

**West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group**  
**Notes from Meeting of the Low Level Waste Repository Sub-committee**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Attendees:**

Sue Brown (Chairman)	Cumbria County Council
Adrian Dalton (Vice Chairman)	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Cath Giel (Secretary)	British Nuclear Group
Dave Ferguson	EA
Ian Wheeler	British Nuclear Group
James Millington	British Nuclear Group
James Fisher	British Nuclear Group
Kneale Thomson	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Elaine Woodburn	Copeland Borough Council
Eileen Turner	British Nuclear Group
Stephen Shepherd	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
David Davies	Copeland Borough Council
David Moore	West Cumbria Site Stakeholders Group
Dave Weatherburn	NDA

**Observers:**

Nick Steciuk	Washington Group International
Phillip Greatorex	British Nuclear Group Sellafield Limited
Rachel O'Donnell	RWE NUKEM
Jimmy Naylor	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Paul Singleton	Turley Associates
Neil Shaw	Envirocentre
Tim Darlow	SISTech
Ian Farrow	Washington Group

**Apologies:**

Glyn Davies	NII
Geoff Grint	NII
Richard Evans	Cumbria County Council
Sue Crisp	Cumbria County Council
Eileen Eastwood	Seascale Parish Council

**Welcome/Introductions:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves stating the organisation they were representing. The Chairman expressed disappointment that there was no officer representation from Cumbria County Council and placed an action on herself to ensure representation at the next Sub-committee meeting (13<sup>th</sup> September 2006).

***Action - Sue Brown to encourage CCC officer representation at the next LLWR Sub-committee meeting.***

## **Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 8/03/06**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

## **Approval of Note for the Record of Stakeholder Meeting held on 28/03/06**

The Chairman asked Adrian Dalton to cover this agenda item as he had chaired the stakeholder meeting on the 28/03/06 in her absence.

Adrian gave a brief summary of the outcome from the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> – Stakeholders had endorsed Option ‘B’, containment for as long as possible.

Elaine Woodburn added that the 28<sup>th</sup> had been a difficult meeting with a complicated process; she hoped that BNGSL had taken on board the lessons to be learned.

### **Terms of Reference:**

The Group approved the Draft Terms of Reference for the LLWR Sub-committee with the following amendment under “Training”:

*Any training needs identified by the LLWR Sub-committee to be referred up to the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group for consideration/funding.*

### **Options for Station Road Footpath Scheme – Karl Melville, Capita Symonds:**

Karl Melville from Capita Symonds addressed the group providing a brief summary of a feasibility study commissioned by BNGSL into the provision of a footpath and drainage system along Station Road, Drigg. He tabled the report for information. Karl reported that BNGSL & Capita Symonds had met with Drigg and Carleton Parish Council to present the findings and subsequent options from the feasibility study. The Parish Council stated a preference for Option B at a total cost of £153,023.

Q1: When will the work begin?

A1: We have only just received final costs which are significantly higher than original estimate. A funding package will have to be agreed with BNGSL/NDA. It may be that the work will have to be phased and paid for over two financial years e.g. March 2007/April 2008.

Q2: Who owns the land where the proposed footpath will be sited?

A2: The land is highway verge belonging to Cumbria County Council.

Q3: Why have DCPC gone against the recommendations of the report and selected Option 2?

A3: There was very little difference in the options but the Parish Council believes Option 2 provides more flexibility with regard to electricity supply and drainage and has the potential to be done in two phases.

David Moore commented that the Stakeholder Group should be endorsing the scheme and added that we need to know that the NDA are committed to the funding of this scheme and will ensure the support if there are changes to the LLWR contractor.

#### **Update on LLWR Site Separation – James Millington, BNGSL:**

James Millington delivered a presentation on LLWR Site Separation Progress. The presentation was well received and resulted in the following questions:

Q4: When can we expect shadow working to commence?

A4: It is anticipated that shadow working will commence on Monday 14/08/06, LLWR are on target for this date. The new organisation - LLWR SLC Ltd – should be in place by 1/12/06 but we are in discussions with the NDA and Regulators to see if there is any flexibility with this date.

Q5: You stated in your presentation that there would be approximately 18 new recruits to LLWR come separation bringing the number of employees to 111, where are you going to put everyone?

A5: The additional 18 posts are office based. We are currently reviewing the accommodation situation and considering 3 options:

- i) extend existing office accommodation;
- ii) rent at Greengarth;
- iii) new build at LLWR.

Support services will be bought in from BNGSL.

Q6: When will the separation process be complete?

A6: We are currently scheduled for 1/12/06 but will behave as a separate company from 14/08/06 (shadow working).

James Fisher informed the group that BNGSL had received a new EA authorisation which would be transferred to the new company – LLWR SLC Ltd on 1/12/06.

#### **Feedback from NDA Industry Day – Dave Weatherburn, NDA:**

Dave Weatherburn delivered a slimmed down version of the presentation NDA delivered to potential competitors at the Industry Day held on 25/04/06. He explained that the event had attracted 170 delegates from various companies and regulatory bodies. The contract would be split into two elements – operational and blue sky thinking with regard to future operations. The contract would be let for a maximum 17 years duration (5+5+5+2) or a minimum 5 years duration. NDA are looking to establish a long term relationship with the contractor. NDA have held several 1:1 meetings with key players since the event. The presentation was well received and resulted in the following questions:

Q7: Are you anticipating letting elements 1 and 2 to two different contractors?

A7: No they will be one and the same contractor from day one.

Q8: Will the NDA consider inviting some of the stakeholders to view the Industry Day Process?

A8: Yes.

Q9: The competition arrangements should include input from the Site Stakeholder Group. Are NDA open to some form of involvement from WCSSG or its sub-committee?

A9: It is the NDA's intention to take the WCSSG LLWR Sub-committee through the weighting process, hopefully at their September meeting if the process is sufficiently developed. If it is not, then an invitation will be issued as soon as NDA are in a position to.

***Action- at the appropriate time, Dave Weatherburn to arrange for WCSSG LLWR Sub-Committee to be involved in the weighting process for competition.***

Q10: The presentation intimates that WAMAC will be included in the separation along with LLWR. Will this activity be moved to Drigg?

A10: No, we will not physically be moving operations.

Q11: If there was to be an incinerator where would it be located?

A11: A decision has not been taken about incineration or the location of an incinerator – it's purely another option for consideration.

Q12: The Stakeholders anticipate having an input into the 'end states' prior to separation in December 2006 – are NDA in a position to identify potential dates?

A12: The programme has slipped by approximately three months. A suitable date will be identified and communicated as soon as we are able.

***Action – Dave Weatherburn to identify suitable date and arrange for stakeholder involvement in 'end states' discussion.***

Elaine Woodburn cautioned that the group/local authorities would need to identify additional resources to assist with some of the tasks ahead and said that they were not prepared to be pushed into meeting NDA deadlines without sufficient notice and appropriate level of understanding.

### **Transport Infrastructure Improvements – Neil Shaw on behalf of BNGSL:**

James Fisher introduced Neil Shaw and the presentation topic - Transport Infrastructure Improvements - to the group explaining that the presentation was based on the current information available but that things may change pending further detailed work still in progress.

Neil Shaw delivered the presentation on transport infrastructure improvements associated with future developments at the LLWR. The presentation was well received and resulted in the following questions:

Q13: Concern was expressed about the visibility of a batching plant in the area of the Bulk Material Handling Facility.

A13: The finer details have not yet been determined, there is an opportunity to revisit the exact location of the batching plant to minimise visual impact.

Q14: The community asked for clarification on what would constitute the Bulk Material Handling Facility planning application.

A13: We are still in the process of working up the finer details.

Q15: The community asked for assurances that operational issues associated with dust and noise would be taken on board when developing future schemes.

A15: Assurances were given that the community would be involved in the consultation process involving new developments and would have the opportunity to comment/raise any concerns.

Q16: When can we expect the planning application to be submitted for the Bulk Material Handling Facility?

A16: Before the end of 2006.

Q17: Are LLWR considering building a new Grouting Facility?

A17: We are looking at all options that both reduce impacts on the local community (reduce HGV movements through the village) and aid operational efficiency – it has not been ruled out.

### **Drigg & Carleton Parish Plan – Adrian Dalton, DCPC:**

Adrian Dalton gave a brief update on the development of the Drigg and Carleton Parish Plan:

- A questionnaire has been produced and will be circulated to every household in the Parish week commencing 19/06/06.
- Results from the questionnaire anticipated mid/end July.
- Report of findings will be prepared and circulated shortly after (August).

### **Any Other Business**

The Chairman reminded the group that the date of the next meeting would be **Wednesday 13/09/06**. There was some debate about the timing of the meeting and it was suggested that the meeting be held at **7.00pm** in the evening to encourage/allow working members of the local community the opportunity to attend. It was agreed that September's meeting would be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006, at 7.00pm in the Drigg Village Hall**.

The Chairman asked that her thanks to Shirley Williams and her team for their support with regard to LLWR Sub-Committee be recorded for the record.