

Wylfa New Build Project Liaison Group

MINUTES

Thursday, June 2nd, 17.30, Wylfa Learning and Development Centre

Attendees (in alphabetical order by organisation):

Organisation	Name	Surname
Amlwch Town Council	Val	Roberts
Bangor University	Paul	Spencer
Chairman	Dennis	Evans
Coleg Menai	Wyn	Thomas
Cwmni Cemaes Cyf	Eric	Torr
Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water)	Angela	Meadows
Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water)	Alan	Hall
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Energy Island)	Dylan	Williams
Llanbadrig Community Council	Allan	Kerry
Llanbadrig Community Council	Wil	Hughes
Llaneilian Community Council	Helen	Woodcock
Llanfachraeth Community Council	Bleddyn	Rowlands
Llannerch-y-Medd Community Council	John	Jukes
National Assembly for Wales	Mark	Isherwood
National Farmers Union	Will	Edwards
North Wales Ambulance Service	Keith	Williams
Nuclear Installations Inspectorate	Donald	Urquhart
Public Health Wales	Sarah	Andrews
Unite the Union	Trevor	Roberts
Vice chairman	Jac	Jones
Wylfa Retirees Association	Tom	Conway
Ynys Môn County Council (Llanfaethlu)	Kenneth	Hughes
Ynys Môn County Council (Mechell)	Thomas	H Jones
Members of the public		
	Mark	Thornton

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7. Welcome

- Horizon Nuclear Power (Horizon) facilitator Eiliw Ellis-Davies (EED) opened the meeting and thanked the members for attending.
- EED announced that a postal voting process had resulted in Dennis Evans being elected to the position of chairman (with 12 votes from the 18 that were cast) and Jac Jones being appointed to the position of vice chairman (with 11 votes from the 16 that were cast).

8. Introduction from the chair and vice chair

- Dennis Evans (DE) introduced himself to members as a Beaumaris man with 4 children and 7 grand children, adding:
 - He has a degree in Physics from the University of Wales and has worked on major infrastructure projects in Scotland, Germany, Northern Ireland and Wales.
 - His career included 25 years at Wylfa in a variety of operational and maintenance roles.
 - Since 2001 he has worked with the county council and local councils on a variety of economic regeneration projects.
 - His priority as chairman of the PLG is ensuring that everybody on Anglesey benefits from the projects and that any detrimental impacts are minimised.
 - Any new nuclear power station at Wylfa would be major project with opportunities for all – particularly young people who can benefit from good employment opportunities with good wages for many years to come.
 - He was keen to look at whether setting up sub groups would help the PLG to run more effectively.
- Jac Jones (JJ) introduced himself to members as a community councillor for Mechell, adding:
 - He has been interested in the energy industry all his life and has a degree in electrical engineering.
 - He worked at Anglesey Aluminium for 30 years in a number of technical and managerial roles.

- One of his chief concerns is that of climate change and the environmental footprint we are leaving behind for the next generation. He is also involved in a community renewable energy project – Carrog Renewables.
- He is fully supportive of the PLG and its terms of reference and looks forward to supporting the members and chairman.
- DE announced apologies from:
 - Richard Parri Jones – Department of Education (Isle of Anglesey County Council)
 - Linda Wyn Jones – Energy Island Programme Representative (Isle of Anglesey County Council)
 - Cheryl Whitaker – Welsh Government Representative for North Wales
 - John Bufton MEP – UKIP Wales (North Wales Constituency)
 - Ieuan Wyn Jones AM – Local Welsh Government Member (North Wales)
 - Helen George – Food Standards Agency
 - Glyn Jones – Local Police Authority Representative
 - Valerie Taylor – Country Land and Business Association
- Additional apologies were noted, via members, from:
 - Melanie Wymer (Bodorgan Trust)
 - Cllr Dylan Jones (Amlwch Port)
 - Sasha Davies (IoACC)
 - Cllr Tony Hughes (Llanbadrig Community Council)
- The minutes of the last PLG meeting (March 10th) were agreed as an accurate version of events and approved by members.
- Leon Flexman, head of communications at Horizon, provided members with an answer to the question raised at the last PLG by Tom Conway (TC) regarding the tendering of contracts. He explained that Horizon has an exemption from the application of both the Utilities Directive and Utilities Regulations for contracts enabling the generation of electricity in England, Wales and Scotland. This means that invitations to respond to a direct tender opportunity or 'Request for Information' from Horizon Nuclear Power are made directly with suppliers and not advertised via OJEU or other tender database providers.
- TC posed a supplementary question, asking for clarification as to whether suppliers indirectly sub-contracted to Horizon would operate using the same exemption or whether EU Mobility Legislation would see workers from across Europe working on the site.
- LF said that Horizon and its sub-contracted suppliers would not contravene any domestic or European legislation but with a peak of more than 5,000 workers expected on site during construction, it was likely there would be a mixture of local workers and those from further afield. He added that there would be ample opportunities for local people and businesses and the focus would be on 'up skilling' the local work force and supply chain to help them make the most of the opportunities that would arise.

- Several members said they had not received minutes of the last meeting. DE asked those members to ensure their contact details were left with Horizon at the end of the meeting.

9. Site and project update – Leon Flexman

- LF gave members a presentation on safety and security in the wake of the tsunami and earthquake at the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant in Japan.
- He explained that the Government's Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr Mike Weightman, had now issued the interim version of the report he had been asked to prepare by Energy Secretary Chris Huhne.
- The interim report contained 25 recommendations and asked for formal responses from the nuclear industry by June 17th. LF explained that Horizon was currently preparing its response but said the recommendations would be used to help shape proposals for any new nuclear development at Wylfa
- LF explained that while it was important to note any and all lessons that could be learned from the events in Japan, the Horizon team continued to develop its plans with full backing from both its shareholders.
- A decision on the reactor vendor and associated construction consortium will not now be made until the final version of the Weightman report has been published (in September 2011) and both Horizon and its vendors have had the opportunity to consider its advice and final recommendations.
- This would mean a delay to the programme of approximately 6 months but LF confirmed that the project team was already looking at ways in which this delay could be absorbed at a later date in the programme schedule in order to keep to the original programme timings.

10. Site and Project Update – Alan Smith

- Alan Smith (AS) explained the many different aspects of the project that were currently under consideration by the project team. These included site boundaries, reactors and cooling systems, grid import and export, access to site, worker accommodation and transport plans.
- Many important milestones have already been reached. Work is also ongoing to understand the geological make up and qualities of the site alongside studies to help ensure the project has minimum impacts on ecology and the environment. Preliminary works would also involve

earthworks and levelling, relocation of high voltage power cabling and resolution of any outstanding land ownership issues.

- It was now likely that the preferred option for the channel intake (for cooling water) and Marine Offloading Facility (MOLF) would be located at Porth-y-pystill. This decision has been made following detailed examination of the risks and costs of alternatives. Consideration was now being given to whether a breakwater would also need to be installed.
- Horizon is also working closely with National Grid and Scottish Power Energy Networks to undertake the moving of the 4 x 132 KV cables on site. AS reiterated Horizon's commitment to ensuring this process was conducted in a way that would not disrupt energy supplies.
- AS outlined the project timeline now being approximately as follows:
 - Pre-application consultation (Stage 1) – Winter 2011 / 2012
 - Pre-application consultation (Stage 2) – 2013
 - First generation – around 2020
- The application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for any new power station proposed on site would be submitted to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). Applications for associated development would be considered by the Local Planning Authority, Isle of Anglesey County Council.
- AS announced that Horizon is agreeing a PPA (Planning Performance Agreement) with Isle of Anglesey County Council. This agreement commits finance and resource support from Horizon to ensure the council is able to meet its additional obligations to scrutinise and consider the project without adversely affecting its day-to-day responsibilities.

11. Q&A

- Cllr Tom Jones (Mechell) suggested the topics of the Weightman report recommendations were worthy of exploration in more than one PLG and whether Horizon's shareholders were still confident they could raise the required capital to support the project.
- DE confirmed that topics from the Weightman recommendations would be included in future PLGs starting with the next PLG. LF explained that Horizon's shareholders (EON and RWE) are both large businesses with annual turnovers of €50 billion plus and both companies have in interest in increasing the proportion of low carbon energy in their power generation portfolios. The instruction to Horizon from both shareholders is to continue developing its proposals.

- Will Edwards (NFU) asked why National Grid was not represented at the meeting, highlighting serious concerns regarding new grid connections among those who live and farm in the area.
- AS confirmed that National Grid has been invited to present at the next PLG meeting and had accepted the offer. TC recommended that Mr Edwards refer to the Electricity Networks Strategy Group (ENSG) for more information on grid issues.
- Cllr Will Hughes (Llanbadrig) queried the fresh water supply requirements during construction and operation of the new station. He asked whether the current supply would be sufficient.
- AS confirmed that Horizon and both its vendors were working closely with Welsh Water on this issue. Creating a supply deficit on Anglesey was not an option and a desalination plant was among the options being considered.
- Dylan Williams (IoACC) was invited by the chairman to give a short introduction to the Energy Island Programme, which was designed to 'create a world-renowned centre of excellence for the production, demonstration and servicing of low carbon energy' on Anglesey. DE invited Energy Island to provide progress updates at future PLG meetings
- Sarah Andrews (Public Health Wales) welcomed the decision to conduct a separate Health Impact Assessment for the project. She believes that improved economic climate created on Anglesey by the presence of the project will have a beneficial and measurable impact on health of its residents.

12. Meeting close

- DE closed the meeting and confirmed that the presentations would be made available online via the Horizon website.
- The date and time of the next meeting would be circulated in due course and the possibility of starting and finishing the meetings earlier in the day would be considered. DE said that future PLG meetings need not coincide with meetings of the Magnox SSG.

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