

**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION  
DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING AGM  
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY, TN28 8AS  
THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr Lord Amptill	-	Rother District Council
Ms K Anderson	-	NDA
Ms A Bamping	-	Natural England
Mrs L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Cllr M Burgess	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr P Fahey	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness A
Mrs T Finn	-	Secretariat
Cllr D Godfrey	-	Deputy Chairman
Cllr A Hills	-	Kent County Council
Ms F Hunter	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness B
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway District Council
Cllr E Last	-	Lydd Town Council
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Ms H Lobb	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr C Milne	-	Magnox
Mrs H Morris	-	Communications, Magnox
Mr L Ollier	-	EDF Energy
Cllr A Rodriguez	-	New Romney Town Council
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Mr I Stewart	-	Station Director, Dungeness B
Mr A Stone	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness B
Ms S Tanner	-	Minute Taker
Cllr R Wilkins	-	Shepway District Council

**I INTRODUCTION**

3599 Col. Smythe welcomed the attendees to the meeting, Col. Smythe explained that he has received some last minute additional apologies. One of these were from Bill Hamilton, NDA Communications Manager who was due to present recent development on the decommissioning of Magnox reactors, unfortunately he was required on urgent NDA business elsewhere. He sent apologies and has assured Col. Smythe that he will attend the next meeting. Jonathan Jenkin, NDA was also required elsewhere. In Jonathan's place Kelly Anderson is here to deliver the update.

**II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3600 The following apologies were received:

Mr D Barley	-	CNC – ONR
Mr J Beckwith	-	Magnox
Mr B Botley	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Cllr P Coe	-	New Romney Town Council
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr J Goodsell	-	SJC, Dungeness A Site
Mr J Jenkin	-	NDA

Mr R Cook	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness A
Ms L Newell	-	Holiday Inn Ashford North
Mr J Royal-Simpson	-	Affinity Water
Ms C Stuart	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Mrs K Thomas	-	Magnox
Mr P Wilkinson	-	Closure Director, Dungeness A
Ms K Wilson	-	Shepway District Council

### **III TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

3601 The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> SSG meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

### **IV CORRESPONDENCE**

3602 A list of Correspondence since the last meeting has been sent to the SSG – Col. Smythe has reiterated that there have been a number of emails that have been distributed to the SSG and if there are any queries as part of the correspondence list then please speak to Tracey.

### **V MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE**

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**ACTION:** The only action that is still arising is Bill Hamilton to attend, action carried forward.

### **VI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS A's CLOSURE DIRECTORS REPORT – CHRIS MILNE, CLOSURE DIRECTOR DELEGATE**

3604 Chris Milne introduced himself to the SSG as the Engineering Manager at Dungeness A Site and reiterated Paul's apology for not being there himself. Chris ran through some key points from the Closure Directors report and made the following points:

- Safety has remained the top priority; and across Magnox an initiative was completed where upon return to work in the New Year everyone attended a safety stand down to focus on work and potential hazards. This was to ensure that safety remained a top priority.
- Thermal Installation and Asbestos removal is the key project. Dungeness is reviewing work areas to make sure that it is safe to continue following some issues experienced at Hinkley involving spring hangers.
- Ponds Programme, unfortunately there have been some issues with the Final Delay Tanks suffering from age related degradation which has prevented further draining. This has been completely refurbished and is now going well with the project due to complete on time.
- Waste packages are due to be dispatched to Bradwell storage facility.

3605 Chris invited questions from the SSG

Col Smythe enquired if the drying system could be moved to other sites, Chris explained that potentially this could happen when the site has finished their need. This is not the plan at the moment, but it was built as a portable unit and is the same manufacturer to be used across all Magnox sites. The main use of the structure is to put the waste into a safe state for storage.

## VII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTORS REPORTS – IAN STEWART, STATION DIRECTOR

3606 Ian Stewart introduced himself to the SSG and delivered the following highlights from his report and the plans for 2018:

- 2017 was a good year overall for the organisational and environmental safety. Unfortunately there needs to be an improvement on Industrial safety as there were a number of lost time injuries reported including a slip in the shower. We are trying to take extra care when investing in projects to ensure that people can do their duties to the best of their ability.
- Dungeness B achieved a milestone in 2017 of 10 years without a lost time accident for contract partners.
- 2017 was the third best statutory outage that Dungeness has undertaken to date, whilst recognising that improvements can be made. The beginning of the outage was very productive but towards the end the teams struggled to get everything fixed and back in service, there will be another Outage towards late August 2018 aimed at improving the performance with a high impact team in place to support the return-to-service issues experienced this time.
- Dungeness was half a terawatt below plan but still managed to generate 5.7 Terawatt hours onto the grid, which is enough to power Kent twice over – 5% of UK power – there is a challenging target set for 2018.
- John Benn, Plant Manager has been in post for nearly 4 months now and has settled in very well everyone is positive for the future of the station.
- EDF have made an investment in Dungeness of £50 Million in various items of plant and systems, this is one of the biggest investment programmes that has been made on the site. There is a similar portfolio for the next 3 – 4 years, this is a positive step towards EDF hitting their 2028 target.
- Dungeness B has just closed the recruitment drive for Apprentice Recruitment for the next set, we have received 112 applications and we are carrying out initial assessments with those applicants. We are looking to employ 8 apprentices.
- The staff have carried out numerous events to raise money for our nominated charity, further information is in the report.
- Due to the severe weather we have seen in recent months, we will be beach feeding in the upcoming summer months. There will be lorries moving through the estate during this period.

3607 Ian invited questions from the meeting

Roger Wilkins: You said there will be another outage this year, do you have any major problems with plant that you desperately need to look at this year?

Ian Stewart: Under the regulations we need to do a statutory outage every three years, this is a planned outage, we have put it back a few weeks due to the difficulty in sourcing accommodation in the local area within the summer months. We are starting some modifications to boiler tubing, but it will mainly be inspections including graphite core.

Dave Illsley: is there any chance of local business involvement?

Ian Stewart: We wrote to local businesses for involvement and received no response.

**VIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – ROWLAND COOK, ONR INSPECTOR**

3608 There is no report currently, this will be distributed as soon as this is received and will be included in the minutes.

**IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – FIONA HUNTER, ONR INSPECTOR**

3609 Fiona Hunter delivered a presentation on the offsite Emergency Planning Areas, the aspiration was that the work would be finished by March – this will not be the case but Fiona felt this would be helpful for the SSG to understand how they carry out the work. There will be further consultation with local people, the SSG and local businesses.

Fiona ran through the presentation and has informed the SSG that these will be shared with the SSG for further details.

Fiona invited questions from the group based on the presentation she had delivered Tony Hills: The effects of weather will alter the lines of the EPA, there would need to be work with the MET Office to ensure that risk is managed.

Fiona Hunter: The effects of weather are a key consideration of the emergency response which is included in the emergency plan arrangements. We will be working with all local authorities and ensuring that we utilise the local knowledge.

There is an offsite emergency plan which details the emergency arrangements, including notification, communication and responsibilities. Kent County Council has produced the plan on behalf of all the local authorities and does this in consultation with a range of stakeholders.

3610 The ONR Report has been released and Fiona has confirmed that the ONR has been carrying out a number of field inspections around event investigation and organisational learning and how the station raises events and learn from the investigation to take action to prevent these events occurring in the future. This includes other site events and industry events that can give a learning opportunity for all. From this inspection the ONR has found that the station does meet legal requirements and has a strong commitment to learning, this was found in discussions with senior management, middle management and all the workers on the shop floor.

The ONR has also looked at Corrosion Management, there was an inspection across a number of sites several months ago, and this was a follow up visit to address the adequacy of the revised management arrangements in relation to the programme. The ONR inspectors were happy with the significant improvements made.

Further questions on the report can be emailed through to Fiona and she will happily get the answers.

**X COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES – PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS A AND ANDREW STONE, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS B**

3611 Andrew Stone delivered his report for Dungeness B to the SSG and highlighted the following points in regards to site inspections

- Looked at the Station's combustion plant, environmental leadership, active treatment plant and the district survey. These inspections were carried out in the last months of 2017.
- The Radioactivity in Food and the Environment (RIFE) Report 2016 has now been issued, there are hard copies available which details environmental monitoring carried out around the country for radioactivity in various locations and there is a lot of information detailed.
- There has been preparation work going on for the Level 2 exercise in March, the EA takes this as an opportunity to evaluate their own response to an emergency working with partners such as KCC and the emergency services, this is a key piece of work for the EA.

Andrew invited questions from the SSG, no questions were asked.

3612 Phil Fahey delivered his report for Dungeness A and highlighted the following points:

- An Inspection was carried out Intermediate level waste conditioning and how the AVDS plant, during this time we took the opportunity to check the segregation of waste following the two incidents last year, the EA is happy to say there were no non compliances and the operator has put in place processes to prevent this from happening in the future. This will still be monitored in the future.

Phil invited questions from the SSG:

3613 Tony Hills: do you work with EDF to monitor the flood risk for not only the site but the residents on the site?

Phil Fahey: We do encourage people to sign up for flood warnings direct and work with the communities who are at risk.

## **XI NDA UPDATE – KELLY ANDERSON, NDA**

3614 Kelly Anderson reiterated Bill's apologies, Kelly informed the meeting that she is unable to discuss what Bill would have delivered but the Chair will be attending a meeting on the 14 February regarding this and further information will be available during this meeting. Bill will be here in May to deliver his planned presentation.

There are two mentions regarding Dungeness in the NDA report these are:

- The Advanced Vacuum Drying System (AVDS), this has been included as from an NDA point of view it is positive to see cross-site working demonstrated. This has been installed and operated quicker than at other sites.
- The Cash Boost for Magnox communities, Kelly mentioned that this would be featured in the Socio Economic report by the chairman. There was £38,000 injected into the Romney Marsh Community but the Chairman will go into further detail in his Socio-Economic report.

3615 There is a small update on the Magnox transition, as you are all aware of the Cavendish Fluor contract inquiry, there has been an interim report from Steve Holliday, and we are still awaiting a full report. The NDA are still focused on the work that Magnox are currently carrying out and have set up a dedicated transition team to support the smooth transition to the new model (Still awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State, as soon as this is available it will be shared).

There will be consultations on the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), there are no exact dates yet, these are expected soon. There will be two consultations launched one regarding the National Policy Statement including the technical side of the Facility

and the Working in the Communities, so will focus on who the community are and how will this affect the community. These are government consultations but the NDA can arrange someone to come and speak with the SSG.

- 3616 The annual draft business plan was published on the 11<sup>th</sup> December and this is the 2018 – 2021 Business Plan, this is a rolling business plan that is published yearly and we do encourage groups to participate in the consultation and this closes on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Kelly invited questions – no questions asked

## **XII CHAIRMANS UPDATE**

- 3617 Col. Smythe has highlighted the business plan, this has been briefly discussed at the Romney Marsh Partnership and only received one set of comments. The point has been raised, does the local council have to express an interest in the business plan for example GDF or do the council wait for the document to come out asking for comments – Col. Smythe has expressed to Kelly that the council would like to be part in this consultation. Kelly has advised that comments should be sent in and they will be looked at, if they are not relevant to the NDA they will be forwarded on to the relevant department.

In February, Col. Smythe will be attending a meeting in regards to the Magnox Reactor dismantling. He has also had notification of the SSG revised guidance and how SSG's are formed and the future of the SSG. This this will require a rewrite of the constitution and Col. Smythe feels that voting rights for the RMP should be included in the constitution. These adjustments should be included and following from the meeting with the NDA he will redraft the constitution and send out for comments and will be discussed at future meetings. The SSG Chairs will be interviewed for the Holliday Inquiry.

- 3618 David Godfrey, Vice Chair has attended meetings regarding research on the small modular reactors. There are brochures available for further information, and Shepway is waiting for further information on GDF with the district council looking at all options. We are inviting all potential partners to come and have a conversation to improve the prospect for the future generations of the Romney Marsh.

## **XIII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN**

- 3619 Col. Smythe highlighted the list of local organisations and charities that received from Magnox, Col. Smythe also informed the group that there is still money available in the Good Neighbourhood Fund and people are encouraged to apply. Any queries should be directed to Haf Morris. Haf informed the group that the cut off for applications for this year is 16 March and if you would like to discuss any potential applications then please get in touch .

## **XIV ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 3620 David Illsley highlighted that there is still money available through the Marsh Million for projects that support/improve the Tourism offer, this is interest free loan up to £15,000 and the cut off is the 8 February. The Marsh Million is managed by Kent County Council and it is a flexible scheme with repayment holidays which will work well with the seasonal nature of businesses within the tourism sector.

3621 Col. Smythe has informed the SSG that the RMP Co-Ordinator has now left the Romney Marsh Partnership, the role is being advertised and hopefully a new RMP Co-ordinator will start in March/April.

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**ACTION:** Louise Barton has asked if Rolls Royce may come down and speak to the SSG in regards to small modular reactors. David Godfrey has agreed to ask.

**XV DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3623 Next meeting will take place on 10 May 2018 at the Dungeness Visitor Centre.

Meeting closed at 16:45