

Extra- ordinary meeting of the Socio Economic sub committee Monday 9th February 2009

Attendees

Elaine Woodburn	Chair, Socio Economic sub committee
Joe Clark	Prospect
Gary McKeating	Westlakes Renaissance
Shirley Williams	Sellafield Ltd
Henry Wormstrup	Whitehaven Trades Council
Bill Anderton	NMP
Charlie Holmes	Allerdale Borough Council
Felicity Wilson	Sellafield Ltd
Iain Irving	Sellafield Ltd
Peter Kane	GMB
Phil Greateorex	Sellafield Ltd
Cheryl Ireland	Sellafield Ltd

Summary of comments on the Sellafield Socio-economic Development Plan

Pleased to see there is a more strategic approach rather than opportunistic; this is long overdue.

Welcome Plan but it could be more challenging.

There is a need to be more positive in the introduction. 'Far west coastal fringe' suggests in middle of nowhere.

Plan going in right direction but there needs to be more alignment and reference to the West Cumbria Strategic Partnership.

There are concerns on how to access funding. It would be helpful for a 'route map' to show the community how to access funds.

Throughout the document there is reference to sums of money. It would be helpful if there were a chart showing where money was coming from, where it was going and who is responsible for managing it.

Should the Plan just report on the £3.1m that Sellafield Ltd has responsibility for? Who is accountable for the money?

Concerns with public accountability of funds. Concerns that all community funding is going through the Cumbria Community Foundation.

There are a lot of economic images. It would be better to have more community photos rather than men in suits.

There are no Allerdale images.

The document does not demonstrate any joined up thinking between NMP NDA and Sellafield Ltd.

How will we monitor the 80% of our annualized funds made available to support Britain's Energy Coast Master Plan? What are the outcomes? Is the balance right?

What about the Sellafield Contractors/Supply Chain socio economic policy? Do we check their measures? Do we monitor them?

Cheryl Ireland
Secretary, Socio Economic sub committee
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