

West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Notes of Special Meeting held on Friday 30th May at 2.30pm in Drigg Village Hall to Discuss Security Arrangements at the LLWR

Attendance:

Jimmy Naylor	-	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Adrian Dalton	-	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
David Moore	-	West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Sue Brown	-	WCSSG LLWR Sub Committee
Nigel Lister	-	Low Level Waste Repository
Scott Anderson	-	Low Level Waste Repository
David Harris	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary

Apologies:

John Jennings	-	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Kneale Thompson	-	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council
Steven Shepherd	-	Drigg & Carleton Parish Council

Nigel Lister gave an overview of LLWR's plans to change on-site security from CNC to a private security firm:

- CNC has decided they do not want to bid this work as a stand alone service to LLWR.
- LLWR has initiated a procurement action to procure this contract with an estimated award date of October, 2008.
- The intent is to have a high quality private guard force at the Site, supplemented by ongoing CNC support to any security events at the Site.

David Harris, CNC Chief Inspector, provided a security perspective of not only protective policing, but partnering policing as well. He provided examples ongoing in Workington and Seascale. Adrian Dalton said that this was requested of the LLWR some years ago, but no interest was shown.

Dave Harris went on to explain that although the security firm would be a first response, CNC would be the second response. CNC will continue to provide 2 ARVs in the 5 km radius of Sellafield which extends as far north as Muncaster. CNC would continue to have a presence in the local community.

Discussion followed regarding specialised response currently versus the future. It was stated that a specialised security response did not exist at the site currently and would be required from CNC.

Nigel Lister stated that current manning would be unchanged with the guard force providing the same number of personnel on Site as CNC currently provide. He also stated that the private security firm would be of a high quality and would be dressed

professionally as security officers. They would still patrol the LLWR Site boundary and would maintain contact with CNC patrols.

Nigel confirmed that an update would be provided once a firm was identified.

Sue Brown asked if the firm would have a hiring process to ensure that criminals were not hired as security officers. Nigel stated that the standard security process followed for pass issue to any personnel included such checks and any additional requirements specified by OCNS for a guard force will also be followed.

There was a discussion regarding tally boards and accounting for people on Site – it was noted that there are arrangements to tally people, including visitors, into site buildings but for pass holders this is done locally rather than on entrance to the site.

It was agreed that the proposal as outlined met the concerns of the local community and would continue to provide a high level of security to the Site. Sue Brown asked that the group be kept informed of developments through regular updates at future LLWR Sub-committee meetings.

Nigel Lister
10/06/08