

Notes from Sellafield Local Liaison Committee (SLLC) Low Level Waste Repository  
Sub-Committee 4 March 2005

Attendees:

Cllr Sue Brown	Cumbria County Council
Cllr David Cook	Drigg and Carleton Parish Council
Mr A Dalton	Drigg and Carleton Parish Council
Mr James Fisher	British Nuclear Group
Mr J Millington	British Nuclear Group
Mr Peter Mann	Head of UKAEA
Cllr David Moore	Chairman of SLLC
Mr Bill Paul	British Nuclear Group
Mr I Streatfield	Environment Agency
Cllr K Thompson	Drigg and Carleton Parish Council
Mr D Weatherburn	NDA Site Programme Manager
Ms Shirley Williams	British Nuclear Group, Secretariat to SLLC

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Cllr Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He noted that apologies had been received by Mr G Grint, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Mr R Mrowicki, NDA preparation team and Cllr E Woodburn, Copeland Borough Council.

**Objectives of meeting:**

He explained, for the benefit of members of the public who may not have been aware of the background to the meeting, why it had been decided to set up a special committee to look at issues relating to the LLW site.

He commented that the local community had felt that, although they had a good relationship with the LLW site, and they had regular meetings, there were many issues where they felt they had not been able to influence decisions.

He noted that the workshop was the start of a process to give local stakeholders an opportunity to choose issues that concerned them, and to recommend outcomes. He noted that this was the start of the process. The committee would meet on a regular basis, and work through an issue, looking at concerns and possible options for resolution.

Cllr Moore hoped that the outcome from the workshop would be a document that could be put forward as the community's recommendation on the way forward. He hoped that the document could be fed into the decision-making process about the site.

He felt that in the two hours allocated the key outputs the group should aim to achieve was a common understanding of the key issues, and the key attributes the community would like to see factored into options going forward.

He stressed that the SLLC was not a decision-making body, but had the power to make recommendations to the decision-makers. Cllr Moore was sure that they would listen carefully to the community's views.

He noted that he would like to elect a chairman for the group. He would then ask Shirley Williams, as the SLLC secretary, to talk about process and rules of engagement.

Cllr Moore pointed out that a photographer was in attendance to record the first public meeting and asked if everyone was comfortable with this.

### **Election of Chairperson**

Cllr Moore noted that it was important that each of the stakeholder groups had independent chairpersons. These positions would be appointed to the national stakeholder group. It was therefore important to have a different chairman for this process. Cllr Moore invited nominations.

Cllr Cook nominated Cllr Brown for Chairman. This was seconded and accepted.

### **Process and Rules of Engagement**

Ms Williams welcomed everyone and encouraged participation noting that it was important that everyone had their chance to speak without interruption.

She stressed that it was important that suggestions were not dismissed or analysed but were captured for discussion. She noted that anything that came up that wasn't part of the topic for discussion could be parked and brought forward into the appropriate discussion forum.

Ms Williams hoped that the process would be enjoyable and noted that everyone had attended to make progress and, hopefully, to learn.

Ms Williams explained the process, commenting that she would welcome any comments the group had about the process at the end of the day, so that improvements could be made for the next meeting. She stressed that the process belonged to the group so she hoped members would feel free to contribute.

Ms Williams noted that, at the first meeting of this sub-committee, the group had agreed that transport of waste and supplies to the site was the first issue they would like addressed. As a starting point for discussion, British Nuclear Group had written a framework document outlining the issues from their perspective. The document had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

She asked James Millington, Acting Head of Manufacturing at the LLW site to take members through the main points of the document. Following this, members would

split into 4 groups, led by one of the committee members and including members of the public if they would like to participate.

One of the British Nuclear Group team would act as scribe for each group.

### **Key issues ( framework document)**

Mr Millington highlighted the key points from the framework document and stressed that this was produced as a starting point for discussion.

Cllr Brown noted that members of the public had just received the document and asked if everyone had had enough time to consider it before going into groups. This was agreed.

Cllr Dalton asked if the issues would be relating to the key issues for the local community. He noted that issues should be kept local.

Cllr Moore replied that he was referring to the local community and that was why the meeting was being held in the Village Hall at Drigg.

### **Group discussions**

Three groups were established to discuss:

1. Key areas of concern in relation to transport. Other issues would be noted and taken forward for consideration.
2. Attributes of an ideal resolution to each issue/possible solutions

Following discussions, spokespersons from each group to outline the group's findings.

See workshop output attached

### **Plenary discussions and next steps**

Ms Williams noted that the SLLC secretariat would now collate the information and circulate to members and interested members of the public in attendance, with an outline for the next session. Next time it was hoped that the suggested options could be explored based on information e.g. cost/who could affect decisions etc. She also welcomed any feedback on how everyone had felt that the day had gone.

She noted that the next SLLC meeting was on 7<sup>th</sup> April at Whitehaven Civic Hall and that this would introduce a new group- West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group developed with the NDA. A calendar of events would be proposed and there would be set dates established for this meeting. She welcomed thoughts on what the best time of day would be to hold future meetings.

Cllr Brown thanked everyone for attending and noted that a diverse group was required to look at issues. She invited everyone to join the next meeting.