Chair. They have held two meetings of which Mike will give us further detail in his report.

An amendment was made to paragraph 199 of the minutes from April's meeting. Andy Mayall of the Environment Agency had been quoted as saying -

"The Food Standards Agency carry out a separate monitoring programme as part of EA's check monitoring in collaboration with the Environment Agency. The Food Standards Agency carry out the food part of the EA check monitoring programme. "

This was further clarified by the following –

While the EA draws upon the results of the FSA's food monitoring programme to supplement its own environmental monitoring (the EA doesn't carry out any food monitoring of its own) and the combined programmes are reported in the joint FSA/EA/SEPA/DoE(NI) RIFE report, the FSA programme is in fact independent of both industry and regulators as FSA has the statutory responsibility for safety of the food chain and its affect on public health.



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Finally as we all know Nuclear Management Partners were selected as the preferred bidder and in the next few days the contract will be officially awarded. We can then set about forging what we hope to be a fruitful relationship. As you can imagine we were keen to meet with representatives from Nuclear Management Partners, which is a consortium made up of AMEC, URS Washington and Areva. And to this end a meeting was held with them on 30<sup>th</sup> July, where we expressed the importance of continued engagement and the hope that the new relationship could build on what has already been achieved.

At this important time of change, we must not forget the current Sellafield Ltd management team, who have always attended these meetings and have been open to scrutiny from us; and I would like to formally give our best wishes to Barry on his retirement; and indeed to the rest of his management team.