

**Report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Progress on transition from Sellafield Local Liaison Committee to the West
Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group**

**Questions to be fielded at the next meeting on
Thursday 6th October 2005**

by

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At the April 05 meeting of the Sellafield Local Liaison Committee, members agreed that the way forward for the committee was to transform from SLLC into the new West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group, WCSSG.

This report is to communicate progress that has been made since that time. Questions will be fielded at the first scrutiny meeting of the WCSSG on Thursday 6th October 2005.

Since the positive vote to move forward into the WCSSG a lot of progress has been made behind the scenes.

Logo / Branding

Members were offered the opportunity to put forward their views on a selection of logos to be adopted by the group. Following a short period of consultation, the new logo was chosen which enabled the secretariat to progress with re-branding the committee.

New stationery has been ordered and business cards for the Chairman along with a basis to create a new more fit for purpose website.

Website

Work has been ongoing over the past few months to create a new fit for purpose website which will include a mechanism for the WCSSG to run consultation processes and to provide an opportunity for members of the local and national communities to register their interest in being involved in these consultations.

The website is well on its way to being finalised and the first single issue chosen by the Community Engagement Co-ordinating sub committee 'The Future of Sellafield' will be posted onto the website in October.

The new website address is: www.wcssg.co.uk

Single issue process

The Community Engagement Co-ordinating sub committee CECSC has been active in pulling together a list of issues that the community wish to be consulted on. As mentioned above, the first issue will be the 'Future of Sellafield'. The CECSC are currently discussing other topics which will be reported on in the CECSC report.

UKAEA sub committee

The WCSSG has now established the UKAEA sub committee which held its first meeting on Tuesday 6th September. Ranald Stewart of Ponsonby Parish Council was elected as the Chairman of the sub committee. The secretariat will be provided by UKAEA.

Calder Hall sub committee

Invitations have been sent to all members of the WCSSG asking for representatives to join the Calder Hall sub committee, replies have been received and contact made with Calder Hall representatives. The first meeting will be set up within the next few months.

Calendar of events

A calendar of events for the main WCSSG meetings and sub committee meetings has been created incorporating meetings until the end of 2005. Copies have been enclosed along with this report for members. Copies will also be available for members of the public at the next meeting in October. The Calendar of events can also be found on the WCSSG website. The intention is to create a new calendar of events on a 6 monthly basis which will hopefully eliminate the need to advertise every meeting in the press.

Maryport 'drop in'



The first event of the newly formed West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group was held on July 7th 2005 at Maryport Civic Hall, a deliberate move outside of the borough of Copeland to attract as many views and opinions as possible. The event took the format of a 'drop in' and operated between the hours of 1800hrs – 2000hrs.

The objective of the evening was to promote understanding of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group and some of the representatives who are members of it. Exhibition stands were commissioned to promote and explain Calder Hall, NDA, UKAEA, Environment Agency, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, LLW site at Drigg, Westlakes Renaissance and the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group.

There was an area for discussion set up for members of the community to have a say on the issues that concerned them the most and on the 'future of Sellafield'

Advertisements for the event were placed in the Whitehaven News, Times and Star and the free evening gazette, and promotion was obtained via CFM radio and Radio Cumbria. Correspondence was sent to Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council for onward communication to all councillors and contact was made with representatives at Maryport Rotary Club, Dearham Parish Council, the Lions Club and Maryport Residents Association. Posters were displayed at several locations in Maryport and flyers were distributed to various organisations, libraries and posted onto the SLLC website.

Chairman's sub committee

A Chairman's sub committee was held in August to discuss the format for future 'scrutiny' meetings. The main concern was the amount of time required to complete proceedings. In order to address this, it was decided that full reports (not power point slides) should be available on the website 10 working days prior to the meeting as well as copies of the reports being distributed to local libraries and council offices. At the main meeting presenters should simply highlight one or two points from the report or highlight anything that has happened since the report was sent out, keeping the reporting very brief (ie: 5 minutes). The remainder of the time should be spent fielding questions from committee members and observers, having had adequate opportunity to read them.

At each scrutiny meeting, the Chairman or the Chairman's sub committee will decide on a key discussion item which will be presented in more detail. For the next meeting in October the key discussion item will be the NDA strategy.

Hopefully, these changes will help to make the committee more interactive and not simply a forum where information is disseminated.

List of Acronyms:

WCSSG	-	West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
SLLC	-	Sellafield Local Liaison Committee
CECSC	-	Community Engagement Co-ordinating sub committee
UKAEA	-	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority
NDA	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
LLW	-	Low Level Waste
CFM	-	local radio station