

## Wylfa New Build Project Liaison Group

### MINUTES

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 17.30, Wylfa Learning and Development Centre

Attendees (in alphabetical order by organisation):

Organisation	Name	Surname
Amlwch Town Council	Val	Roberts
Bodorgan Trust	Melanie	Wymer
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales / YDCW	Gwynne	Morris Jones
Chartered Surveyor	Elfed	Williams
Cwmni Cemaes Cyf	Eric	Torr
Environment Agency Wales	Iwan	Williams
FUW (Farmers Union Wales)	Heidi	Williams
Isle of Anglesey Council's Children and Young People's Partnership	Arwel	Williams
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Amlwch Rural)	Gareth	Winston Roberts
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Holyhead) / Holyhead Town Council	Clifford	Everett
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Llaneilian)	Aled	Morris Jones
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Llanbadrig)	William Thomas	Hughes
Jobcentre Plus	Damian	Hamilton
Llanbadrig Community Council	Anthony	Hughes
Llanbadrig Community Council	Elfed	Jones
Llanbadrig Community Council	Allan	Kerry
Llanbadrig Community Council	Gethin	Williams
Llaneilian Community Council	Helen	Woodcock

Llanfachraeth Community Council	Bleddyn	Rowlands
Llanfaethlu Community Council	J. A	Jones
Llannerch y Medd Community Council	John	Jukes
Local Welsh Assembly Member	Ieuan Wyn	Jones AM
Magnox North (Wylfa)	John Idris	Jones
Morgan Evans & Co LTD	Gwilym	Williams
NFU (National Farmers Union)	Will	Edwards
Public Health Wales	Sarah	Andrews
Representative of Anglesey County Council	Dylan	Williams
Representative of Rhosybol Community Council	Dave J	Rushworth
Site Joint Council (SJC) of Wylfa Power Station/ Unite the Union	Trevor	Roberts
The Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club.	John	Chamberlain
Tref Alaw Community Council	Trevor	Jones
Welsh Water (Dŵr Cymru)	Angela	Meadows
Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau	Jackie	Blackwell
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones	Callum	Gaskell
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones	Gemma	Roebuck
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones (Headteacher)	Aaron	Bailey
Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern	Irfon	Morris
Taran Cyf	Aled	Roberts
<b>Members of the Public</b>		
Member of the Public	Olga	Edwards
	Neil	Edwards
	Leigh	Faulkner
	Mari	Jones

	Mel	O'Hara
<b>Apologies</b>		
Anglesey Conservative Party	Paul	Williams
Anglesey Federation of the WI	Susan	Pari
Bangor University	Paul	Spencer
Communities First	Mary	Archer
Countryside Council for Wales	Tim	Jones
Former Leader of Ynys Môn County Council	Clive	McGregor
Isle of Anglesey Council's Children and Young People's Partnership	Ian	Roberts
Llanfachraeth & Bodffordd Community Council	Derek	Owen
Local MEPs (for North Wales Constituency)	Derek	Vaughan
Mechell	Thomas H	Jones
Menter Mechell / Carrog Renewables / PLG Vice Chair	Jac	Jones
NSA – Nuclear	Alli Hunt	Hunt
Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)	Donald	Urquhart
Representative of Energy Island Programme	Linda	Jones
Representative of Gwynedd County Council	John Gwilym	Jones
Tourism Partnership North Wales	Andrew	Forfar
Tref Alaw Community Council	Anna	Jones
Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau	Karen	Garrod
Ysgol Uwchradd David Hughes	Brian	Jones
<b>Members of the public</b>		
	Steve	Roberts
	Mark	Thorton

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### **Welcome and Apologies**

- The Chairman Dennis Evans (DE) opened the meeting and thanked the members for attending. Apologies were received.

### **Approving the Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the last PLG meeting (September 10<sup>th</sup> 2011) were agreed as an accurate version of events and approved by members.

### **Matters arising from the Previous Meeting**

- *Coleg Menai Update* - Elwyn Schofield had enquired how many of the apprentices would be from Anglesey.
- It was stated of the 30 apprentices, 23 would come from Anglesey and the remaining apprentices would come from Gwynedd.

### **Project Update – Alan Smith, Head of Site Development at Horizon**

- *Preparation for Consultation* – Alan Smith (AS) explained that the publication of the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) in December would describe how Horizon will consult with the public on its plans.
- *Developing site and access plans* - Since the last PLG meeting in September, Horizon completed its purchase of the site at Wylfa. AS confirmed Horizon would start removing some of the boarded up properties by the end of the year. The Biodiversity Master Plan would ensure that no adverse impact would be made on species that live or grow within the area.
- As yet there are no specific plans regarding the use of the Cemlyn Road/Tregele by-pass, but it is possible the existing road may eventually have to be closed and an alternate route chosen around the boundary of the site. This is an area being looked at by the Horizon team.
- AS explained that Horizon needs to carry out unobtrusive environmental and ecological surveys to understand what plants and animals are present on land bordering its site. In a handful of cases Horizon has not been given permission to access the land, but needs the environmental data from the start of the winter season. It has applied for permission from the energy regulator to access land for the surveys. All landowners are being kept completely up to date both verbally and in writing.
- *Roads, traffic and transport* – Work has started to assess Horizon’s traffic and transport needs relating to the A5025 and Horizon has written to landowners to explain the process being undertaken and notify them that they may be contacted in connection with this project. A land agent would then be contacting all relevant landowners to explain that they would may to access their land to conduct the surveys. It is possible that land may need to be purchased to improve roads, for example to straighten bends. The details regarding proposed locations for workers’ accommodation, Park and Ride facilities and a new Logistics Centre will all be made available in the consultation documents made public next year.
- *Site office* – AS explained that Horizon was working closely with Magnox to assume ownership of the Learning and Development Centre at Wylfa. The building will be refurbished and re-opened as the Horizon Site Office in early 2012. The Magnox Learning and Development Centre will relocate to facilities at Coleg Menai.
- *Further opportunities for discussion* – A residents’ surgery has been organised for 17<sup>th</sup> November. This will give the opportunity for those leaving closest to the site to have one-to-one conversations, in confidence, with members of the Horizon team and raise any concerns they may have about the project.

### **Q&A**

- Will Edwards (NFU) – requested further information regarding possible plans for the former Shell site at Rhosgoch.

AS confirmed that the consultation next year will look at workers' accommodation at various suitable sites. Potential sites may not be named specifically in the consultation, as the consultation will refer in the first stage to broad 'zones' and not to specific sites.

- Clifford Everett (Holyhead Town Council Clerk and County Councillor) – asked whether the County Council would be responsible for funding road maintenance and improvements costs. He also enquired about the viability of re-opening the Gaerwen to Rhosgoch rail line and this would also create a legacy.

AS said Horizon would fund any road improvements required. He added that consideration had been given to the possibility of re-opening the rail line, but that it had been considered unfeasible from a logistical and timescale point of view.

### **Ieuan Wyn Jones (IWJ) – Local Welsh Assembly Member**

- IWJ made the following comments about the project:
  - Horizon has not yet chosen a technology vendor. When that decision has been made, more specific information will be available in relation to several key areas of the project.
  - The new Training Centre at Coleg Menai should be welcomed and, in particular, John Idris Jones (Magnar) should be thanked for his efforts in making it a reality. Local businesses will benefit from the enterprise.
  - He would work hard to ensure that the Welsh Government would be making a contribution to this enterprise and help the number apprentices to grow.
  - He is aware that the possibility of bringing in goods and materials by rail to the site of any new build at Wylfa is attractive, but there needs to be road improvements too and the Llanfachraeth by-pass should be seriously considered
  - Edwina Hart (Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science) has made Anglesey an Enterprise Zone based on Energy Projects such as new build at Wylfa. This would provide support for businesses operating in this sector.
  - He is very aware of the lack of mobile reception in certain areas on Anglesey and he is looking at ways of addressing this frustrating problem. Broad band availability is also an issue that he would be addressing.

### **Ben Cave – Wylfa Health Impact Assessment**

- Ben Cave (BC) gave a presentation and explained the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) study being conducted on behalf of Horizon
- The study will identify the potential positive and negative significant health effects of the construction and the operation of the proposed power station. The study will identify opportunities for protecting and improving health and for reducing health inequalities.
- An overview was given of the HIA process.
- BC stated the importance of consultation and engagement with the people of Anglesey.
- BC noted that the HIA team will work closely with the other studies that are being conducted.

### **Q&A**

- Allan Kerry (Llanbadrig Community Council) – asked what initial checks had been made to establish what is meant by ‘baseline’ in the HIA process?

BC explained they would be looking at what has happened elsewhere and how that could be translated to Anglesey. They would then compare it with quantitative and qualitative measures.

- Damien Hamilton (Jobcentre Plus) – asked whether a HIA was available from the time Wylfa A was built - and whether this could be taken into consideration to measure its impact today.

BC said he was not aware of one and would be very surprised if one existed. HIAs were not required when Wylfa A was built. In fact, Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), which predate HIAs, were not required at that time.

- John Chamberlain (Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club) – asked whether there would be a Health or Medical Centre on site to minimise the impact on local surgeries. There were already issues regarding the provision of adequate dental care and fast responding ambulance services. He was anxious that local residents could be penalised further by the proposed plan.

AS mentioned that a ‘Blue Light Service’ meeting with the police, fire and ambulance services would be held the following week to deal with the possible strain on local services and appropriate mitigating measures would be identified. The provision of health services is a topic for consideration in the socio-economic study.

- Gareth Winston Roberts (Amlwch Rural) – agreed that such discussions are very important due to cuts to these services.

### **Rhys Davies CDN Planning (Wales) Ltd – Community and Linguistic Impact Assessment**

- Rhys Davies (RhD) explained that his company, which is based both in Conwy and Swansea, had been commissioned by Horizon to undertake a detailed Linguistic and Community Impact Assessment of the overall impact of the construction and operation of the new power station on the Welsh language.
- During his presentation he explained the scope and the methodology of the study by showing that they relate to five aspects of community life. These five aspects have further 18 sub-sections within the assessments.
- An independent steering group has been set up to guide the study, which includes the Welsh Language Board, Magnox, Menter Mon; Isle of Anglesey County Council and representatives from the Anglesey & Gwynedd Joint Planning Policy Department. This, along with consultation of nearly 50 different local and national bodies, will enable CDN to make constructive suggestions to mitigate any potential negative effects and maximise possible benefits.

### **Q&A**

- Will Hughes (Isle of Anglesey County Council, Llanbadrig) – said he was concerned about the possible impact on the Welsh spoken in schools by the influx of families from outside the region as the proposed building work starts.

- Damien Hamilton (Jobcentre Plus) – stated that the LIA and HIA should work closely together to mitigate possible risks.
- Aled Morris Jones (Isle of Anglesey County Council, Llaneilian) felt strongly that a large number of jobs should be given to local people to safeguard local communities. Experts could and would be hired from a broader field but he felt that one positive message to give was that local residents were to be given priority as regards employment.
- Dylan Williams (Energy Island) clarified that it would be the responsibility of Isle of Anglesey County Council to consider the cumulative impact on the Welsh language of the Wylfa development and other large projects, on or close to Anglesey.
- Gwynne Morris Jones (CPRW) – was concerned with the possible influx of non-Welsh speaking children to local schools during the construction process and questioned the impact on local schools.  
***AS intervened to state that there would be no children at the workers' accommodation sites therefore the area of this concern would not materialise.***
- Irfon Morris (Ysgol Bodedern) – felt strongly that any possible new influx into the communities should be embraced as an opportunity to offer Welsh education to newcomers.
- Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (Menter Môn) – felt that this new proposal has two distinct phases, the construction phase and the operational phase. He felt that the impact of both phases would be quite different and that this would need to be considered.

RhD explained that the LIA would look at the construction phase, the operational phase and decommissioning.

#### **Barrie Cran – Head of Nuclear Safety – Horizon**

- Barrie Cran (BC) gave an overview of what had happened in at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, and explained how a powerful earthquake and tsunami had flooded generators designed as a fall back design to cool reactors. It was an extreme event, in a country that was used to extreme events.
- He outlined the internationally-respected credentials for Dr Mike Weightman's, the UK's Chief Nuclear Inspector, and outlined the main points of the report he has been asked to prepare by Secretary of State Chris Huhne.
- The report which had been published in October and listed a series of recommendations for the UK nuclear industry.
- He confirmed that Horizon Nuclear Power supports all of Dr Weightman's conclusions and that after a detailed and comprehensive period of study, Dr Weightman had found no reason why the UK should not carry on with its nuclear plan.
- He recommended Dr Weightman's report to members as an accessible document and explained that Horizon was currently reviewing how best to incorporate Dr Weightman's recommendations into its proposals.

#### **Q & A**

- John Idris Jones (Magnox) – confirmed that the safety case for the existing Magnox nuclear power station at Wylfa had been reviewed against modern standards as required by its site licence at regular intervals. Where necessary, physical enhancements have been made so that the site can withstand very rare (1 in 10000 year) and extreme events such as flooding, high winds, tides and waves.

Barrie Cran replied that in the last hundred years there had been only low tsunamis. One that had originated in the Lisbon area, around five hundred years ago, was approximately 1.5 metres high when it reached the shores of Cornwall. The final design is planned to be 10 metres higher than the high water mark.

### **Any Other Business**

- Members were invited to suggest agenda items for the next meeting. Will Edwards (NFU) asked for a further presentation from the National Grid. AS believed the National Grid would be happy to attend and provide an update but that there may not yet be anything new for them to report at this stage.
- John Chamberlain (Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club) referred to an earlier comment made by AS referring to a possible water deficit at Llyn Alaw by 2017. He asked how that will be overcome and the water needs of any new construction at Wylfa could be met without damaging supplies to the Island.

AS replied that this is an area under consideration. Horizon and both its potential reactor suppliers are working closely with Welsh Water to explore this issue but initial results from its studies indicate that by 2017, Ynys Mon becomes a net importer of water regardless of the new build so some infrastructure upgrade needs to be considered. Studies are being carried out to determine whether the additional demand created during the construction process will create a problem for Welsh Water.

In the event that the studies should conclude additional demand is required, AS explained that one solution would be an on-site desalination plant. Another solution that is already being looked at in detail is reinforcement of the water supply from the mainland to Anglesey. Iwan Williams (Environment Agency Wales) confirmed that this discussion is ongoing between Horizon and Welsh Water.

### **Meeting Close**

- The date and the time of the next meeting would be circulated in due course. The Chairman wished everyone a happy festive season.